

OHTL MACINTYRE WIND ENERGY PRECINCT (EPBC 2020/8759)

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OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINE (OHTL)

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1. PURPOSE

This report provides the second compliance report required under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) approval (EPBC 2020/8759), Condition 37, for the period between 10 May 2023 and 9 May 2024. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2014 (henceforth referred to as the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines) and includes:

- Project details as specified (Section 2 and Table 1).
- A description of works completed during the reporting period (Section 3).
- An assessment of compliance against conditions imposed by EPBC 2020/8759 and attachments (Table 2).
- A declaration of accuracy signed off by the Project manager (Section 5)

2. PROJECT DETAILS

The Overhead Transmission Line (OHTL) MacIntyre Wind Energy Precinct (EPBC ref: 2020/8759) will connect the MacIntyre Wind Farm (EPBC ref: 2020/8756) to the national electricity grid. The project includes 64km of high-voltage (330 kV) OHTL and ancillary infrastructure including:

- Two switching stations, namely MacIntyre switching station and Tummaville switching station
- Access tracks
- Firebreaks
- Site amenities
- Laydown areas.

The Project was deemed a controlled action under EPBC Act on 24 September 2020. The Project was assessed by preliminary documentation and subsequently approved with conditions by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) on 22 February 2022. Commencement of the action in accordance with the EPBC Act approval occurred on 10 May 2022.



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Table 1: Project details

EPBC Reference	2020/8759			
Project Name	Overhead Transmission Line MacIntyre Wind Energy Precinct,			
	40km west of Warwick, Queensland			
Approval holder	ACCIONA Energy Australia Global Pty Ltd			
	ABN 54 600 9100 647			
Approved Action	To construct an overhead transmission line and associated			
	ancillary works for the proposed MacIntyre Wind Farm Project, 40			
	km west of Warwick, Queensland [See EPBC Act referral			
	2020/8756].			
Person accepting responsibility	Ben Ortiz, Project Manager			
for the report				
Reporting period of the report	10 May 2023 to 9 May 2024			
Date of preparation of the report	30 July 2024			

3. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

The action has completed the construction phase comprising of vegetation clearing, civil works, construction of infrastructure and associated electrical works and is considered within operations and maintenance pahse. The project is overseen by the approval holder, with construction, operation and maintenance works to be undertaken by Powerlink. Such works included all civil and vegetation clearing works associated with the action, to which the bulk of construction related environmental aspects relate. Specifically, the following work was completed during the reporting period:

- Macrozamia conferta translocation
- Macrozamia conferta monitoring and management
- Landscaping and rehabilitation works

The approval holder has had an ongoing commitment to supporting its local communities by investing in providing local employment opportunities, using local suppliers and delivering a robust community program that supports local initiatives to build community resilience. Key highlights include:

- \$372 000 invested to date into local community groups through the small grants program
- \$682 million spent to date in Queensland businesses, including \$484 to businesses in SE OLD
- Over 3 million hours worked to date
- 40% of hours worked on site have been done by a local workforce and 6% by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people
- Cultural Heritage Management Plans in place with two Traditional Owner groups (Kambuwal and Githabul Nations)
- Commencement of major legacy project for blackspot removal in the region by installation of new Telstra tower (\$2 million investment)
- A partnership with Queensland Farmers Federation to deliver the Energy Southern Queensland (EnergySQ) program which is an on-farm energy efficiency program that will help landholder understand and manage their onfarm energy consumption, and identify ways to reduce your energy spend and carbon footprint.
- Delivery of a Native Tree Donations Initiative in the Southern Downs, Goondiwindi and Toowoomba Regions. The initiative benefited over 30 environmental conscious



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- properties and assisted in mitigating the effects of climate change, erosion and severe weather events in the regions.
- Delivery of over 50 educational events, including site tours which saw over 900 people visit the site and increase the community's awareness of the importance of renewable industries.

4. COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT

This compliance assessment has been developed to address requirements set out in Section 3.6 of the *Annual Compliance Report Guidelines*. Results of this assessment are provided in Table 2. Compliance designations applied for the assessment are as per Section 3.7 of the aforementioned standard, and are reproduced below:

- 1. <u>Compliant:</u> 'Compliance' is achieved when all the requirements of a condition have been met, including the implementation of management plans or other measures required by those conditions.
- 2. <u>Non-compliant:</u> A designation of 'non-compliance' should be given where the requirements of a condition or elements of a condition, including the implementation of management plans and other measures, have not been met.
- 3. <u>Not applicable</u>: A designation of 'not applicable 'should be given where the requirements of a condition or elements of a condition fall outside of the scope of the current reporting period. For example, a condition which applies to an activity that has not yet commenced.



Table 2: Compliance Assessment

Con	dition	Compliance Designation	Evidence / Comments
Part	A – Conditions Specific to the action	<u> </u>	
1	Within the project area, the approval holder must not clear more than: a. 236.51 ha of Koala habitat; b. 236.51 ha of Grey-headed Flying-fox habitat; c. 88.9 ha of Greater Glider habitat; d. 126.65 of Squatter Pigeon habitat; e. 4.93 ha of Macrozamia conferta habitat; and f. 4.67 ha of Regent Honeyeater habitat.	Compliant	Spatial analysis was undertaken on high resolution imagery taken during LiDAR capture to determine the final disturbance footprint. Based on the findings, all clearance was within the stipulated thresholds: MNES Species Habitat Permitted Clearance (ha) Actual Clearance (ha) Koala 236.51 175.75 Grey-headed Flying-fox 236.51 175.34 Greater Glider 88.9 71.8 Squatter Pigeon 126.65 99.11 Macrozamia 4.93 3.52 Regent Honeyeater 4.67 3.98
2	The approval holder must not clear outside the project area.	Compliant	 No clearing occurred outside the approved disturbance footprint during the reporting period. The administrative non-compliance recorded against this condition in the first annual compliance report is being corrected by DCCEEW.
Envii	ronmental offsets		
3	To compensate for the total clearance of habitat for EPBC Act listed threatened species not including Macrozamia conferta habitat up to the limits as specified in condition 1, the approval holder must provide an environmental offset in accordance with the principles of the Environmental Offsets Policy to the satisfaction of the Minister.	Compliant	Environmental offsets delivery is progressing as described below.
4	The approval holder must implement the Interim Offset Area Management Plan (IOAMP) upon the commencement of the action and until the Minister has approved an Offset Area Management Plan (OAMP).	Compliant	 The IOAMP was developed prior to EPBC Act approval and has been implemented from commencement of the action. Studies to support the development of the OAMP to be undertaken in accordance with the IOAMP. As such, offset calculations and habitat quality scoring have been completed and presented in the draft OAMP submitted to DCCEEW for review (in accordance with requirements of Condition 5 below).
5	The approval holder must submit an OAMP prepared by a Suitably Qualified Ecologist to the department three months after the commencement of the action for the written approval of the Minister. The approval holder must not commission until the OAMP	Compliant	 The draft OAMP was submitted to DCCEEW via email dated 07.07.2022, which is 3 months from the commencement of the action (07.04.2022). The draft OAMP was prepared by a Suitably Qualified Ecologist as demonstrated in section 15 of the draft OAMP. The OAMP was approved by DCCEEW on 2 July 2024.



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	has been approved in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must implement the approved OAMP.		
6	The OAMP must include: a. a summary of the residual impacts to protected matters that will be compensated for by the offset. This summary must include the area(s) of habitat for protected matters and its condition and quality at all impact sites which the particular offset is to address; a. a table of commitments made in the OAMP to achieve the ecological benefits for relevant protected matters, and a reference to where the commitments are detailed in the OAMP;	Compliant	 Each of these items have been addressed in the OAMP. The OAMP was approved by DCCEEW on 2 July 2024.
	b. a description of the offset site(s), including location, size, condition, environmental values present and surrounding land uses;		
	 c. baseline data, including results from field validation surveys, and quantifiable ecological data on site habitat quality, and other supporting evidence, that documents: i. that suitable habitat for each EPBC Act listed threatened species will be present within the offset site(s); ii. the quality and condition of habitat for each EPBC Act listed threatened species within the offset site(s); iii. the presence of Koala individuals within the offset site(s); iv. iv. the presence of Greater Glider within the offset site(s) or within the home-range of Greater Glider in adjacent, connected Greater Glider habitat; and v. the nature and extent of any weeds and feral animals at the offset site(s). d. an assessment of site habitat quality for each habitat feature; 		



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	e.	details of how the offset site(s) will provide connectivity with		
		habitat features outside the offset site/s and biodiversity		
		corridors for each EPBC Act listed threatened species;		
	f.	maps and shapefiles that clearly define the location and		
		boundaries of the offset site(s), accompanied by offset		
		attributes;		
	g.	specific offset completion criteria derived from the site		
		habitat quality scores to demonstrate the improvement in the		
		quality of habitat for each EPBC Act listed threatened species		
		within the offset site(s) over the period of effect of this		
		approval to the satisfaction of the Minister;		
	h.	details of the management actions, and timeframes for		
		implementation, to be undertaken to achieve the offset		
		completion criteria, including but not limited to;		
		i. control of grazing stock within the offset site(s);		
		vi. control of grazing within riparian zones of the offset		
		site(s); vii. establishment of the typical range of tree species		
		vii. establishment of the typical range of tree species native to the Nandewar Bioregion, in particular local		
		Eucalyptus species;		
		viii. measures to protect juvenile trees from grazing by		
		native and invasive species;		
		ix. weed and feral animal management; and		
		x. a commitment to maintain or improve the key habitat		
		features within the offset sites(s) for the duration of		
		the approval.		
	i.	interim milestones that set targets at 5-yearly intervals for		
		progress towards achieving the offset completion criteria;		
	j.	details of the nature, timing and frequency of monitoring to		
		report progress against achieving the 5-yearly interim		
		milestones and maintaining improvements of site habitat		



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	quality. The frequency of monitoring must be sufficient to track progress towards each set of milestones, and sufficient to determine whether the environmental offset is likely to achieve those milestones in adequate time to implement all necessary corrective actions;		
	 k. timing for the submission of interim monitoring reports which provide evidence demonstrating whether the interim milestones and offset completion criteria are likely to be achieved and subsequently have been achieved; 		
	timing for the implementation of corrective actions if monitoring activities indicate the interim milestones are unlikely to be, or have not been, achieved;		
	m. a risk analysis and a risk management and mitigation strategy for all risks to the successful implementation of the OAMP and timely achievement of the offset completion criteria, including a rating of all initial and post-mitigation residual risks in accordance with the risk assessment matrix;		
	n. evidence of how the management actions and corrective actions take into account relevant approved conservation advices and are consistent with relevant recovery plans and threat abatement plans and where applicable, other relevant documents; and		
	o. details of the legal mechanism for securing the environmental offset, such that legal security remains in force over the offset site(s) for at least the period of effect of this approval.		
7	11	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; the timeframe has not elapsed.



Conc	lition	Compliance Designation	Evidence / Comments
8	The offset completion criteria as specified in the approved OAMP must be achieved within 20 years of the commencement of the action and then be maintained or exceeded for the duration of the approval. The approval holder must regularly analyse the results of monitoring so as to be able to anticipate any likely failure to achieve the interim milestones and completion criteria and, so as to avoid such failure, promptly propose improved or additional management measures and/or offset site(s) in one or more revised versions of the OAMP and seek Minister approval of any such revised OAMP.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; the offset criteria timeframe has not elapsed.
9	If the offset completion criteria specified in the approved OAMP are not met within 20 years of the commencement of the action, the approval holder must, within 10 business days of the 20th anniversary of the commencement of the action: a. notify the department which offset completion criteria have not been met, by how much, and the likely cause(s) of the completion criteria not being met; and b. submit to the department within 4 months of the 20th anniversary of the commencement of the action a Supplementary Offset Area Management Plan (SOAMP) for the approval of the Minister.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; the offset criteria timeframe has not elapsed.
10	If required under condition 9, the SOAMP must detail the additional and revised management measures and/or offset site(s) that will be implemented and offset site(s)secured to compensate, to the satisfaction of the Minister, for the non-achievement of offset completion criteria specified in the approved OAMP.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; the offset criteria timeframe has not elapsed.
11	The approval holder must secure any offset site(s) specified in the approved SOAMP within 12 months of the date that the SOAMP is approved in writing by the Minister. The approved SOAMP must be attached to the legal mechanism used to secure the offset site(s) specified in the approved SOAMP.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; the offset criteria timeframe has not elapsed.



Cond	Condition Compliance Designation Evidence / Comments		Evidence / Comments
12	The approval holder must notify the department within 5 business days of the mechanism to secure each offset site having been executed.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; the offset mechanism is yet to be executed as the OAMP is pending approval.
Matt	For the protection of the EPBC Act listed threatened species the approval holder must submit to the department a MNES Management Plan for the written approval of the Minister prior to commissioning. The MNES Management Plan must be prepared in accordance with the department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines. The approval holder must not commence commissioning until the MNES Management Plan has been approved in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must implement the approved MNES Management Plan for the duration of the approval.	Compliant / Not applicable	 The MNES Management Plan (MMP) has been developed and is being implemented. The MMP was submitted for approval on 20 December 2023 prior to commissioning. After receiving DCCEEW feedback on 31 May 2024, the MMP was resubmitted 5 June 2024.
14	The MNES Management Plan must ensure that impacts to EPBC Act listed threatened species do not exceed the clearance limits specified in condition 1 and that indirect impacts to EPBC Act listed threatened species are avoided and mitigated to the greatest possible extent, and include: a. characterisation and estimation of the extent of all indirect impacts of the action, b. details of the measures (including habitat rehabilitation) that will be undertaken in the project area to avoid and mitigate impacts, including indirect impacts, on EPBC Act listed threatened species and their habitat during clearing, construction, operation and decommissioning, including but not limited to: i. the measures specified in Attachment H1 for the duration of construction; and ii. the measures specified in Attachment H2 for the duration of the approval.	Compliant	 Refer to response to Condition 1 MNES habitat clearance limits. The MMP addresses the listed items, a summary of how each of the listed items is addressed is provided in Table 2.1 of the MMP.



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	 details of the specific timing of implementation, frequency and duration of the measures to be implemented, including the measures specified in Attachments H1 and H2; 		
	d. specification of interim milestones and completion criteria for habitat rehabilitation,		
	e. details of the nature, timing and frequency of monitoring to ensure that impacts to protected matters do not exceed the clearance limits and that interim milestones and completion criteria for habitat rehabilitation are likely to be achieved and subsequently are achieved;		
	f. timing for the submission to the department of reports of monitoring outcomes;		
	g. triggers and timing for the implementation of corrective actions if interim milestones and completion criteria are unlikely to be achieved;		
	h. risk analysis and a risk management and mitigation strategy for all risks to the successful implementation of the MNES Management Plan, including a rating of all initial and postmitigation residual risks in accordance with the risk assessment matrix; and		
	 evidence of how the measures and corrective actions take into account relevant approved conservation advices and are consistent with relevant recovery plans and threat abatement plans. 		
15	The measures detailed in Attachment H1 and Attachment H2 must be implemented from the commencement of the action.	Compliant	Assessment provided within this table (see below).
Macro	zamia conferta Translocation Management	•	
16	For the protection of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals, the approval holder must, prior to the action having any impact to <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> , submit to the department, for the written approval of the	Compliant	■ The MTMP was prepared by a Suitably Qualified Field Ecologist, submitted and approved by DCCEEW on 13.05.2022, prior to the first <i>M. conferta</i> translocation recorded on 23.06.2022.



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		Designation	
	Minister, a Macrozamia conferta Translocation Management Plan (MTMP). The MTMP must be prepared by a Suitably Qualified Field Ecologist. The approval holder must ensure that the action has no impact on any Macrozamia conferta individual until the MTMP has been approved by the Minister in writing. The approval holder must implement the MTMP approved by the Minister.		
Impa	ct Site assessment		
17	To determine the extent of the impacts to <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> within the Project Footprint prior to clearance of any <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> , the MTMP must include the findings of pre-clearance surveys for <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> undertaken across the entire Project Footprint to identify the number and size of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals that cannot be avoided by the action.	Compliant	■ The findings of pre-clearance surveys are provided in section 5.1 of the MTMP.
Trans	location site assessment		
18	The MTMP must include an assessment of a proposed <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> translocation site that: a. includes a description of the translocation site, including location, size, condition, environmental values present and surrounding land uses; b. includes baseline data, including results from field validation surveys, and quantifiable ecological data on site habitat quality, and other supporting evidence, that documents the quality of habitat for <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> within the translocation recipient site; c. includes information about the numbers, age classes and density of any <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals present in the translocation recipient site; d. evidence that the location of the translocation recipient site will enable maintenance of gene flow between <i>Macrozamia</i>	Compliant	■ Table 2.1 of the MTMP outlines how each of the items required by this condition are addressed by the plan.



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Trans	other established <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> populations in the surrounding area; and e. includes information about the presence and abundance of suitable pollinator species for <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> both in and around the translocation recipient site		
19	The MTMP must include a translocation program for <i>Macrozamia</i> conferta individuals that will be impacted by the action that	Compliant	■ Table 2.1 of the MTMP outlines how this condition has been met.
	produces, within 20 years of the commencement of the action, a long-term viable population that is equal to or greater than the original population of <i>M. conferta</i> impacted by the action and maintains or improves this outcome for the duration of the approval.		
20	The Macrozamia conferta translocation program must:		
	 be in accordance with the Guidelines for translocation of threatened plants; 		
	 specify the procedure for the translocation of <i>Macrozamia</i> conferta to areas outside of the impact areas suitable for their survival; 		
	 c. be undertaken by a Suitably Qualified Field Ecologist; d. record the location of translocated <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals; 		
	e. specify ongoing management procedures to enable the re- establishment of translocated <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals, including adaptive management strategies to ensure potential risks and threats are managed;		
	f. specify ongoing management procedures to ensure the success of the <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> translocation program;		



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	 g. specify the monitoring and record keeping processes of the translocation program to ensure easily replicable and consistent data collection; and h. specify translocation completion criteria for achieving no net loss of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> impacted by the action over the period of effect of this approval. 		
Propo	gation of Macrozamia conferta		
21	The MTMP must commit to a program of propagation of seedlings to replace or exceed the number of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals impacted by the action that do not survive for at least twenty years after translocation.	Compliant	 Proposed propagation and cultivation methods for seedlings to replace or exceed the number impacted are provided in section 9.3 of the MTMP.
22	 The program specified in the MTMP for propagating Macrozamia conferta individuals within the translocation recipient site must: a. specify the minimum number of Macrozamia conferta that will be propagated or how the number will be determined to achieve the requirement of condition 21; b. specify the seed collection procedure for propagation and how this method will not impact adversely on the viability of the existing Macrozamia conferta population; c. specify the propagation procedure; d. specify ongoing management procedures for propagated Macrozamia conferta individuals; e. be able to record where Macrozamia conferta seedlings are planted within the translocation site; f. specify the monitoring and record keeping processes of the seedling propagation program to ensure easily replicable and consistent data collection; and g. specify the seedling propagation and planting completion criteria for achieving no net loss of Macrozamia conferta 	Compliant	■ Table 2.1 of the MTMP outlines how these conditions have been met.



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	impacted by the action within 20 years of the commencement of the action and then maintained or improve that outcome over the period of effect of this approval.		
23	If the requirement of condition 21 is not met within 20 years of the commencement of the action, the approval holder must: a. within 10 business days of the 20th anniversary of the commencement of the action, notify the department of this, specifying the number of Macrozamia conferta individuals required to meet the requirement of condition 21, and b. within 3 months of the 20th anniversary of the commencement of the action, submit to the department for the approval of the Minister a supplementary translocation management plan for Macrozamia conferta that details the additional and/or revised management measures that will be implemented to compensate for the failed translocation outcome and submit it if the translocation outcome has not been met.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; the 20-year translocation timeframe has not elapsed.
24	If a supplementary translocation management plan for <i>Macrozamia</i> conferta is required under condition 23, the approval holder must implement the supplementary translocation management plan for <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> approved by the Minister in writing. The Minister may, after giving due notice to the approval holder, include in the approved supplementary translocation management plan for <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> measures different from those included in the draft submitted by the approval holder.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; supplementary translocation plan has not been initiated.
25	To determine the likely effectiveness of the management actions in the approved MTMP to translocate <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals impacted by the action, the approval holder must engage a Suitably Qualified Field Ecologist to undertake, within every twelve months	Compliant	A Macrozamia conferta Translocation Monitoring Report has been prepared (13 May 2024) and will be reviewed by a Suitably Qualified Field Ecologist to assess the effectiveness of management actions undertaken in the second 12 months of MTMP implementation in accordance with requirements outlined in Condition 26.



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	for the first five years following the date on which the Minister first approved the MTMP and subsequently by every fifth anniversary the date on which the Minister first approved the MTMP until the number of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals impacted by the action that survive for at least twenty years after translocation exceeds the number of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals impacted by the action, an assessment of the effectiveness of the management actions in the approved MTMP.		■ The first Macrozamia conferta Translocation Monitoring Report is available on the project website https://www.acciona.com.au/macintyre/epbc-documentation/
26	The approval holder must ensure that each assessment of the effectiveness of the management actions in the approved MTMP is: a. subject to a peer-review completed within 6 months of the completion each such assessment; and b. published on its website with the findings of the peer-review within 6 months of the completion of the peer-review and remains published for the remaining duration of this approval.	Compliant	 The due dates for the second <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> Translocation Monitoring Report peer review and publishing (13 November 2024 and 13 May 2025 respectively) have not elapsed. The first <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> Translocation Monitoring Report including the peer review is available on the project website https://www.acciona.com.au/macintyre/epbc-documentation/
27	The translocation site for <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> must be identified and secured prior to the removal or translocation of any <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> individuals.	Compliant	 An executed deed of agreement securing the <i>M. conferta</i> translocation recipient site was provided to DCCEEW via email on 17.06.2022. <i>M. conferta</i> translocation data records the first translocation as having occurred 23.06.2022.
Macr	ozamia conferta research		
28	The approval holder must commission a <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> research project that is not inconsistent with the Queensland Herbarium's 2007 National multi-species recovery plan for the cycads and Commonwealth statutory documentation to increase knowledge of the specific translocation requirements of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> and to increase understanding of other aspects of the ecology and biology of <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> including, but not limited to, habitat requirements, relationships with pollinators and factors that promote <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> dispersal.	Compliant	The Macrozamia conferta Research Project Plan was submitted to DCCEEW via email on 17.08.2022. The Macrozamia conferta Research Project Plan was submitted to DCCEEW via email on 17.08.2022.



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29	Within 12 months of the date of this approval, the approval holder must submit a <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> research project plan to the department. The <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> research project must be developed by a Suitably Qualified Researcher and run for a minimum of 2 years.	Compliant	 The <i>M. conferta</i> Research Project Plan was submitted to DCCEEW via email on 17.08.2022. The <i>M. conferta</i> Research Project will be carried out by senior researchers from the University of Queensland (UQ). Qualifications of the research team, satisfying the 'Suitably Qualified Researcher' requirement as defined by the Approval, are provided in Table 2.3 of the <i>M. conferta</i> Research Project Plan. The research schedule (defined in section 2.2 of the <i>M. conferta</i> research Project Plan) runs for a period of 28 months.
30	The approval holder must not impact <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> as part of the action until: a. contracts have been signed and exchanged between a Suitably Qualified Researcher and the approval holder committing both parties to the research project; b. funding for at least the first full year of the research project has been agreed upon between a Suitably Qualified Researcher and the approval holder and provided to the Suitably Qualified Researcher by the approval holder; c. evidence that conditions 30(a) and 30(b) have been complied with is provided to the department in writing; and	Compliant	 Signed contracts committing UQ and AE to M. conferta Research Project delivery and evidence of funding for the first full year was submitted to DCCEEW via email on 17.06.2022. M. conferta translocation data records the first translocation as having occurred 23.06.2022.
	d. the approval holder must provide a report to the department describing the work undertaken and progress towards achieving the objectives of the <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> research project within 60 business days of each anniversary of the commencement of the action or an alternative date agreed to by the department until 24 months after all parts of the <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> research project have been completed.	Not applicable	 A report describing work undertaken to progress the objectives of the <i>Macrozamia conferta</i> research Project will be provided to DCCEEW by 5 July 2024 as per the timing requirements of this condition. The report for the first 12 months of progress was issued to DCCEEW via email 4 July 2023.
	3 – Standard administrative conditions cation of date of commencement of the action		



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31	The approval holder must notify the department in writing of the date of commencement of the action within 10 business days after the date of commencement of the action.	Compliant	 The action commenced 10.05.2022, notification of date of commencement was made by email dated 11.05.2022.
32	If the commencement of the action does not occur within 5 years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not commence the action without the prior written agreement of the Minister.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; the action has commenced.
Com	pliance Records		
33	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records.	Compliant	Records are maintained and can be provided upon request.
34	If the department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the department within the timeframe specified in the request.	Not applicable	■ Requirement not triggered; a request has not been made.
the	e: Compliance records may be subject to audit by the department or an conditions. Summaries of the result of an audit may be published on the nission and publication of plans		uditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, and or used to verify compliance with website or through the general media
35	The approval holder must: a. submit plans electronically to the department b. unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, publish each plan on the website within 20 business days of: i. the date the plan is approved by the Minister ii. the date of this approval, if the version of the plan to be implemented is specified in this approval, or iii. the date a Macrozamia conferta research project plan, MNES Management Plan or revised action management plan is submitted to the Minister or the department,	Compliant	 The following plans have been submitted via email to DCCEEW and published on the AE Project website (at: https://www.acciona.com.au/macintyre/epbc-documentation/? adin=02021864894) in accordance with this condition: Macrozamia conferta Research Project Plan: submitted 17.08.2022, published 19.08.2022. Macrozamia conferta Translocation Management Plan: approved 13.05.2022, published 23.05.2022. OAMP: approved 5.07.2024, published 24.07.2024 Publication timeframes for the remainder of the plans required have not been triggered.
	c. exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or provided to a member of the public		



d. keep plans published on the website until the end date of this approval. 36 The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (1) Requirement not triggered; the submission of mon	_
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(including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under plans and conditions of this approval, is prepared in accordance with the department's Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data (2018) and submitted electronically to the department in accordance with the requirements of the plans.	
Annual Compliance reporting	
The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action, or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must: a. publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the relevant 12 month period b. notify the department by email that a compliance report has been published on the website and provide the weblink for the compliance report within 5 business days of the date of publication c. keep all compliance reports publicly available on the website until this approval expires d. exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance report to the department within 5 business days of publication. The first annual compliance report was published as the first annual compliance report was published. The first annual compliance report was published as the first annual compliance was published as the first annual compliance report was published as the first annual compliance was published. The first annual compliance was published as the first annual compliance was published as the first annual compliance was published and the first annual compliance was published. The first	umentation/?_adin=02021864894) lowing the date of commencement ithin 5 business days of the date of
Note: Compliance reports may be published on the department's website. Reporting non-compliance	



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38	The approval holder must notify the department in writing of any: incident; non-compliance with the conditions; or non-compliance with the commitments made in plans. The notification must be given as soon as practicable, and no later than 2 business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance. The notification must specify: a. any condition which is or may be in breach b. a short description of the incident and/or non-compliance c. the location (including co-ordinates), date, and time of the incident and/or non-compliance. In the event the exact information cannot be provided, provide the best information available.	Not applicable	 Not triggered; no reportable incidents occurred during the reporting period The administrative non-compliance recorded against this condition in the first annual compliance report is being corrected by DCCEEW.
39	The approval holder must provide to the department the details of any incident or non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in plans as soon as practicable and no later than 10 business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance, specifying: a. any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future b. the potential impacts of the incident or non-compliance c. the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.	Not Applicable	 Not triggered; no reportable incidents occurred during the reporting period The administrative non-compliance recorded against this condition in the first annual compliance report is being corrected by DCCEEW.
	pendent audit	1	
40	The approval holder must ensure that independent audits of compliance with the conditions are conducted as requested in writing by the Minister.	Not applicable	 Requirement not triggered; audit has not been requested.
41	For each independent audit, the approval holder must:	Not applicable	 Requirement not triggered; audit has not been requested.



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	 a. provide the name and qualifications of the independent auditor and the draft audit criteria to the department b. only commence the independent audit once the audit criteria have been approved in writing by the department c. submit an audit report to the department within the timeframe specified in the approved audit criteria. 		
42	The approval holder must publish the audit report on the website within 10 business days of receiving the department's approval of the audit report and keep the audit report published on the website until the end date of this approval.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; audit has not been requested.
Revisi	on of action management plans		
43	The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan approved by the Minister or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act. If the Minister approves a revised action management plan (RAMP) then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the RAMP in place of the previous action management plan.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; revision has not been made.
44	The approval holder may choose to revise an action management plan approved by the Minister under conditions 13 and 16, or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; revision has not been made.
45	If the approval holder makes the choice under condition 44 to revise an action management plan without submitting it for approval, the approval holder must:	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; revision has not been made.



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	 a. notify the department in writing that the approved action management plan has been revised and provide the department with: i. an electronic copy of the RAMP ii. an electronic copy of the RAMP marked up with track 		
	changes to show the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP iii. an explanation of the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP iv. the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact v. written notice of the date on which the approval holder will implement the RAMP (RAMP implementation date), being at least 20 business days after the date of providing notice of the revision of the action management plan, or a date agreed to in writing with the department. b. subject to condition 47, implement the RAMP from the RAMP implementation date.		
46	The approval holder may revoke its choice to implement a RAMP under condition 44 at any time by giving written notice to the department. If the approval holder revokes the choice under condition 44, the approval holder must implement the action management plan in force immediately prior to the revision undertaken under condition 44.	Not applicable	■ Requirement not triggered; revised action management plan has not been revoked.
47	If the Minister gives a notice to the approval holder that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would be likely to have a new or increased impact, then: a. condition 44 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the RAMP 15	Not applicable	Requirement not triggered; revision has not been made.



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	 the approval holder must implement the action management plan specified by the Minister in the notice 	Designation	
48	At the time of giving the notice under condition 47, the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time, condition 44 does not apply for one or more specified action management plans.	Not applicable.	Requirement not triggered; notice has not been given.
	e: conditions 44, 45, 46 and 47 are not intended to limit the operation o , at any time, to the Minister for approval.	f section 143A o	of the EPBC Act which allows the approval holder to submit a revised action management
Comp	letion of the action		
49	Within 30 days after the completion of the action, the approval holder must notify the department in writing and provide completion data.	Not applicable.	Requirement not triggered; action is not completed.
Attac	hment H1: Mitigation and management measures to be implemented o	luring construct	ion
1.1	Use existing tracks and locate proposed infrastructure within previously disturbed areas	Compliant	 Existing access tracks within the Project footprint have been used where possible reducing disturbances to MNES habitat.
			 New access tracks required for the action were positioned generally within the Project footprint (approved for clearing) where possible. Where areas of cultural or environmental significance were encountered, micro siting occurred to avoid values.
1.2	National sixting of infrastructure result has income accepted upon	Camanliant	No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period.
1.2	Micro-siting of infrastructure must be implemented upon commencement of the action to reduce the extent of clearing required to less than the areas specified in condition 1	Compliant	 The habitat clearing limits identified in Condition 1 have not been exceeded. No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period.
1.3	Areas identified for clearance must be clearly defined and detailed in site inductions.	Compliant	 No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period. Areas identified for clearance clearly defined and detailed in Vegetation Disturbance Permits which are tool-boxed by the Principal Contractor's Site Environmental Representative and signed off on by all employees involved in clearance activities. Areas for vegetation clearance / retention physically demarcated on site using flagging and barricading where necessary.
1.4	Where infrastructure must cross waterways, areas of existing disturbance, if available, must be used. Where areas of existing disturbance for crossing waterways do not exist, the project	Compliant	 No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period. Existing access tracks were prioritised where not conflicting with Cultural Heritage restrictions.



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	footprint must be minimised, and large habitat trees and their surrounding native vegetation must be retained.		 Regular assurance conducted through clearing activities by both Powerlink, the Principal Contractor and their subcontractors to ensure no unauthorised clearing. Transmission line design early works undertaken to span over riparian areas wherever possible. Installation of new or upgraded waterway crossings undertaken in adherence to the Queensland Government document 'Accepted Development Requirements for operational work that is constructing or raising waterway barrier works'.
1.5	Pre-clearance surveys must be undertaken to identify any threatened flora or fauna within the vicinity of the clearing footprint.	Compliant	 No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period. Pre-clearance surveys required by associated Species Management Plan MIP-MIWF-AE-ENV-PER-000-0002 were completed by independent environmental consultancy. Fauna Spotter Catchers were engaged to supervise all clearing activities.
1.6	A fauna spotter-catcher must be present during all habitat clearance activities, with the authority to cease habitat clearance for an appropriate timeframe where one or more protected matters could be impacted.	Compliant	No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period.
1.7	Sequential clearing to ensure that wildlife can safely move away from machinery to access adjacent or nearby habitat.	Compliant	 No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period. All previous vegetation clearing works undertaken under the supervision of independent Fauna Spotter catchers. 24 hour period between enforced between clearing of understory and identified habitat trees enforced through associated Species Management Plan MIP-MIWF-AE-ENV-PER-000-0002.
1.8	Relocation of fauna captured during clearing works to an appropriate nearby habitat area to be undertaken by a fauna spotter-catcher.	Compliant	 No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period. Licenced Fauna Spotter Catchers were present during all vegetation clearance. Fauna Spotter Catchers obligated to maintain Fauna Interaction Registers, documenting species encountered and any relocation undertaken.
1.9	Cleared vegetation and scraped soil is not to be pushed up against trees, stored against fence lines or within 50 metres (m) of waterways.	Compliant	 No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period. Cleared vegetation was mulched on site and utilised for erosion and sediment control. Cleared soil stockpiled adjacent to work fronts and stabilised / sediment controls installed where necessary. Where inspections have identified a risk, they have been reported and corrective actions were implemented as required.
1.10	Limit construction laydown areas and stockpiles to areas cleared or disturbed prior to the action.	Compliant	 No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period. All construction laydown areas sited within easement approved clearance footprint.



Conc	Condition		Evidence / Comments	
1.11	Rehabilitation of temporary infrastructure areas must be undertaken as soon as practicable after clearing and after these areas are no longer required for the action.	Designation Compliant	 Rehabilitation activities within the easement continued around exposed tower batters and disturbed sites. Mulching has been utilised in these areas to ensure cover. Many of these areas have juvenile vegetation growth. 	
1.12	Temporary exclusion fencing must be established around cleared areas in locations of high ecological sensitivity.	Compliant	 Temporary exclusion zones installed around incidental protected plant species (e.g. Macrozamia, Brachyscome). High-risk areas have been mapped within operators GIS systems. 	
1.13	Construction must cease during adverse weather conditions that have the potential to significantly increase dust, runoff or sedimentation.	Compliant	No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period.	
1.14	Declared weeds within the construction footprint will be treated or removed prior to the commencement of construction.	Compliant	 No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period. Full site pre-construction weed survey and associated mapping undertaken by independent ecological consultancy WSP prior to works commencing. Known 'Restricted' weeds identified within the construction footprint. Mechanical removal of weed species undertaken prior to construction. Avoidance of infested areas occurring where mechanical removal not practical. Post-construction weed surveys scheduled to identify areas where follow up herbicide treatment may be required. 	
1.15	No clearance in riparian zones other than that specified in this approval.	Compliant	 No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period. Spatial analysis of pre and post clearance LiDAR data confirms no unauthorised riparian clearance occurred. 	
1.16	Relevant State and Commonwealth authorities will be contacted immediately if approved clearing limits are exceeded.	Not Applicable	 Not triggered; clearing limits as per Condition 1 have not been exceeded. No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period. 	
1.17	Clearing and topsoil scraping will be staged and undertaken directly prior to the construction works for which they are required.	Compliant	No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period.	
1.18	Exposed soil will be stabilised with appropriate cover material.	Compliant	 Soil binder and mulch utilised for stabilisation prior to rehabilitation works commencing. Sediment controls installed where necessary. 	
1.19	On-site stockpiles will be located above potential flood extents, within close proximity to the project and covered, if the stockpiled material could be dispersed by rain or wind.	Compliant	 All stockpiles within approved Project Area. No stockpiles observed within known flood areas. Soil binder and mulch utilised on dispersal-prone stockpiled materials. 	
1.20	Clearing will only occur during daylight hours.	Compliant	No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period.	
1.21	All temporary fencing will be removed promptly after works are	Compliant	 Temporary fencing installed around protected plant species to be removed following 	



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1.22	To avoid potentially blocking the movement of Koalas, temporary infrastructure must be located outside areas used by Koalas for linear connectivity.	Compliant	 Temporary Batch Plant and Satellite Site Offices the only temporary infrastructure installed during OHTL scope of works. Infrastructure placed in previously cleared areas outside of mapped koala habitat. 	
1.23	"Clearing of Koala habitat trees must be carried out in the following way to ensure not more than the following is cleared in any one stage: — For a clearing site with an area of 6 ha or less — 50 percent of the site's area. — For a clearing site with an area of more than 6 ha — 3 ha or three percent of the site's area, whichever is the greater. — Ensuring that between each stage and the next there is at least one period of 12 hours starting at 6 p.m. on a day and ending at 6 a.m. on the following day during which no trees are cleared on the site."	Compliant	 No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period. Pre-clearance surveys demarcating all habitat features (hollows, stags, termite mounds, peeling bark, nests etc.) carried out by independent Ecologists prior to works commencing. On-site vegetation clearance procedure requires ground truthing of area to be cleared directly prior to clearance by Fauna Spotter Catchers and all habitat features to be checked, with any additional habitat features marked. All non-habitat bearing vegetation is cleared and habitat-bearing vegetation is left for 24 hours to allow for fauna migration. 	
1.24	No Koala habitat tree in which a Koala is present, and no Koala habitat tree with a crown overlapping a tree in which a Koala is present, is to be cleared.	Compliant	 No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period. Licenced Fauna Spotter Catchers present during all vegetation clearance. Any koalas identified within the clearing area were allowed to relocate of their own volition prior to clearing. 	
Greate	er Glider	1		
1.25	All potential denning trees that are to be impacted must be clearly marked.	Compliant	 No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period. Pre-clearance surveys required by associated Species Management Plan MIP-MIWF-AE-ENV-PER-000-0002 completed by independent environmental consultants. Fauna Spotter Catchers supervised all clearing activities. 	
1.26	All potential den trees must be inspected for EPBC Act listed threatened species prior to clearing.	Compliant	 No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period. Licenced Fauna Spotter Catchers present during all vegetation clearance. Fauna Spotter Catchers obligated to maintain Fauna Interaction Registers documenting species encountered and any relocation undertaken. 	
1.27	Techniques to encourage Greater Gliders to leave hollows must be used prior to removal of the tree, including tapping trees and using spotlights. If Greater Gliders are potentially present, trees must be dismantled in sections.	Compliant	 No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period. Licenced Fauna Spotter Catchers undertake surveys directly prior to all vegetation clearance Fauna Spotter Catchers obligated to maintain Fauna Interaction Registers documenting species encountered and any relocation undertaken. 	



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1.28	Warning signs must be erected on all tracks that intersect locations in which Squatter Pigeon has been confirmed present.	Compliant	 Warning signs and associated speed limits observed as present in all Squatter Pigeon locations. 	
1.30	Areas of habitat for the Squatter Pigeon must be flushed for Squatter Pigeon individuals immediately prior to clearing.	Compliant	No clearing was undertaken during the reporting period.	
Attac	hment H2: Mitigation and management measures to be implemented f	or the duration	of the approval	
2.1	A maximum speed limit of 60 km/hr must apply to all vehicles using access roads and tracks.	Compliant	 Warning signs and associated speed limits observed as present in all Squatter Pigeon locations – 40km/h enforced. Powerlink enforce a 40 km/h limit on vehicles traveling on easement access tracks. 	
2.2	Vehicle access must be restricted to within the project footprint and existing access routes.	Compliant	Approved access shown on Environmental Work Plans.No known breaches reported.	
2.3	Artificial site lighting must be kept to the minimum required for safety. Lighting beams must be directed downwards or use shields and baffles to limit light spill beyond the area that requires lighting.	Compliant	Requirements for artificial lighting are captured in the project VFMP.	
2.4	Refuelling must not be undertaken within 50 metres of any waterway or retained habitat.	Compliant	Requirement covered in Contractor's procedures.No known breaches reported.	
2.5	Storage of fuels, chemicals, wastes and other potentially environmentally hazardous substances must be bunded or otherwise contained in areas away from waterways and retained habitat.	Compliant	 All chemical storage restricted to compound area. On site satellite laydown areas located on cleared easement and away from waterways and remnant habitat. Laydown areas used for waste and for building materials storage only. 	
2.6	The prevalence of weeds and feral animals identified as threats to the EPBC Act listed threatened species must be kept at less than the prevalence of weeds and feral animals prior to commencement of the action	Compliant	 The stated weed and pest management measures are required by Project VFMP Weed and pest management is captured by Project environmental inspection checklists. Inspection records generated during the reporting period indicate general compliance with weed management requirements. Information pertaining to invasive weeds is collected during pre-clearance surveys. Pre-clearance survey reports provide maps and a weed register recording weed species, location and abundance. AE has engaged specialist services to develop and deliver a feral animal management program for the Project. 	
2.7	Grazing must be limited to prevent grazing degradation of vegetation within all riparian zones.	Compliant	 Rehabilitation activities within the easement continued around exposed tower batters and disturbed sites. Mulching has been utilised in these areas to ensure cover. Many of these areas have juvenile vegetation growth. 	



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2.8	Fire management to prevent high intensity and frequent fires must be implemented.	Compliant	 A bushfire management plan is in place for the Project which includes the preventative measures stated within the MMP. Bushfire hazard reduction burns (controlled burns) were undertaken within approved Offset Area.
2.9	A register of Squatter Pigeon sightings must be maintained and used to identify and inform all persons on site of areas that have a higher risk of vehicle collision and the need to be alert to risk of vehicle collision with Squatter Pigeon and drive slowly to prevent vehicle collision with Squatter Pigeon.	Compliant	 Sightings of squatter pigeons are maintained within the fauna spotter catcher preclearance surveys and post clearance reporting (if sighted). Signage is installed at locations where sightings have occurred to inform site personnel of collision risk.



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5. DECLARATION OF ACCURACY

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

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