

# Broad-scale Ecological Assessment Report

*Lot 5 on Plan WT314 and part of Lot 3 on Plan WT313, 'Rockview', within tenement PL 99*

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## List of Abbreviations

DEHP	Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (State)
DNRM	Department of Natural Resources and Mines (State)
DoEE	Department of the Environment and Energy (Commonwealth)
DSEWPaC	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (Commonwealth)
DSITI	Department of Science, Information Technology and Innovation (State)
E	Endangered
EH	Essential Habitat
EPBC Act	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>
ERE	Endangered Regional Ecosystems
GPS	Global Positioning System
ha	hectare (s)
km	Kilometre (s)
LC	Least Concern
m	metre (s)
NC Act	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>
NCAP	No Concern At Present
OC	Of Concern
PMST	Protected Matters Search Tool
RE	Regional Ecosystem (s)
REDD	Regional Ecosystem Description Database
SEVT	Semi-evergreen vine thicket
TEC	Threatened Ecological Community (ies)
TSSC	Threatened Species Scientific Committee

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Purpose and Scope

Santos (the Client) required the following services in relation to identifying ecological values of vegetation in part of the property 'Rockview', Lot 5 on Plan WT314 (hereafter 5WT314) and part of Lot 3 on Plan WT313 (hereafter 3WT313) within tenement PL 99 and hereafter referred to as 'the Site' (Appendix A), located north-east of Injune in south central Queensland:

- ✦ Regional ecosystem (RE) mapping using the functional RE condition thresholds;
- ✦ Quantification of Threatened Ecological Communities (TEC);
- ✦ Fauna general habitat mapping and assessment for nominated *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) listed threatened species;
- ✦ Flora general habitat mapping and assessment for nominated EPBC Act listed threatened species;
- ✦ Searches for the presence of EPBC Act and/or *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (NC Act) listed threatened flora; and
- ✦ Incidental observations of EPBC Act and/or NC Act listed threatened fauna.

## 1.2. Survey Team

A field survey of the Site was conducted by Richard Johnson (Senior Ecologist) and Rose Aisthorpe (Botanist) in the period 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

The project supervisor (Craig Eddie) was approved by the Department of the Environment and Energy (DoEE), formerly the Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC), in writing on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2011 for the purpose of undertaking ecological assessment works for the Gladstone Liquefied Natural Gas (GLNG) project. All aspects of the project including field survey and reporting were conducted under the supervision of Craig Eddie.

# 2. Methodology

## 2.1. Desktop Assessment

A desktop assessment was conducted to inform the field survey. Sources of information utilised during the desktop assessment included the following:

- ✦ Remnant RE (DSITI 2017a) and mature regrowth (DEHP 2012) mapping – biodiversity status;
- ✦ Essential Habitat (EH) (DNRM 2017) mapping;
- ✦ EPBC Act Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST) (DoEE 2017a);
- ✦ Wildlife Online fauna and flora records (DSITI 2017b); and
- ✦ Protected Plants Flora Survey Trigger Map (DEHP 2017a).

## 2.2. Field Survey

In-field verification of desktop findings and additional findings of significance were undertaken in general accordance with the following:

- ✦ *Methodology for Survey and Mapping of Regional Ecosystems and Vegetation Communities in Queensland* (Neldner *et al.* 2017);
- ✦ Santos *Methodology for Conducting Ecological Assessments – GLNG Areas Rev 4.1* (Santos 2014); and
- ✦ Santos *Functional Thresholds for Assessing Regional Ecosystem Functionality* (Santos 2015).

Methodologies that were employed for each element of the field survey are further described in the following sections.

The two properties were visited to examine areas of remnant and regrowth vegetation. For some vegetation only assessable from a distance, visual inspection was conducted using binoculars. Representative photographs of these areas were used as a guide in post-field delineation of map polygon boundaries.

### 2.2.1. RE and TEC Assessment

Ground-truthing (and confidence level scoring) of the DSITI regional ecosystem (RE) designation was undertaken using the quaternary level of data collection as described by Neldner *et al.* (2017).

Assessments were undertaken within 50 m x 10 m plots for the purpose of typifying the vegetation community under assessment. The number of vegetation community assessments undertaken at each property depended on the diversity of vegetation communities present at each. Plots were chosen within representative areas of each vegetation type encountered. Locations of quaternary assessment sites are mapped in Appendix A.

Vegetation community polygons were verified in accordance with Queensland RE description and biodiversity status as per the Regional Ecosystem Description Database (REDD) (DSITI 2017c) and classified as remnant RE, vegetation consistent with RE (advanced regrowth) or non-remnant vegetation (Santos 2014). For each area of potential TEC an assessment of vegetation survey data was made against TEC threshold criteria (e.g. TSSC 2013).

Vegetation community data was captured in the field and entered into Santos-specific data fields within spatial databases via Motion tablet devices. Representative photographs were taken via a Canon digital camera at each vegetation survey site and at vegetation patches as supporting evidence of the identity of the subject vegetation community where full documentation was not required. Capture and delineation of RE and TEC boundaries was undertaken using a combination of mobile GIS devices, GPS and/or delineation from imagery. A minimum mappable width of 30 m for linear vegetation corridors (e.g. road corridors and shade lines) was applied. Patches were mapped to their full extent within the Site within practical limits (including land access constraints).

For identified advanced regrowth (i.e. vegetation floristically equivalent to an RE but not meeting structural thresholds of remnant RE) an ecosystem functionality assessment was conducted. This assessed selected vegetation characteristics against the parameters described in Santos (2015).

Plant names used within this document conform to those given in Bostock and Holland (2017).

### 2.2.2. Threatened Species Habitat Assessment and Mapping

Microhabitat assessments were undertaken in conjunction with vegetation community surveys at each survey plot, or as required where significant variation in the type and abundance of habitat features occurred. The results of these assessments, combined with ecologist knowledge, were used to predict habitat suitability for the following species, as nominated by the Client:

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| ♣ <i>Chalinolobus dwyeri</i> (Large-eared Pied Bat, Large Pied Bat);                  | ♣ <i>Polytelis swainsonii</i> (Superb Parrot);        |
| ♣ <i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i> (Northern Quoll);  | ♣ <i>Lathamus discolor</i> (Swift Parrot);            |
| ♣ <i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i> (South-eastern Long-eared Bat, Corben's Long-eared Bat); | ♣ <i>Ardea ibis</i> (Cattle Egret);                   |
| ♣ <i>Petrogale penicillata</i> (Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby);                           | ♣ <i>Ardea modesta</i> (Great Egret);                 |
| ♣ <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> (Koala);  | ♣ <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> (Glossy Ibis);          |
| ♣ <i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i> (Australasian Bittern);                               | ♣ <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> (Osprey);                  |
| ♣ <i>Turnix melanogaster</i> (Black-breasted Button-quail);                           | ♣ <i>Merops ornatus</i> (Rainbow Bee-eater);          |
| ♣ <i>Erythrotriorchis radiatus</i> (Red Goshawk);                                     | ♣ <i>Pedionomus torquatus</i> (Plains-wanderer);      |
| ♣ <i>Geophaps scripta scripta</i> (Squatter Pigeon (Southern));                       | ♣ <i>Anomalopus mackayi</i> (Five-clawed Worm-skink); |
| ♣ <i>Poephila cincta cincta</i> (Black-throated Finch);                               | ♣ <i>Delma torquata</i> (Collared Delma);             |
| ♣ <i>Rostratula australis</i> (Australian Painted Snipe);                             | ♣ <i>Denisonia maculata</i> (Ornamental Snake);       |
| ♣ <i>Neochmia ruficauda ruficauda</i> (Star Finch);                                   | ♣ <i>Egernia rugosa</i> (Yakka Skink);                |
|   | ♣ <i>Furina dunmalli</i> (Dunmall's Snake);           |
|   | ♣ <i>Rheodytes leukops</i> (Fitzroy River Turtle);    |
|   | ♣ <i>Maccullochella peelii</i> (Murray Cod);          |

- ✂ *Cadellia pentastylis* (Ooline);
- ✂ *Dichanthium setosum* (A bluegrass);
- ✂ *Swainsona murrayana* (Slender Darling-pea);
- ✂ *Tylophora linearis* (Slender Tylophora);
- ✂ *Xerothamnella herbacea* (Xerothamnella);
- ✂ *Eriocaulon carsonii* (Salt Pipewort);
- ✂ *Bertya opponens*;
- ✂ *Daviesia discolor*;
- ✂ *Westringia parvifolia*;
- ✂ *Acacia curranii* (Curly-bark Wattle);
- ✂ *Acacia grandifolia*;
- ✂ *Calytrix gurulmundensis*;
- ✂ *Eucalyptus beaniana* (Bean’s Ironbark);
- ✂ *Homoranthus decumbens*;
- ✂ *Phaius australis* (Swamp Orchid);
- ✂ *Aristida annua*;
- ✂ *Arthraxon hispidus* (Hairy-joint Grass);
- ✂ *Dichanthium queenslandicum* (King Bluegrass);
- ✂ *Homopholis belsonii* (Belson’s Panic);
- ✂ *Thesium australe* (Austral Toadflax); and
- ✂ *Macrozamia platyrhachis* (a Cycad).

These results were used to develop GIS-based mapping of potential habitat for the identified species within the Site.

### 2.2.3. Threatened Flora Survey

Targeted surveys for threat-listed flora were informed by the desktop search results and local experience. Searches for threat-listed flora under the EPBC and/or NC Act were carried out at vegetation assessment sites and in random meanders in targeted habitat types, including remnant and non-remnant vegetation.

If detected, counts and extent of each population of threat-listed flora were made as well as structural characteristics and representative photographs taken. Data was recorded using the Santos-specific Notable Species - Flora Point or Region data capture layer.

### 2.2.4. Incidental Threatened Fauna Records

Any incidental records of threatened fauna obtained during vegetation assessments and general property traverses to and between sites (on foot and driving) were fully documented including species name, location (with site co-ordinates or area of extent), habitat and number detected.

### 2.2.5. Survey Limitations

Vegetation mapping accuracy was dependent on the ability to examine areas in the field, reliability of imagery interpretation and the degree of heterogeneity within given vegetation polygons (i.e. diversity of RE present) (Neldner *et al.* 2017). Individual mapped vegetation polygons have been assigned a confidence level (high, moderate, low) for both boundary accuracy and vegetation attributes within the polygon. Within the spatial database confidence ratings are designated as ‘A’ for high, ‘B’ for moderate and ‘C’ for low. The following schema was applied to vegetation polygons:

Table 1: Boundary accuracy confidence ratings applied to mapped polygons.

Boundary Accuracy			
Confidence	Range of Accuracy	Homogenous Patches	Heterogeneous Patches
High (A)	<1 - <10 m	Ground-truthed on site, or viewed at a distance	Ground-truthed on site
Moderate (B)	>10 - <50 m	Not ground-truthed (image interpretation only)	Portion ground-truthed on site
Low (C)	>50 - >200 m	nil	No ground truthing: vegetation viewed at a distance or image interpretation only

Table 2: Vegetation attribute confidence ratings applied to mapped polygons.

Vegetation Attributes		
Confidence	Homogenous Patches	Heterogeneous Patches
High (A)	Ground-truthed on site	Ground-truthed on site

Vegetation Attributes		
Confidence	Homogenous Patches	Heterogeneous Patches
Moderate (B)	No ground truthing: vegetation viewed at a distance	Portion ground-truthed on site
Low (C)	Image interpretation only	Viewed at a distance or image interpretation only

In some instances vegetation communities may not be readily assigned to an RE, even when ground-truthed, as their floristics and structure reflected historical disturbance patterns such as clearing, thinning and fire history. In these cases RE have been allocated on the basis of 'best fit' with current RE descriptions.

Microhabitat assessments were conducted at several representative sites within each ground-truthed RE present at the Site. Though the presence and abundance of microhabitat features e.g. hollow logs likely varies within and between patches (mapping polygons) of a given RE for the purposes of predictive fauna habitat mapping it is assumed that the results of microhabitat assessment for an RE are applicable throughout the Site. That is to say, a conservative approach has been taken with regard to mapping of species habitat where no ground-truthing has been undertaken. Where patches have not been ground-truthed, relevant fauna microhabitat features were assumed to be present and patches have been mapped as habitat until further assessments can be undertaken. Similarly, where predictive mapping of flora habitat is based on known associations with RE it is assumed that suitable habitat exists in all patches of the RE at the Site.

Threatened fauna searches were confined to incidental observations only (i.e. no trapping or targeted search techniques were employed). Additional survey effort would be required to provide a more comprehensive inventory of threatened fauna species present at the Site.

Timing (season) and duration of the survey period during early spring and following some localised rainfall was generally favourable for identification of woody plants (trees and shrubs), despite dry conditions prevailing at the time of survey. Conditions were less favourable for detection and identification of grasses and forbs: however, no threatened species of this type were expected to be present.

## 3. Results & Discussion

### 3.1. Vegetation Mapping

#### 3.1.1. Desktop RE Mapping

Mapped remnant RE (DSITI 2017a) and mature regrowth (DEHP 2012) is shown in Appendix B.

#### 3.1.2. Revised RE Mapping

Ground-truthing, inspection at a distance and examination of aerial imagery identified three remnant and three advanced regrowth RE types within the Site (Table 3). Mapping of remnant and regrowth RE based on desktop interpretation and field analysis is presented in Appendix C. The extent (total area) of each mapped remnant and regrowth RE is summarised in Table 3. In total, approximately 572.1 ha of vegetation (remnant and regrowth) was mapped within the Site, which covers an area of approximately 860.6 ha.

Table 3: Summary of extent of individual mapped REs from ground-truthing and imagery analysis within the Site.

RE Code	VM Act Class	Biodiversity Status	Short Description (DSITI 2017c)	Extent – remnant (ha)	Extent – regrowth (ha)
11.3.2	OC	OC	<i>Eucalyptus populnea</i> woodland on alluvial plains.	2.42	5.61
11.10.7a	LC	NCAP	<i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> woodland on coarse-grained sedimentary rocks.	32.77	Not detected
11.10.9	LC	NCAP	<i>Callitris glaucophylla</i> woodland on coarse-grained sedimentary rocks.	503.16	26.15

RE Code	VM Act Class	Biodiversity Status	Short Description (DSITI 2017c)	Extent – remnant (ha)	Extent – regrowth (ha)
11.10.11	LC	NCAP	<i>Eucalyptus populnea</i> , <i>E. melanophloia</i> +/- <i>Callitris glaucophylla</i> woodland on coarse-grained sedimentary rocks.	Not detected	1.99

E = Endangered; OC = Of Concern; LC = Least Concern; NCAP = No Concern at Present

### 3.1.3. TEC Assessment

The PMST (DoEE 2017a) predicted the potential presence of up to four TEC within the Site. However, field survey did not detect TEC within the Site.

## 3.2. Threatened and Migratory Species

### 3.2.1. Likelihood of Occurrence of Flora and Fauna of Conservation Concern at the Site

PMST search results predicted the potential occurrence of two EPBC Act-listed threatened flora species, these being Ooline (*Cadellia pentastylis*) and Slender Tylophora (*Tylophora linearis*). The desktop assessment indicated that one EPBC Act listed flora species has been historically recorded from, or within 10km of the Site, this being *Bertya opposens*.

A Vulnerable fauna species under the EPBC Act has been previously reported from at or within 10km of the Site, this being the Squatter Pigeon (southern) (*Geophaps scripta scripta*) (DSITI 2017b). A migratory species, the White-throated Needletail (*Hirundapus caudacutus*) was also previously reported from at or within 10km of the Site (DSITI 2017b).

No threatened flora or fauna species were detected during the assessment. One EPBC Act listed migratory species was detected: the Rainbow Bee-eater (*Merops ornatus*). The locations of the two records of the species are mapped in Appendix D. Table 4 provides discussion of habitat requirements and likelihood of occurrence of the nominated (Section 2.2.2) threatened and/or migratory fauna and threatened flora at the Site.



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Table 4: Assessment of likelihood of occurrence at the Site of nominated threatened/migratory flora and fauna.

Status key: CE = Critically Endangered; E = Endangered; V = Vulnerable; NT = Near Threatened; SL = Special Least Concern; LC = Least Concern; M = Migratory; Ma = Marine

Plant Family/ Animal Class	Scientific & Common Name	EPBC Act Status	NC Act Status	Distribution and Known Habitat Use	Likelihood of Occurrence	Field Survey Results
Acanthaceae	<i>Xerothamnella herbacea</i> Xerothamnella	E	E	This species is a low, sprawling herbaceous species that occurs in Brigalow ( <i>Acacia harpophylla</i> ) dominated communities in shaded situations, often in leaf litter and is associated with gilgais (shallow ground depressions) and/or minor drainage lines (DEHP 2017i). <i>Xerothamnella herbacea</i> is known from a number of widely scattered sites ranging from near Yelarbon north to Kokotungo, west of Gladstone (ALA 2017). It has been collected within the Santos gas field development area: there are six published records of the species in Brigalow open forest in the Arcadia Valley (ALA 2017; DSITI 2017d).	Unlikely to be present. Suitable habitat (Brigalow-dominated open forests and woodlands) is not present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
Apocynaceae	<i>Tylophora linearis</i> Slender Tylophora	E	E	Found in drier open forests and woodlands of <i>Eucalyptus</i> , <i>Callitris</i> and <i>Allocasuarina</i> species (DoEE 2017b). It has been collected at numerous localities in NSW, principally on the western slopes of the Great Dividing Range from Temora to the Linton - Yetman area (ALA 2017). It is only known in Queensland from one specimen collected near Glenmorgan in 1960 (ALA 2017).	Unlikely to be present. Although potentially suitable habitat is present the Site is outside the known range of this species (ALA 2017).	Not recorded within the Site.
Eriocaulaceae	<i>Eriocaulon carsonii</i> Salt Pipewort	E	E	This herbaceous species is endemic to flowing discharge springs of the Great Artesian Basin and has been recorded from spring complexes in Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia (DoEE 2017b). In south central Queensland this species is confined to artesian discharge springs in the Injune and Taroom areas (DSITI 2017d). There are six records within tenement PL99 (DSITI 2017d, ALA 2017).	Unlikely to be present. Suitable habitat (artesian discharge springs) is not present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Bertya opposens</i>	V	LC	In Queensland this species is widely distributed within an area bounded by Emerald in the north and Charleville in the west, with outliers near Moranbah and Charters Towers (ALA 2017; DoEE 2017b). <i>Bertya opposens</i> has been recorded growing in a variety of community types including mixed shrubland, lancewood woodland, mallee woodland, eucalypt/acacia open forest with shrubby understorey, <i>Eucalyptus/Callitris</i> open woodland and the margins of semi-evergreen vine-thicket (SEVT) on shallow and rocky or much deeper and well-drained soils (DoEE 2017b, DEHP 2017). The species has been recorded at several locations within the Fairview gas field (ALA 2017).	Potentially present. Suitable habitat on sandstone hills exists within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
Fabaceae	<i>Daviesia discolor</i>	V	V	Disjunct populations occur within Blackdown Tableland, Salvator Rosa section of Carnarvon National Park and the Mt. Walsh area near Biggenden (ALA 2017; TSSC 2008b) where it grows on sandy to clay loam soils, typically well drained, on sandstones, laterite and metamorphic or acid volcanic rocks (DEHP 2017b). This species grows in open forest dominated by <i>Eucalyptus</i> and/or <i>Corymbia</i> spp. or mixed shrubland with scattered <i>Triodia</i> sp. hummocks and <i>Angophora</i> sp. trees (TSSC 2008a).	Potentially present. Suitable habitat on sandstone hills is present, though of limited extent, within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.

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Plant Family/ Animal Class	Scientific & Common Name	EPBC Act Status	NC Act Status	Distribution and Known Habitat Use	Likelihood of Occurrence	Field Survey Results
Fabaceae	<i>Swainsona murrayana</i> Slender Darling-pea	V	V	This herbaceous species often grows in heavy soils, especially depressions, and is also found on grey and red to brown clay and clay-loam soils in Bladder Saltbush ( <i>Atriplex vesicaria</i> ) herbland, Black Box ( <i>Eucalyptus largiflorens</i> ) woodland and grassland communities and is frequently associated with <i>Maireana</i> species (DoEE 2017b). This species is known in Queensland from five specimens; one collected south of Surat in Brigalow Belt subregion 29 (Weribone High); and four from central western Queensland between Boulia, Birdsville and Longreach (ALA 2017).	Unlikely to be present. Suitable habitat (heavy soils associated with drainage depressions) is present to only a very limited extent within the Site, and the Site is outside the known range of this species (ALA 2017).	Not recorded within the Site.
Lamiaceae	<i>Westringia parvifolia</i>	V	V	This species of low shrub is known to occur on stony and sandy soils supporting mallee woodland (Baker's Mallee <i>Eucalyptus bakeri</i> , Green Mallee <i>E. viridis</i> ) with a Spinifex ( <i>Triodia</i> sp.) ground layer (DoEE 2017b). It is only known from a relatively small area in the Goondiwindi - Inglewood – Yelarbon area of the southern Darling Downs in Queensland, extending south to the Yetman area of New South Wales (ALA 2017, DoEE 2017b).	Unlikely to be present. Though some suitable habitat ( <i>E. bakeri</i> mallee woodland on sandstone hills) is present in limited amounts within the Site, the Site is distant from the nearest record of the species with an apparently limited distribution.	Not recorded within the Site.
Mimosaceae	<i>Acacia curranii</i> Curly-bark Wattle	V	V	This species has a disjunct distribution in western New South Wales (NSW) and south-eastern Queensland. The species is reported in Queensland from the Barakula and Gurulmundi areas (ALA 2017; DSITI 2017d) where it occurs on sandy soils of deeply weathered lateritic plateaus in widely scattered thickets in patches of diverse heath scrub with emergent trees (DoEE 2017b).	Unlikely to be present. Suitable habitat (lateritic plateaus, Land Zone 7) is not present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
Mimosaceae	<i>Acacia grandifolia</i>	V	LC	This species is geographically limited to the Gayndah, Mundubbera, Coulston Lakes and Proston areas (DoEE 2017b) with two outlying (non-specimen) records (ALA 2017) from Boxvale SF (Carnarvon Range) and one (specimen-based) from Dawson Range (ALA 2017, DSITI 2017d). It is recorded from a variety of land forms (hilly terrain of varying aspects and slope, on hillcrests, in gullies on plains) on sandy to clay loams derived from sandstone and acidic volcanic rocks (DEHP 2017b).	Potentially present. Suitable habitat exists within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
Myrtaceae	<i>Calytrix gurulmundensis</i>	V	V	This species is geographically limited to an area between Gurulmundi and Barakula State Forest in Queensland (ALA 2017, DSITI 2017d). It is recorded as occurring in open shrubland with sparse, stunted <i>Eucalyptus</i> , <i>Casuarina</i> and <i>Acacia</i> spp. and in <i>Triodia</i> hummock grassland with scattered shrubs on shallow red gravelly soil; and on sandstones (DoEE 2017b). The soils are usually well drained, usually shallow and either gravelly sandy clay or sandy in texture (DEHP 2017b). The habitat at Gurulmundi State Forest is consistent with RE 11.7.5 (DEHP 2017b; DoEE 2017b).	Unlikely to be present. Suitable habitat (lateritic plateaus, Land Zone 7) is not present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.

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Plant Family/ Animal Class	Scientific & Common Name	EPBC Act Status	NC Act Status	Distribution and Known Habitat Use	Likelihood of Occurrence	Field Survey Results
Myrtaceae	<i>Eucalyptus beaniana</i> Bean's Ironbark	V	LC	This tree species is endemic to Queensland, where it is known from disjunct populations in the Isla Gorge area, sandstone uplands between Injune and Taroom and the Monogorilby/Allies Creek/Koko State Forest area southwest of Mundubbera (ALA 2017, DSITI 2017b). In these areas it grows on shallow sandy soils (lithosols) of sandstone cliff tops and ridges (DEHP 2017b) in eucalypt woodland or open forest, co-dominant or associated with Spotted Gum ( <i>Corymbia citriodora</i> subsp. <i>variegata</i> ), Gympie Messmate ( <i>Eucalyptus cloeziana</i> ), <i>E. suffulgens</i> , Large-fruited Yellowjacket ( <i>C. watsoniana</i> ), Brown Bloodwood ( <i>C. trachyphloia</i> ) and Narrow-leaved White Mahogany ( <i>E. tenuipes</i> ) (DEHP 2017b; TSSC 2008b). It is potentially present in suitable habitat within the Carnarvon Ranges subregion.	Potentially present. Suitable habitat (eucalypt woodlands on sandstone hills) is present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
Myrtaceae	<i>Homoranthus decumbens</i>	E	V	This species is a low shrub occurring in tall shrubland or heath up to 800 m above sea level. It occurs on the edge of sandstone cliffs or in shallow sandy soils containing lateritic (iron-rich) pebbles (DEHP 2017b). This species is confined to Barakula State Forest (DSITI 2017d); a specimen from Blackdown Tableland referred to within ALA (2017) and DoEE (2017b) has been re-determined by Queensland Herbarium (DSITI 2017d) as <i>H. brevistylis</i> .	Unlikely to be present. Though some suitable habitat on sandstone hills is present within the Site, the Site is approximately 147km north-west of the nearest specimen-backed record.	Not recorded within the Site.
Orchidaceae	<i>Phaius australis</i> Swamp Orchid	E	E	This species is commonly associated with coastal wet heath/sedgeland wetlands, swampy grassland or swampy forest and is distributed from northern New South Wales to northern Queensland (DoEE 2017b). Typically, <i>Phaius australis</i> is restricted to the swamp-forest margins, where it occurs in sclerophyll forest of Broad-leaved Paperbark ( <i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i> ) and/or Swamp Mahogany ( <i>Lophostemon suaveolens</i> ); swampy rainforest (often with sclerophyll emergents); or fringing open forest. It is often associated with rainforest elements such as Bangalow Palm ( <i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i> ) or Cabbage Tree Palm ( <i>Livistona australis</i> ) (DoEE 2017b). Disjunct populations of the species are known from Blackdown Tableland and Carnarvon Gorge (DSITI 2017d).	Unlikely to be present. No suitable habitat (swamp forest) is present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
Poaceae	<i>Aristida annua</i> A Wire-grass	V	V	This species is confined to grasslands and grassy woodlands on black clay and basalt soils between the Springsure/Emerald and Clermont areas (DoEE 2017b, ALA 2017).	Unlikely to be present. Suitable habitat (grasslands and grassy woodlands on fertile deep clay soils) is not present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
Poaceae	<i>Arthraxon hispidus</i> Hairy-joint Grass	V	V	Outlying and disjunct populations of this species associated with springs or spring-fed wetlands occur in the Carnarvon Range and Taroom area (DSITI 2017b). In Queensland, this species has been recorded growing in or on the edges of rainforest and in wet eucalypt forest, often near creeks or swamps (TSSC 2008c).	Unlikely to be present. Suitable habitat (permanent wetlands) is not present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.

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Poaceae	<i>Dichanthium queenslandicum</i> King Bluegrass	E	V	This grass occurs in tussock grasslands of sub-coastal eastern Queensland (DoEE 2017b) on heavy black cracking clays derived from basalt or fine-grained sedimentary rocks (DEHP 2017b). This species often grows in association with other species of blue grasses ( <i>Dichanthium</i> and <i>Bothriochloa</i> spp.) and other grass species restricted to this soil type (DEHP 2017b). It is confined to natural grassland or Doolan ( <i>Acacia salicina</i> ) thickets in grassland and grassy eucalypt woodland communities (DEHP 2017b).	Unlikely to be present. Suitable habitat (grasslands and grassy woodlands on fertile deep clay soils) is not present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
Poaceae	<i>Dichanthium setosum</i> A bluegrass	V	LC	Occurs in Queensland and north-eastern NSW (ALA 2017). In Queensland, it is patchily recorded from Toowoomba in the south to the upper Burdekin River catchment in the north. It grows on basaltic black clays and hard-setting red-brown loams (DoEE 2017b) in woodland or open grassy woodland dominated by Brigalow ( <i>Acacia harpophylla</i> ) and/or eucalypt species (DSITI 2017d). In Queensland and NSW it has also been found in moderately disturbed areas such as cleared woodland, grassy roadside remnants and highly disturbed pasture (DoEE 2017b).	Unlikely to be present. Suitable habitat (grasslands and grassy woodlands on fertile deep clay soils) is not present within the Site. Specimen records closest to the Site occur in Carnarvon NP and the Springsure / Emerald area (ALA 2017).	Not recorded within the Site.
Poaceae	<i>Homopholis belsonii</i> Belson's Panic	V	E	Occurs in northern NSW and the southern Brigalow Belt of Queensland (ALA 2017, DoEE 2017b). Within Queensland it principally occurs in Poplar Box ( <i>Eucalyptus populnea</i> ), Brigalow ( <i>Acacia harpophylla</i> ) and Belah ( <i>Casuarina cristata</i> ) dominated communities where it grows preferentially in shaded areas (DoEE 2017b).	Unlikely to be present. Suitable habitat (Brigalow-dominated open forests and woodlands) is not present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
Santalaceae	<i>Thesium australe</i> Austral Toadflax	V	V	This species of perennial herb is parasitic on grasses especially Kangaroo Grass ( <i>Themeda triandra</i> ) (DoEE 2017b). It is found in grasslands and grassy woodlands on basalt and fine-grained soils (DoEE 2017b). It is distributed from eastern Victoria to south central Queensland (DoEE 2017b). In Queensland it has been recorded from the Darling Downs, South Burnett and Carnarvon National Park (ALA 2017).	Unlikely to be present. Suitable habitat (grasslands and grassy woodlands on fine-grained soils) is not present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
Surianaceae	<i>Cadellia pentastylis</i> Ooline	V	V	Occurs in northern NSW and southern Queensland (DoEE 2017b). Within Queensland it occurs patchily from near Rockhampton westward to near Blackall and southward to the State border (ALA 2017) where it occurs on undulating plains, valley slopes, hillsides and scarps, often in association with Brigalow and SEVT communities (DoEE 2017b, Santos 2012).	Unlikely to be present. No suitable habitat is present within the Site. Additionally, the species, a large and conspicuous tree, is not currently known from the Site. Specimen records closest to the Site occur about 30 km north-west (ALA 2017).	Not recorded within the Site.

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Zamiaceae	<i>Macrozamia platyrhachis</i>	E	E	This cycad species has a restricted distribution in the Blackdown Tableland – Planet Downs area of the Dawson Range in central Queensland where it occurs in eucalypt woodland or open forest on deep sandy soils derived from sandstone (Queensland Herbarium 2007). There is an outlying historical record (1973) from the Ceres Holding southeast of Springsure (DSITI 2017b). The species grows in eucalypt woodland or open forest with canopy dominants including Smooth-barked Apple ( <i>Angophora leiocarpa</i> ), Blackdown Yellowjacket ( <i>Corymbia bunites</i> ), Lemon-scented Gum ( <i>C. citriodora</i> subsp. <i>citriodora</i> ), Henderson’s Bloodwood ( <i>C. hendersonii</i> ), Large-fruited Yellowjacket ( <i>C. watsoniana</i> ), Bailey’s Stringybark ( <i>Eucalyptus baileyana</i> ), Gympie Messmate ( <i>E. cloeziana</i> ), Narrow-leaved Red Ironbark ( <i>E. crebra</i> ), Nanango Ironbark ( <i>E. melanoleuca</i> ), <i>E. suffulgens</i> , Swamp Mahogany ( <i>Lophostemon suaveolens</i> ) and Budgeroo ( <i>Lysicarpus angustifolius</i> ) on deep sandy soils derived from sandstone at altitudes between 300 and 780m (Forster and Holland 2007).	Unlikely to be present. Though some suitable habitat on sandstone hills is present within the Site, the Site is 110km south south-east of the nearest specimen-backed record.	Not recorded within the Site.
Birds	<i>Ardea ibis</i> Cattle Egret	Ma	LC	Widely distributed through coastal and near-coastal Australia but a scarce visitor to south central Queensland (Birdlife Australia 2017). Nests colonially in trees in or beside waterbodies but birds may be encountered in a variety of ephemeral wetland and pasture habitats (Birdlife Australia 2017). Parts of the Fairview gas field with potentially suitable habitat can support the species at least periodically.	Potentially present. Limited areas of ephemeral wetland are present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Ardea modesta</i> Eastern Great Egret (as <i>A. modesta</i> Great Egret)	Ma	LC	Widely distributed in coastal and inland Australia, using artificial and natural ephemeral and permanent wetlands (Birdlife Australia 2017). Parts of the Fairview gas field with potentially suitable habitat can support the species at least periodically.	Potentially present. Limited areas of ephemeral wetland are present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i> Australasian Bittern	E	LC	This species is very rarely recorded in Queensland (Birdlife Australia 2017) with most records from southern Queensland. It is usually associated with densely vegetated wetlands (DoEE 2017b) and within the Santos gas field development area is most likely to be present on major watercourses where suitable wetlands may be present.	Unlikely to be present. Only a very limited area of ephemeral wetland is present within the Site	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Erythrotriorchis radiatus</i> Red Goshawk	V	V	A highly mobile species with a large home range; breeding habitat is in intact tall forest associated with major drainage lines, especially near permanent water bodies and where there is high avian prey diversity, but the species could potentially forage much further away from these areas (Marchant and Higgins 1993). Based on known occurrence (ALA 2017) the forested uplands of the Fitzroy and Dawson River catchments may potentially support this species.	Potentially present. No suitable breeding habitat (permanent water bodies and riparian habitat with tall trees) is present within the Site but potential foraging habitat (forests and woodlands) is extensive at the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.

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	<i>Geophaps scripta scripta</i> Squatter Pigeon (southern subspecies)	V	V	Inhabits grassy woodlands with open areas for foraging habitat usually within proximity to a nearby water source (Higgins and Davies 1996).	Likely to be present. The species is known from the Fairview gas field and has been recorded at or within 10km of the Site. Suitable habitat (grassy woodlands) is present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Lathamus discolor</i> Swift Parrot	CE, Ma	E	This species is migratory, visiting Queensland in winter and known historically at least as far north as Duringa (Higgins 1999) but now rarely recorded beyond the south-eastern corner of Queensland (Birdlife Australia 2017). There are no published records within the Fairview gas field area and it is not considered to be present.	Unlikely to be present. Site is outside known migratory range of the species.	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Merops ornatus</i> Rainbow Bee-eater	M	LC	Common breeding spring-summer visitor to southern Queensland, including the Fairview gas field area (Birdlife Australia 2017). Likely to be seasonally present.	Confirmed present. Birds were seen or heard at a location within the Site.	Recorded within the Site.
	<i>Neochmia ruficauda ruficauda</i> Star Finch	E	E	The range of this subspecies has contracted markedly and it may now be extinct (Maute and Legge 2012). It is considered to be no longer extant in the Fairview gas field area.	Unlikely to be present. The species is considered extinct within the Fairview gas field area.	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Pandion cristatus</i> Eastern Osprey (as <i>P. haliaetus</i> Osprey)	M, Ma	LC	A fish-eating raptor mostly found on the coast but occasionally reported on inland waterways (Birdlife Australia 2017, ALA 2017). Suitable habitat is limited within the Fairview gas field area to reaches of permanent water in the Dawson River and its tributaries. Resident populations are unlikely and the presence of the species in the area is likely to be represented by vagrant individuals.	Unlikely to be present. No suitable habitat (permanent watercourses supporting fish populations) is present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Pedionomus torquatus</i> Plains-wanderer	CE	V	The few records of this taxon in eastern Queensland (ALA 2017) may not be reliable as they are well distant from all other known occurrences in the State and suitable habitat (Parker 2012) is not generally present. At best they would represent vagrants. The species is not considered to be present in the Fairview gas field area.	Unlikely to be present. No suitable habitat (plains with short grasses and forbs) is present within the Site and the species is not considered to occur within the Fairview gas field.	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> Glossy Ibis	M, Ma	LC	A nomadic waterbird using permanent and ephemeral shallow wetlands (Birdlife Australia 2017). The Fairview gas field area is within the species range (ALA 2017).	Potentially present. Limited areas of ephemeral wetland are present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Poephila cincta cincta</i> Black-throated Finch	E	E	The range of this subspecies has contracted markedly northward (Grice 2012, Garnett <i>et al.</i> 2011) and it is considered to be no longer extant in the Fairview gas field area.	Unlikely to be present. The species is considered extinct within the Fairview gas field area.	Not recorded within the Site.

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	<i>Polytelis swainsonii</i> Superb Parrot	V	LC	This species is very rarely recorded as a winter visitor to Queensland (Birdlife Australia 2017). There are no published records within the Santos gas field development area and it is not considered to be present.	Unlikely to be present. Site is outside known migratory range of the species.	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Rostratula australis</i> Australian Painted Snipe	E	V	Forages at shallow edges and adjacent vegetated margins of freshwater wetlands (DoEE 2017b) and is able to use both artificial and natural ephemeral and permanent wetlands (Marchant and Higgins 1993).	Potentially present. Limited areas of ephemeral wetland are present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
Fish	<i>Maccullochella peelii</i> Murray Cod	V	-	In Queensland naturally-occurring populations of this species are confined to permanent water in riverine environments in the Condamine, Maranoa-Balonne, Weir, Moonie and Macintyre River catchments (Lintermans 2007).	Unlikely to be present. No suitable riverine habitat exists within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
Mammals	<i>Chalinolobus dwyeri</i> Large-eared Pied Bat	V	V	All known occurrences of this species are within or near forested landscapes with relatively high relief (DSITI 2017d). The species may be present in uplands with likely presence of appropriate geology (usually sandstone) providing essential habitat (caves, crevices, holes) and associated foraging habitat.	Potentially present. Potentially suitable habitat (i.e. rock holes/crevices in rocky hills) is present though to a limited extent within the Site, which is within the known range of the species.	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i> Northern Quoll	E	LC	Formerly widespread in south-central Queensland this species has declined markedly and is now confined to rugged and remote areas throughout its distribution (Burnett 2012). Forested uplands with high relief and/or containing abundant rock outcrops may support the species.	Potentially present. The Site is within the species' historical range and limited areas of potentially suitable den sites (i.e. rock holes/crevices) are present within the Site. The nearest recent records are from the Carnarvon Range (ALA 2017).	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i> South-eastern Long-eared Bat	V	V	The distribution and habitat preferences of this species are very poorly known; it inhabits a range of dry forest types in south central Queensland (Reardon 2012).	Potentially present. Potentially suitable foraging and roosting habitat is present in remnant woodland within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Petrogale penicillata</i> Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby	V	LC	The distribution of this taxon does not extend to the Santos gas field development area (Lundie-Jenkins 2012). The Rock-wallaby present in the area is the non-listed <i>P. herberti</i> (DEHP 2017b).	Unlikely to be present. The species is not known from the Site. The related Herbert's Rock-wallaby was recorded within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.

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	<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> Koala (combined populations of QLD, NSW and the ACT)	V	V	This species requires eucalypt woodland and forest habitat with suitable food trees (primarily <i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.) (DoEE 2017b). Woodlands containing food trees in riparian/alluvial areas are particularly favoured (Melzer <i>et al.</i> 2014). Potential food trees occurring within the Site include <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> , <i>E. camaldulensis</i> , <i>E. populnea</i> , <i>E. melanophloia</i> and <i>E. crebra</i> . The Fairview gas field area is within the known range of the species (ALA 2017).	Likely to be present. Suitable habitat ( <i>Eucalyptus</i> -dominated woodlands and open forests) is present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
Reptiles	<i>Anomalopus mackayi</i> Five-clawed Worm-skink	V	E	This species is confined in Queensland to the eastern Darling Downs, where it is known to inhabit grasslands on heavy cracking clay soils (Wilson 2015) and does not occur in the Fairview gas field area.	Unlikely to be present. Suitable habitat (grasslands on heavy clay soils) is not present at the Site and the species does not occur within the Fairview gas field area.	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Delma torquata</i> Collared Delma	V	V	Occupies a range of eucalypt woodlands and open forests; lives under surface rock and large woody debris (Wilson 2015). The Site is within the species' known range with several records from locations north-west of Roma (ALA 2017).	Potentially present. Eucalypt woodland with potentially suitable shelter sites (e.g. small rocks, woody debris) is present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Denisonia maculata</i> Ornamental Snake	V	V	Occurs in lowlands associated with the Dawson and Fitzroy catchments (DoEE 2017b). Known southerly distribution limit is approximately Lake Nuga Nuga (ALA 2017). Lives in woodland and grassland with cracking clay soils, usually in close proximity to wet or seasonally wet areas e.g. billabongs, gilgais, floodplains, riparian corridors (DoEE 2017b).	Unlikely to be present. Habitat with preferred substrate (e.g. deep cracking clay, gilgais) is not present at the Site and the Site is not within the known range of the species (ALA 2017).	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Egernia rugosa</i> Yakka Skink	V	V	Lives in a range of woodland and open forests dominated by <i>Eucalyptus</i> , <i>Acacia</i> and <i>Callitris</i> spp.; also grassland with regrowth trees (DoEE 2017b). Requires suitable soils for burrows or shelters in sinkholes, abandoned rabbit warrens or large fallen/piled woody material (Eddie 2012).	Likely to be present. Eucalypt woodland and non-remnant areas with potentially suitable shelter sites (e.g. large logs, log piles) are present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Furina dunmalli</i> Dunmall's Snake	V	V	Occupies woodlands and open forests; may be reliant on presence of abundant fallen woody debris (Hobson 2012).	Likely to be present. Potentially suitable foraging and shelter habitat is present in remnant and regrowth REs throughout the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.
	<i>Rheodytes leukops</i> Fitzroy River Turtle	V	V	The species is confined to the Fitzroy and Dawson River catchments where it requires permanent water in riverine environments (Limpus <i>et al.</i> 2011).	Unlikely to be present. No suitable riverine habitat is present within the Site.	Not recorded within the Site.



### 3.2.2. Habitat Assessment and Predictive Habitat Mapping

Sixteen (16) microhabitat assessments were conducted for nominated conservation-listed species (Section 2.2.2). The results of these assessments were then combined with ecologist knowledge to develop predictive habitat mapping for those species. Mapping rules and the estimated total availability of General Habitat within the survey area for the species is given in Table 5.

The suitability of areas of vegetation as fauna habitat is determined by the presence and abundance of microhabitat features relevant to the needs of individual species or groups of species (e.g. terrestrial reptiles). In general, mature vegetation (remnant or advanced regrowth) is more likely to support appropriate levels of these microhabitat features, while their presence in younger regrowth and clearings is less likely. This is particularly the case where clearing for agriculture has involved the destruction of fallen timber and coarse woody debris, such that where young regrowth is present it lacks necessary microhabitat for ground-dwelling fauna. It is acknowledged that some areas of young regrowth and derived grassland (pasture) may contain suitable habitat for some species (e.g. log piles used by reptiles). However, for the purposes of this report, General Habitat is assumed to be present only in remnant and advanced regrowth vegetation.

Habitat maps for the selected species are shown at Appendix E.

Table 5: Potentially suitable RE and estimated extent of General Habitat for nominated fauna and flora species potentially present at the Site.

Species name	Potentially Suitable REs	Mapped extent of General Habitat (ha)	Habitat Mapping Rules/Notes
<i>Chalinolobus dwyeri</i> Large-eared Pied Bat	11.3.2, 11.10.7a, 11.10.9, 11.10.11	572.11	This species is dependent on the presence of suitable shelter habitat in the form of caves and deep crevices in extensive rock formations (commonly sandstone).  Mapped General Habitat includes all areas of remnant vegetation and advanced regrowth that may be suitable for foraging and are <5km from potentially suitable shelter habitat.
<i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i> Northern Quoll	11.10.7a on slopes and crests of rocky hills with shelter habitat	32.77	This species is dependent on the presence of suitable shelter habitat in the form of caves and deep crevices in extensive rock formations (commonly sandstone) though it may forage at a distance from this habitat. A conservative (minimum) estimate of potential habitat should include areas of woodland or open forest vegetation contiguous with suitable shelter habitat.  Mapped General Habitat includes all remnant vegetation and advanced regrowth contiguous with suitable shelter habitat on valley slopes.
<i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i> South-eastern Long-eared Bat	11.3.2, 11.10.7a, 11.10.9, 11.10.11	572.11	Mapped General Habitat includes all areas of remnant vegetation and advanced regrowth that may be suitable for foraging or shelter.
<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> Koala	11.3.2, 11.10.7a, 11.10.11	42.79	Mapped General Habitat includes all remnant and advanced regrowth of RE dominated by Myrtaceae species.
<i>Ardea ibis</i> Cattle Egret	11.3.2	2.42	Mapped General Habitat includes all remnant RE 11.3.2. However, no mapping is available for preferred habitat within this RE (off-stream shallow vegetated wetlands). The species is also likely to use ephemeral wetlands and the margins of farm dams.
<i>Ardea modesta</i> Eastern Great Egret (as Great Egret)	11.3.2	2.42	Mapped General Habitat includes all remnant RE 11.3.2. However, no mapping is available for preferred habitat within this RE (off-stream shallow vegetated wetlands). The species is also likely to use ephemeral wetlands and the margins of farm dams.
<i>Erythrotriorchis radiatus</i> Red Goshawk	11.3.2, 11.10.7a, 11.10.9, 11.10.11	572.11	Mapped General Habitat includes all areas of remnant and advanced regrowth of the nominated RE.

Species name	Potentially Suitable REs	Mapped extent of General Habitat (ha)	Habitat Mapping Rules/Notes
<i>Geophaps scripta scripta</i> Squatter Pigeon (southern)	11.3.2, 11.10.7a, 11.10.9, 11.10.11	572.11	Mapped General Habitat includes all areas of remnant and advanced regrowth of the nominated RE.
<i>Merops ornatus</i> Rainbow Bee-eater	11.3.2, 11.10.7a, 11.10.9, 11.10.11	572.11	Mapped General Habitat includes all areas of remnant and advanced regrowth of the nominated RE.
<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> Glossy Ibis	11.3.2	2.42	Mapped General Habitat includes all remnant RE 11.3.2. However, no mapping is available for preferred habitat within this RE (off-stream shallow vegetated wetlands). The species is also likely to use ephemeral wetlands and the margins of farm dams.
<i>Rostratula australis</i> Australian Painted Snipe	11.3.2	2.42	Mapped General Habitat includes all remnant RE 11.3.2. However, no mapping is available for preferred habitat within this RE (off-stream shallow vegetated wetlands). The species is also likely to use ephemeral wetlands and the margins of farm dams.
<i>Delma torquata</i> Collared Delma	11.3.2, 11.10.7a, 11.10.9, 11.10.11	572.11	Mapped General Habitat includes all areas of remnant and advanced regrowth of the nominated RE.
<i>Egernia rugosa</i> Yakka Skink	11.3.2, 11.10.7a, 11.10.9, 11.10.11	572.11	Mapped General Habitat includes all remnant vegetation and advanced regrowth of the nominated RE.
<i>Furina dunmalli</i> Dunmall's Snake	11.3.2, 11.10.7a, 11.10.9, 11.10.11	572.11	Mapped General Habitat includes all remnant vegetation and advanced regrowth of the nominated RE.
<i>Acacia grandifolia</i>	11.10.7a, 11.10.9, 11.10.11	564.08	Mapped General Habitat includes all areas of remnant and advanced regrowth of the nominated RE.
<i>Bertya opponens</i>	11.10.7a	32.77	Mapped General Habitat includes all areas of remnant and advanced regrowth of the nominated RE.
<i>Daviesia discolor</i>	11.10.7a	32.77	Mapped General Habitat includes all areas of remnant and advanced regrowth of the nominated RE.
<i>Eucalyptus beaniana</i> Bean's Ironbark	11.10.7a	32.77	Mapped General Habitat includes all areas of remnant and advanced regrowth of the nominated RE.

## 4. Conclusions

No Endangered or Of Concern RE, nor any TEC, was detected during the survey. The desktop assessment and field survey identified the following potential ecological values and/or constraints within the Site:

🦋 Indicative General Habitat mapping for the following threatened or migratory species:

- *Ardea ibis* (Cattle Egret)
- *Ardea modesta* (Eastern Great Egret)
- *Erythrotriorchis radiatus* (Red Goshawk)
- *Geophaps scripta scripta* (Squatter Pigeon (southern))
- *Merops ornatus* (Rainbow Bee-eater)
- *Plegadis falcinellus* (Glossy Ibis)
- *Rostratula australis* (Australian Painted Snipe)
- *Chalinolobus dwyeri* (Large-eared Pied Bat)

- *Dasyurus hallucatus* (Northern Quoll)
- *Nyctophilus corbeni* (South-eastern Long-eared Bat, Corben's Long-eared Bat)
- *Phascolarctos cinereus* (Koala)
- *Delma torquata* (Collared Delma)
- *Egernia rugosa* (Yakka Skink)
- *Furina dunmalli* (Dunmall's Snake)
- *Bertya opponens*
- *Daviesia discolor*
- *Acacia grandifolia*
- *Eucalyptus beaniana* (Bean's Ironbark)

## 5. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- ✦ Pre-clearance surveys for threatened fauna microhabitat and threatened fauna and flora are conducted prior to any infrastructure development in vegetation within the Site.

## 6. References

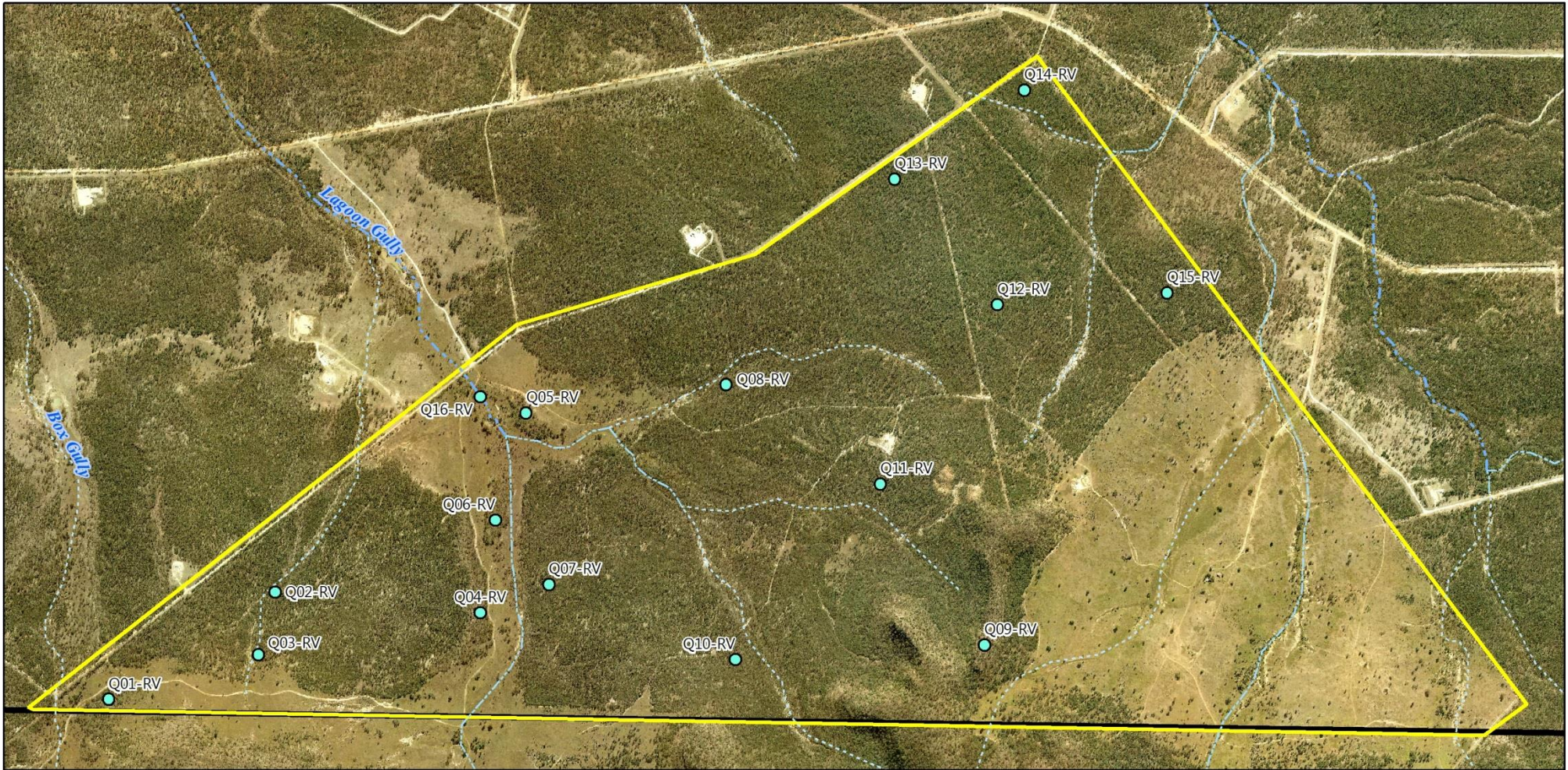
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## **Appendix A.** Location of 'the Site' & Assessment Sites.

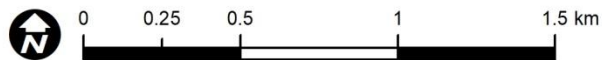
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**Appendix A: Location of 'the Site' & Assessment Sites.**

**Legend**

- Quaternary Survey Site
  - Survey Area
  - Tenement Boundary
- Ordered Streams**
- 1
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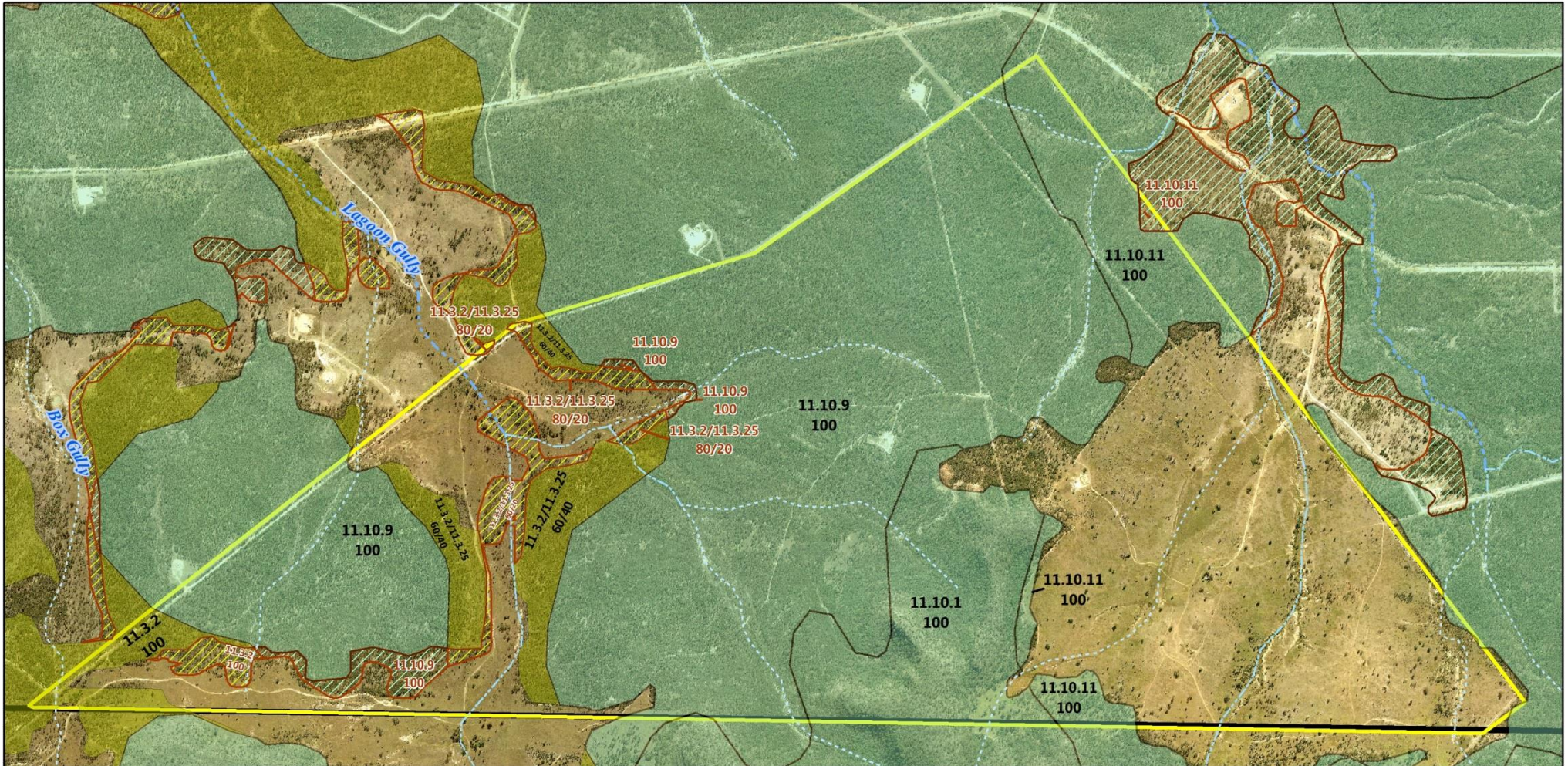
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## **Appendix B.** State Government Remnant & Mature Regrowth RE Mapping.

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**Appendix B: State Government Remnant & Mature Regrowth RE Mapping.**

Legend

<b>Remnant RE (Biodiversity Status)</b>	<b>Mature Regrowth RE (Biodiversity Status)</b>	Survey Area	<b>Ordered Streams</b>
Of Concern - Dominant	Contains Of Concern Dominant RE	Tenement Boundary	1
No concern at Present	Not of Concern RE		2
			3



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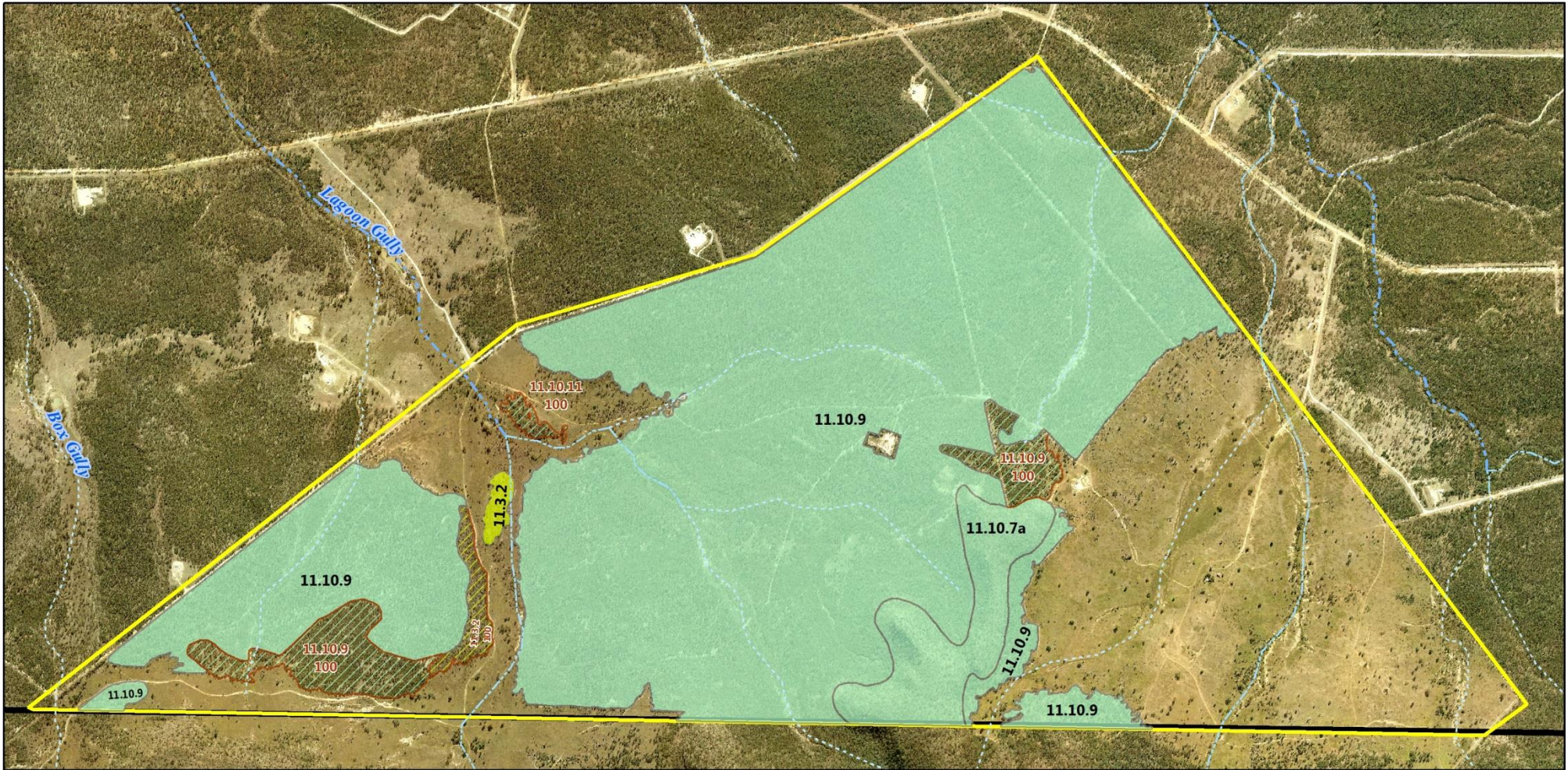
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## **Appendix C.** Revised Remnant & Regrowth RE.

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### Appendix C: Revised Remnant & Regrowth RE.

**Legend**

**Revised Remnant & Regrowth RE**

**Remnant RE (Biodiversity Status)**

- Of Concern - Dominant
- No Concern at Present

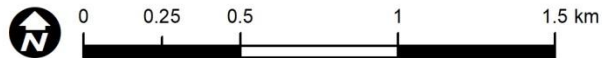
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- Tenement Boundary

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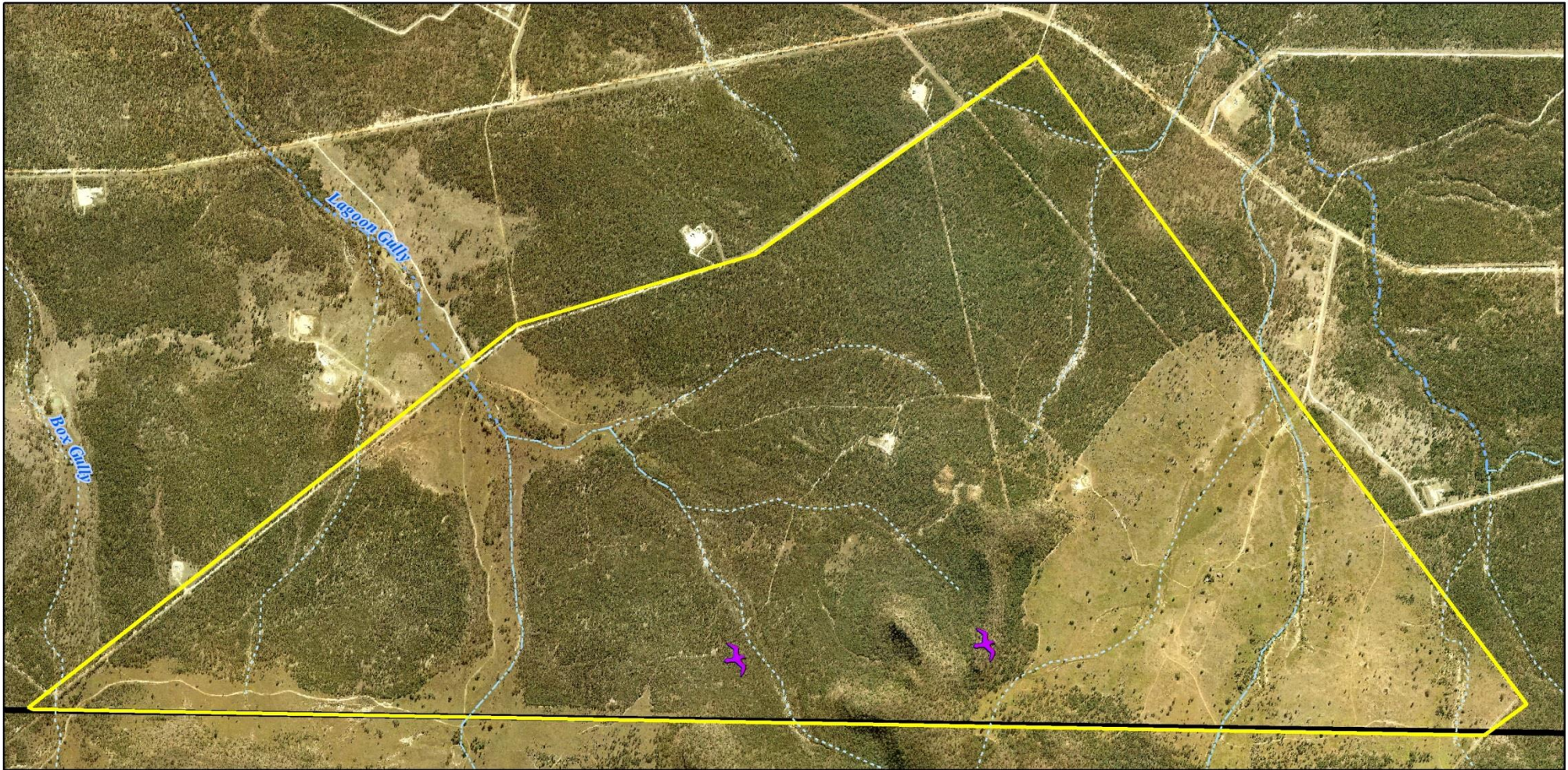
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## **Appendix D.** Records of EPBC Act Listed Fauna.

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### Appendix D: Records of EPBC Act Listed Fauna.

Legend

**EPBC Act Fauna Records**

 Rainbow Bee-eater (*Merops ornatus*)

 Survey Area

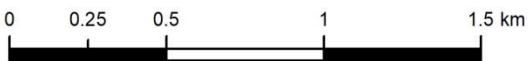
 Tenement Boundary

**Ordered Streams**

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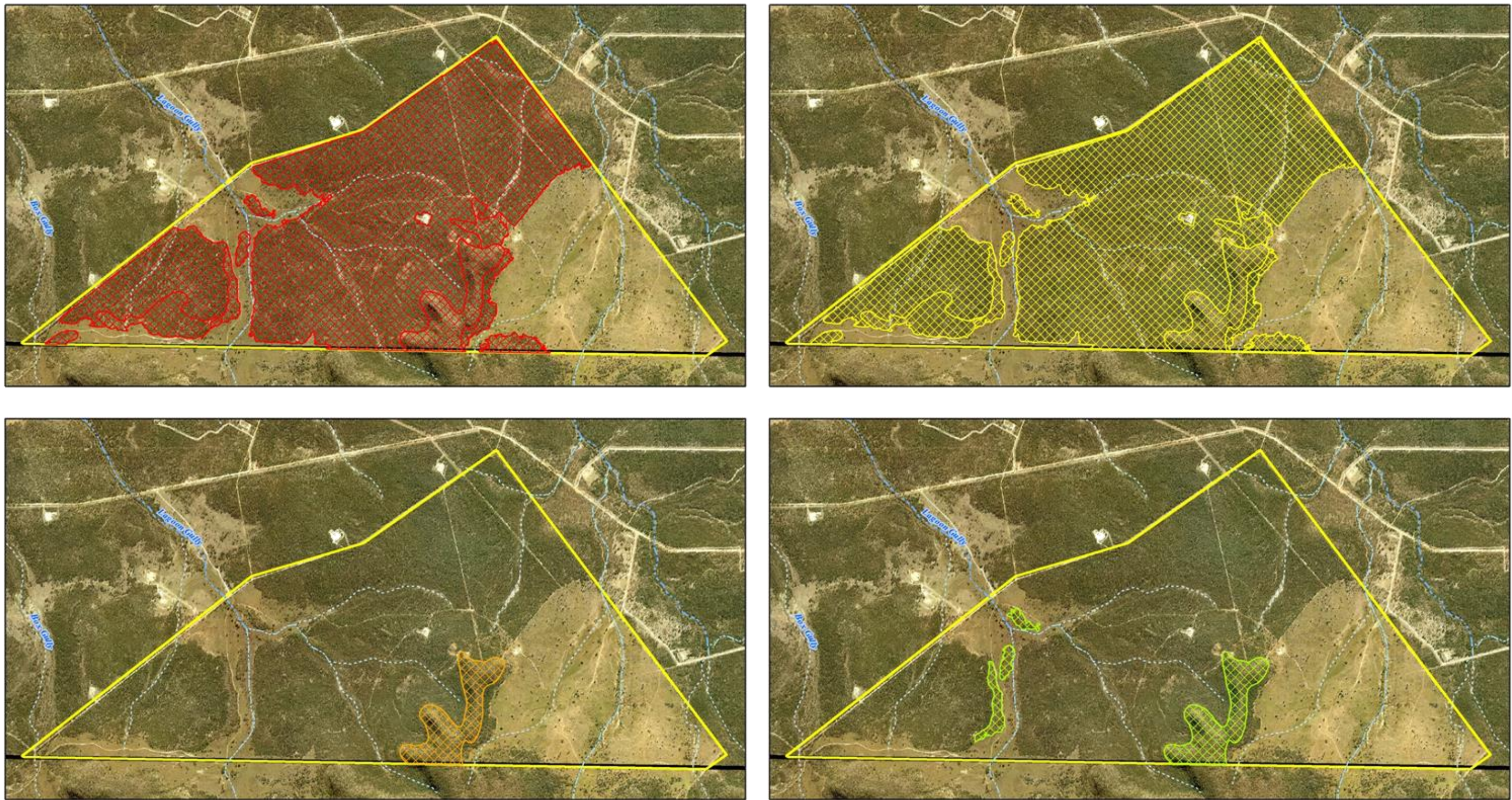
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## **Appendix E.** Predictive Threatened Species Habitat Mapping

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**Appendix E1: Predictive Threatened Species Habitat Mapping.**

**Legend**

**Large-eared Pied Bat**

(*Chalinolobus dwyeri*)

**Northern Quoll**

(*Dasyurus hallucatus*)

**South-eastern Long-eared Bat, Red Goshawk, Squatter Pigeon, Rainbow Bee-eater, Collared Delma, Yakka Skink, Dunmall's Snake**

(*Nyctophilus corbeni*), (*Erythrotriorchis radiatus*), (*Geophaps scripta scripta*), (*Merops ornatus*), (*Delma torquata*), (*Egernia rugosa*), (*Furina dunmalli*)

**Koala**

(*Phascolarctos cinereus*)

Survey Area

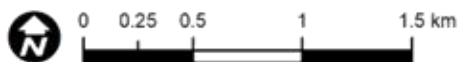
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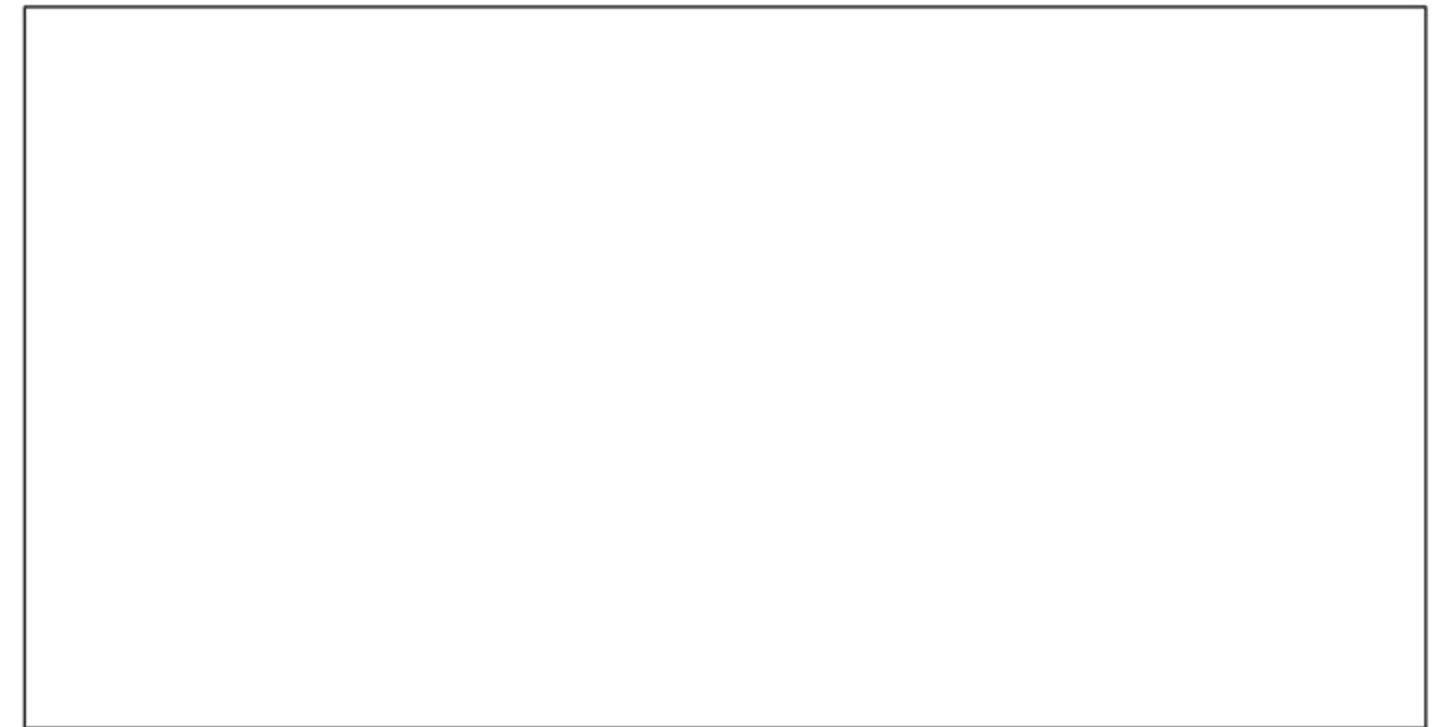
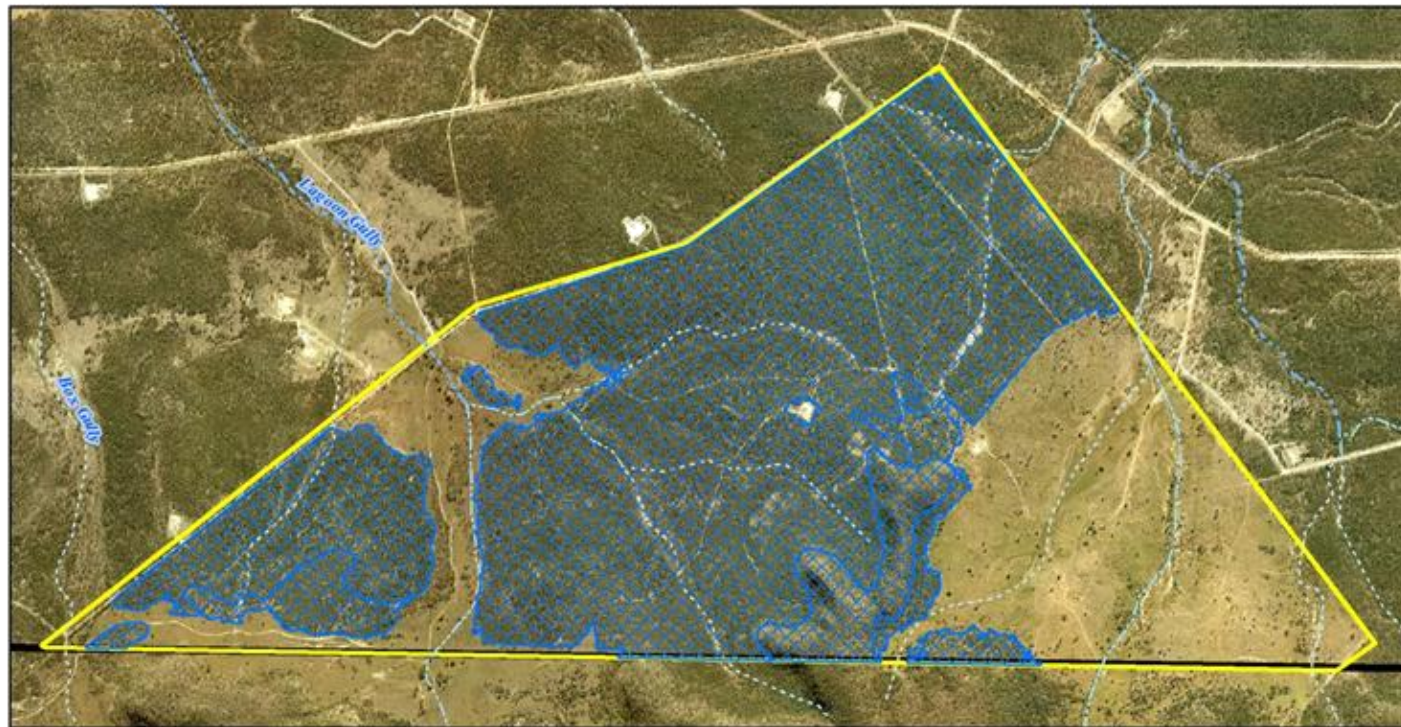
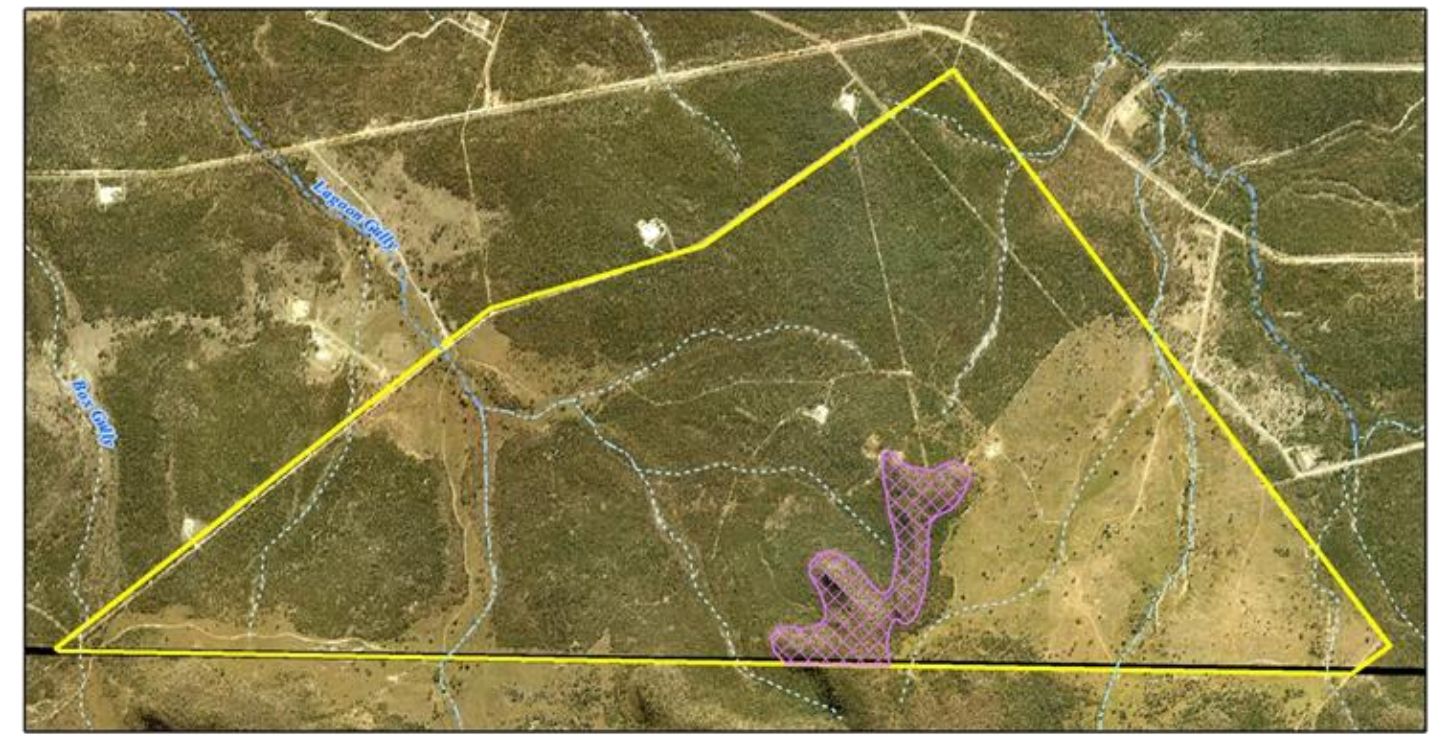
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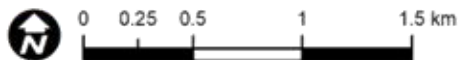




**Appendix E2: Predictive Threatened Species Habitat Mapping.**

**Legend**

- Cattle Egret, Eastern Great Egret, Glossy Ibis, Australian Painted Snipe** [Black Outline] Tenement Boundary
- (Ardea ibis), (Ardea modesta), (Plegadis falcinellus), (Rostratula australis)* **Ordered Streams**
- Acacia grandifolia* [Dashed Line] 1
- Bertya opposens, Daviesia discolor, Eucalyptus beaniana* [Dashed Line] 2
- Survey Area [Dashed Line] 3



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