

Attachment 13 – Review of Submissions Received During Initial Consultation

SUBMITTER	SUMMARY OF ISSUES	RESPONSES/ACTIONS	REFERENCE IN IAR
<p>Venessa Francis, A/Policy Officer, Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit, Natural Resources & Water. <i>Email dated 21 December 2007.</i></p>	<p>ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE</p> <p>No Aboriginal cultural heritage is recorded on the Cultural Heritage Database or Register in the specific search area. However it is probable that the absence of recorded Aboriginal cultural heritage places reflects a lack of previous cultural heritage surveys of the area.</p> <p>All significant Aboriginal cultural heritage in Queensland is protected under the <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i>, and penalty provisions apply for any unauthorised harm. Under the legislation a person carrying out an activity must take all reasonable and practical measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage.</p> <p>Aboriginal cultural heritage, which may occur on the subject property, is protected under the terms of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 even if Natural Resources & Water has no records relating to it.</p>	<p>An Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment was undertaken to identify matters which may need to be addressed by the project. A site visit was undertaken with representatives of Jagera Daran Pty Ltd and a preliminary report was compiled by archaeologist Angela D. Holden (May 2007).</p> <p>A Cultural Heritage Management Plan will be developed in association with Jagera Daran Pty Ltd prior to commencement of works on the site in order to satisfy the 'Duty of Care Guidelines' under the <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i>.</p>	<p>Refer 10.1 Historical & Cultural Heritage & Native Title</p>
<p>Helen Kerr, A/Principal Advisor (Planning),</p>	<p>TRANSPORT PLANNING</p> <p>Queensland Transport has reviewed the assessment report "Initial Assessment Report</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>Integrated Transport Planning, Queensland Transport. <i>Letter dated 14 January 2008.</i></p>	<p>– Gatton Correctional Precinct” against the criteria that would normally be used by QT under its jurisdiction, namely the increased integration between land use and transport (s8A of the <i>Transport Planning and Coordination Act 1994</i>). Following this review QT advises that the Department has no requirements on the above proposal.</p>		
<p>Kerri Milner, A/Manager, SEQ Planning Southern Region, Environmental Protection Agency. <i>Letter dated 14 January 2008.</i></p>	<p>FLORA & FAUNA VALUES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site is located within the Regional Landscape and Rural Production Area under the <i>South East Queensland Regional Plan 2005-2026</i> (SEQ Regional Plan). Policy 2.1.1 of the SEQ Regional Plan requires the protection, management and enhancement of the region’s nature conservation and biodiversity values and supporting ecological processes, including areas of state, regional and local biodiversity significance. Due to the significant biodiversity values over the area, and the presence of endangered Regional Ecosystems identified and referred to in section 10.3 of the Gatton Correctional Precinct Initial Assessment Report, the development footprint should be located to avoid or minimise impact on remnant vegetation. 	<p>Please refer to Attachment 15 which is a response by Cardno Pty Ltd regarding the matters raised by EPA.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The EPA concurs with the recommendation provided by Natural Solutions Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd, that development and operational works could potentially be contained within cleared area. Lots 238 and 242 on CA31519 and CA31612 respectively, are largely devoid of any remnant vegetation and have limited biodiversity values.• The current site plan shows the proposed location of the correctional facility structure occurring primarily on the Western part of lot 240 on CA31519. However, the intended access road will intersect the wetland area displayed on the attached map (Attachment 1 of the letter). The EPA generally recommends that a 100m buffer should be maintained around wetland areas to ensure long-term viability of the wetland community and maintain ecological functioning and natural fluctuations of the wetland. As such, access tracks should be located and constructed to have a minimal effect on wetland areas, preferably by location outside such areas whilst maintaining a setback distance.• Similarly a setback of at least 100m from		
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	<p>the adjoining Lockyer Forest Reserve is recommended to limit any edge effects on biodiversity within the reserve. A buffered area is important in minimising the effects of noise and lighting disturbance both during and after construction phase of the correctional facilities and supporting infrastructure. Where possible, the effects of noise and lighting along the Forest Reserve boundary should be equal to or no greater than at pre-development ambient conditions. If necessary, a landscaped area buffering the Forest Reserve should be adopted to achieve to filter noise and lighting effects. Landscaping works should use locally native species that reflect the pre-clearing regional ecosystem, with preference given to endemic species. Plants should be of local preference where possible.</p>		
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