

Compliance Report

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Acronym definitions

Acronym	Definition
Biodiversity Assessment and Management	BAAM
Brisbane City Council	BCC
Coomera Connector Stage 1	CCS1
Central Queensland University	CQU
Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary	CWS
Department of Climate Change Energy and the Environment	DCCEEW
Department of Environment, Science and Innovation	DESI
Department of Transport and Main Roads	TMR
Endeavour Veterinary Ecology	EVE
<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>	EPBC Act
Fulton Hogan/Hull/McIllwain Joint Venture	FHHMJV
Greenridge Offset Area	GOA
Griffith University	GU
International Union for Conservation of Nature	IUCN
Koala Management Plan	KMP
Offset Area Management Plan	OAMP
Population Viability Analysis	PVA
Public Environmental Report	PER
Queensland Institute of Medical Research	QIMR
Queensland University of Technology	QUT
Rapid Antigen Test	RAT
Regional Ecosystem	RE
Revised Action Management Plan	RAMP
Tabooba Offset Area	TOA
Threatened Ecological Community	TEC
University of Southern Queensland	USQ
University of Sunshine Coast	USC
University of Sydney	USYD
University of Queensland	UQ
Water Quality Management Plan	WQMP

1. Description of activities

1.1 Background

The Coomera Connector will be a future six-lane motorway extending for approximately 45 kilometres from the Pacific Motorway (M1) / Logan Motorway (M6) interchange at Loganholme to Nerang-Broadbeach Road, Nerang (in proximity to the current Exit 71 on the M1). The Coomera Connector represents a significant investment for the Australian and Queensland governments; and is seen as a program investment to be delivered over 10-to-20-year timeframe. Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is planning to deliver the Coomera Connector in discrete and stand-alone sections which:

- contribute to the overall objectives for the Coomera Connector,
- suit the traffic demands and the availability of funding.

The highest priority section is a 16-kilometre section between Shipper Drive, Coomera and Nerang-Broadbeach Road, Nerang which is known as *Coomera Connector Stage 1, Queensland* (EPBC 2020/8646) (The Project).

The Australian and Queensland governments have jointly committed to building the initial aspects of the Project. The initial works comprises the construction of a four/six-lane divided motorway (future capacity for 6-lanes) between Coomera and Nerang with grade-separated connections to the local road network and an adjacent shared use path with connections to the local footpath network and the heavy and light rail stations. The Project has funding of \$3.03 billion at time of writing. The EPBC 2020/8646 approval date was 17 March 2023 and TMR has commenced main construction of the road as of 27 March 2023.

1.2 EPBC Act approval requirements

This compliance report has been prepared in accordance with condition 44 of the EPBC Act approval (2020/8646) which outlines all project conditions identified in the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) referral determination (EPBC 2020/8646) for the Coomera Connector Stage 1 and currently employed measures and evidence to demonstrate compliance with each of these conditions. On 17th February 2025, the Delegate of the Minister approved a variation to the EPBC Act Approval (2020/8646) which amended Condition 1 and resulted in the inclusion of condition 5A. The purpose of the variation was to amend the PER Boundary to allow for connections to existing infrastructure and public utilities.

Note that under condition 47e of these conditions, sensitive ecological data is to be excluded or redacted from compliance reports published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public, and therefore will not be included in this document.

Management plan conditions pertaining to environmental offsets and water quality management will be covered in sections 3 and 4 respectively.

The reporting period presented in this document is from 18 March 2024 to 17 March 2025.

2. Approval conditions

As per the Coomera Connector Stage 1, Queensland (2020/8646) EPBC Referral, the following section identifies approval conditions and current measures demonstrating compliance with the approval.

Table 1 EPBC approval conditions compliance table

Condition number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence/comments
1	The approval holder must not clear or construct outside of the development area as part of this Action	Compliant	Entirety of corridor has not yet been cleared. Current clearing areas are within the development area.
2	Within the development area, the approval holder must not clear or cause the functional loss of more than:		
2(a)	73.8 ha of koala habitat	Compliant	Vegetation retained on site. Significant storm event occurred on 25 December 2023 which resulted in damage to vegetation on and close to site which is still evident in 2025 (see Appendix A).
2(b)	68.756 ha of Grey-headed Flying-fox habitat	Compliant	Vegetation retained on site. Significant storm event occurred on 25 December 2023 which resulted in damage to vegetation on and close to site which is still evident in 2025 (see Appendix A).
2(c)	15.928 ha of Coastal Swamp Oak TEC	Compliant	Vegetation retained on site. Significant storm event occurred on 25 December 2023 which resulted in damage to vegetation on and close to site which is still evident in 2025 (see Appendix A).
3	To minimise the risk of injury or death to the Koala and Grey-headed Flying-fox within the development area, the approval holder must:		
3(a)	ensure that a suitably qualified fauna spotter catcher who is given sufficient authority to delay and/or cease any clearing and construction is present during all clearing, to ensure Koalas and Grey-headed Flying-foxes have safely vacated the area of works before the Koala habitat and Grey-headed Flying-fox habitat is cleared	Compliant	All fauna spotter/catchers working on the project are suitably qualified. Procedures are in place to ensure procedures are adhered to.
3(b)	clear only in accordance with the Nature Conservation (Koala) Conservation Plan 2017 (Qld), so as to allow Koalas to safely relocate out of any area to be cleared and into nearby appropriate areas of remaining Koala habitat, or be translocated as a last resort to areas of suitable Koala habitat	Compliant	Procedures are in place to ensure processes are adhered to. Koala Management Plan ensures all koalas within any area to be cleared are actively dispersed/relocated/translocated prior to clearing.
3(c)	install temporary or permanent Koala exclusion fencing around all areas of construction proposed within 150 metres of remaining Koala habitat, prior to the commencement of construction in that area, so as to prevent Koalas entering any area where construction is taking place	Compliant	Detailed in Environmental Management Plans and evidenced per internal inspection program.
3(d)	ensure temporary Koala exclusion fencing remains in place around any construction area that is within 150 metres of remaining Koala habitat, until all construction activities within that fenced area are completed, or until permanent Koala exclusion fencing is installed	Compliant	Detailed in Environmental Management Plans and evidenced per internal inspection program.

3(e)	implement safe movement solutions during construction, to ensure that the speed of all vehicles on construction roads in the development area where Koalas are likely to be present is no greater than 40 km/h at any time (except in an emergency and on existing roads), so as to minimise the risk to Koalas from vehicle strike	Compliant	Detailed in Environmental Management Plans and evidenced per internal inspection program.
3(f)	implement the Koala-sensitive Design Guidelines in all parts of the development area that are within 150 metres of remaining Koala habitat	Compliant	Detailed in Environmental Management Plans and Environmental Design Reports and evidenced per internal inspection program.
3(g)	ensure that any clearing or construction within 50 meters of a Grey-headed Flying-fox camp is conducted consistently with the Grey-headed Flying-fox mitigation standards	Compliant	One Grey-headed Flying-fox camp was located within 50m to the Central Package. However, regular monitoring of the camp by a Suitably Qualified Person identified that the camp was unused. No camps identified within 50m of the North package.
3(h)	prohibit people bringing dogs into the development area during clearing and construction, except where the dog is brought into the development area by the approval holder for the purposes of construction in a way that maintains the protection of the Koala	Compliant	Dogs are prohibited at all construction sites. Procedures are in place to ensure processes are adhered to.
4	To maintain Koala habitat connectivity so that Koalas can move through the development area and maintain breeding patterns, the approval holder must ensure that:		
4(a)	safe movement solutions or temporary safe movement solutions are implemented during construction, where their implementation during construction does not pose a risk to the Koala	Compliant	Koalas are excluded from site through the installation and maintenance of fauna exclusion fencing which undergo a rigorous approval process prior to their implementation. Additional safe movement solutions are not yet required during construction.
4(b)	any area of Koala movement as identified by the review required under condition 14(a) is only fragmented by construction for a maximum period of 2 Koala breeding seasons	Compliant	Two breeding seasons have not yet passed.
4(c)	safe movement solutions that facilitate Koala movement required by condition 14(d) are installed and accessible to Koalas on or before the maximum period of 2 Koala breeding seasons in any area of Koalas movement where construction is being undertaken	Compliant	Two breeding seasons have not yet passed.
4(d)	at minimum, all safe movement solutions required by condition 14(d) are installed and accessible to Koalas prior to opening the corresponding road for public access within the development area as part of this Action	Compliant	Roads have not been opened to the public.
5	To ensure the ongoing health and viability of the East-Coomera Koala Population and Parkwood-Coomababah Koala Population, the approval holder must:		
5(a)	fund and commence the Koala research within 2 years of the approval decision, and	Compliant	All proposed Koala research paid in full in June 2024.

5(b)	include in each Compliance Report a summary of the progress and any findings of each project of the Koala research at least until the end of year 10.	Compliant	Summary of research progress can be viewed in Appendix B Detailed reports on all unpublished findings have been provided to DCCEE and redacted from public viewing.
5A)	To mitigate the impact of earthworks and bridge construction on the Nerang River floodplain, the approval holder must:		
5A) a)	undertake mitigation measures, including landform reinstatement and rehabilitation of the rehabilitation area	Not applicable	No works have commenced within the rehabilitation area.
5A) b)	monitor water quality in the Nerang River downstream of any mitigation measures involving earthworks prior to, during and after any earthworks being conducted,	Not applicable	No works have commenced within the rehabilitation area.
5A) c)	implement erosion and sediment controls to ensure there are no measurable impacts to water quality of the Nerang River or the Moreton Bay Ramsar wetland arising from the Action or mitigation measures, and	Not applicable	No works have commenced within the rehabilitation area.
5A) d)	ensure that all revegetation plantings use local native plant species that improve habitat quality and habitat connectivity for protected matters.	Not applicable	No works have commenced within the rehabilitation area.
6	To maintain the quality of retained Coastal Swamp Oak TEC within 30 m of clearing and/or construction as a result of this Action, the approval holder must:		
6(a)	Ensure that the quality and/or extent of retained Coastal Swamp Oak TEC within 30 m of clearing and/or construction does not degrade due to impacts attributable to this Action	Compliant	Vegetation retained on site. Construction Contractor's Environmental Management Plans are implemented during construction to manage indirect impacts. Significant storm event occurred on 25 December 2023 which resulted in damage to vegetation on and close to site and is still evident in 2025 (see Appendix A).
6(b)	engage an independent suitably qualified expert to:		
6(bi)	assess and document the quality and extent of Coastal Swamp Oak TEC to be retained within 30 m of clearing and/or construction, prior to the commencement of clearing and/or construction within 30 m of Coastal Swamp Oak TEC.	Compliant	Report completed by BAAM on 05/04/2023 - "Coastal Swamp Oak TEC condition Monitoring February 2023 Coomera Connector Stage 1". See Appendix E.
6(bii)	at least once each calendar year following the commencement of clearing and/or construction within 30 m of retained Coastal Swamp Oak TEC, and continuing for at least two calendar years after clearing and/or construction within 30 m of retained Coastal Swamp Oak TEC, assess and document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the quality and extent of retained Coastal Swamp Oak TEC within 30 m of clearing and/or construction, and any degradation in quality and/or extent of retained Coastal Swamp Oak TEC within 30 m of clearing and/or construction, that is attributable to this Action. 	Compliant	Annual assessment undertaken in May – August 2024. Report completed by Ausecology on 30/08/2024 – "Coomera Connector - Threatened Ecological Community Assessments ". See Appendix E.

6(biii)	provide a report of the assessment required by condition 6(b)(ii) to the approval holder by 1 February of each calendar year following the undertaking of such assessment.	Compliant	Annual assessment submitted to TMR on 30 th August 2024
7	If a report by the independent suitably qualified expert documents any degradation in the quality and/or extent of retained Coastal Swamp Oak TEC that is attributable to this Action, within 20 business days of receiving the report required by 6(b)(iii), write to the department noting the outcome and providing a copy of the report to the department.	Not applicable	No degradation in quality and/or extent in retained Coastal Swamp Oak TEC has been attributed to the Project. Significant storm event occurred on 25 December 2023 which resulted in damage to vegetation on and close to site (see Appendix A).
8	To compensate for any additional significant residual impact to the Coastal Swamp Oak TEC identified in condition 7, within 6 months of receiving the report required by 6(b)(iii), the approval holder must submit to the department for the Minister's approval a revised OAMP-TOA&GOA that identifies an additional environmental offset(s) that meets the requirements of the EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy to the satisfaction of the Minister.	Not applicable	No additional significant residual impacts to Coastal Swamp Oak TEC have been attributed to the Project.
9	To compensate for the loss of up to 73.8 ha of Koala habitat, up to 15.928 ha of Coastal Swamp Oak TEC and up to 68.756 ha of Grey-headed Flying-fox habitat, the approval holder must:		
9(a)	Legally secure a minimum of 313.38 ha of land within the Tabooba offset area and 77.7 ha of Coastal Swamp Oak TEC, 45.35 ha of Koala and Grey-headed Flying-fox offsets within the Greenridge offset area within 12 months of this approval decision.	Compliant	Voluntary Declaration received on 15 March 2024.
9(b)	Within 20 business days of legally securing the areas within the Tabooba offset area and Greenridge offset area specified in condition 9(a), provide the department with:		
9(bi)	Written evidence demonstrating that the areas within the Tabooba offset area and Greenridge offset area specified in condition 9(a), have been legally secured	Compliant	Voluntary Declaration received on 15 March 2024 and notification provided in writing to DCCEEW on 21 March 2024.
9(bii)	Shapefiles and offset attributes of the areas within the Tabooba offset area and Greenridge offset area specified in condition 9(a).	Compliant	Voluntary Declaration received on 15 March 2024 and notification provided in writing to DCCEEW on 21 March 2024.
9(c)	Achieve all the habitat quality uplift outcomes within the timeframes specified.	Not applicable	Timeframes have not yet been reached, OAMP activities are ongoing.

10	Within 6 months of this approval decision, the approval holder must submit an Offset Area Management Plan for the Tabooba offset area and Greenridge Offset area (OAMP-TOA&GOA) to the department for the Minister's approval. The OAMP-TOA&GOA must meet the requirements of the Environmental Offsets Policy, the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines and meet the requirements specified in Attachment F to the satisfaction of the Minister.	Compliant	OAMP-TOA&GOA submitted on 16 May 2023. Email sent to DCCEEW titled 2020/8646 Stage 1 Coomera Connector - submission of OAMP sent on 16 May 2023. Email acknowledgement by DCCEEW received on 17 May 2023.
11	If the Minister writes to the approval holder stating that he/she considers that the OAMP-TOA&GOA, required under condition 10 is not likely to achieve the outcomes required under condition 9(c), the approval holder must cease all clearing and/or construction at the development area within 2 months of receiving such a notice, or as otherwise directed by the Minister. Clearing and/or construction may only restart after the Minister notifies the approval holder that the Minister has approved the revised OAMP-TOA&GOA, or otherwise with the Minister's written direction.	Not applicable	Has not occurred, OAMP was approved on the 22 August 2024.
12	The approval holder must implement the OAMP-TOA&GOA as approved by the Minister until the expiry of this approval.	Compliant	OAMP-TOA&GOA was approved on 22 August 2024. Refer to Appendix F for current update of OAMP implementation.
13	For the ongoing protection and viability of the Koala populations within the development area, the approval holder must implement the Koala Management Plan until the expiry of this approval.	Compliant	Implementation of current approved KMP, defined as Appendix 14 of the PER, is ongoing. A revised version of the revised Koala Management Plan was submitted to DCCEEW for approval on 14 th December 2023, and further revised version submitted 12 August 2024.
14	To ensure the ongoing effectiveness of the Koala Management Plan, the approval holder must, within 9 months of this approval decision submit to the department for approval by the Minister a revised Koala Management Plan consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines, that includes:	Compliant	Implementation of current approved KMP, defined as Appendix 14 of the PER, is ongoing. A revised version of the revised Koala Management Plan was submitted to DCCEEW for approval on 14 th December 2023, and further revised version submitted 12 August 2024.
14(a)	a review completed by a suitability qualified Koala ecologist of:		
14(ai)	baseline Koala movement, prior to any clearing and construction associated with this Action, within and adjacent to the development area	Compliant	Completed by Endeavour Veterinary Ecology, review completed by Wattle Eco. Submitted as part of the revised KMP on 12 August 2024, awaiting DCCEEW assessment.
14(aii)	safe movement solutions to be installed by the approval holder to maintain baseline Koala movement within and adjacent to the development area, with reference to Koala sensitive design guidelines and the Queensland's wildlife signing guidelines	Compliant	Completed by Endeavour Veterinary Ecology, review completed by Wattle Eco. Submitted as part of the revised KMP on 12 August 2024, awaiting DCCEEW assessment.
14(aiii)	modelled sea level rise from climate change, and whether the safe movement solutions proposed will at least maintain baseline Koala movement until at least 2100	Compliant	Incorporated into the Koala Movement Solutions, Appendix C to the revised KMP submitted for approval on 12 August 2024. Supplied by the Project Designers and completed by Endeavour Veterinary Ecology, review completed by Wattle Eco.

14(b)	a peer-review by an independent suitability qualified Koala ecologist of all findings made, as required under condition 14(a)	Compliant	Provided to DCCEEW on 12 August 2024 as Appendix D of the revised KMP.
14(c)	all peer review comments and recommendations made by the independent suitably qualified Koala ecologist required under condition 14(b) and a statement from the independent suitably qualified Koala ecologist that they are independent and carried out the peer review to evaluate the adequacy of all findings made, as required under condition 14(a)	Compliant	Provided to DCCEEW on 12 August 2024 as Appendix D of the revised KMP.
14(d)	the exact locations, dimensions and maintenance intervals of safe movement solutions to be implemented within the development area, and an explanation of how the safe movement solutions proposed are consistent with or diverge from the recommendations made in respect of condition 14(a) and 14(c), and how they will maintain or enhance Koala movement	Compliant	Incorporated into the Koala Movement Solutions, Appendix C to the revised KMP submitted for approval on 12 August 2024. Supplied by the Project Designers and completed by Endeavour Veterinary Ecology, review completed by Wattle Eco.
14(e)	procedures to ensure safe movement solutions are installed prior to opening any road as part of this Action to public motorists	Compliant	Provided to DCCEEW on 12 August 2024 as Appendix E of the revised KMP and awaiting assessment.
14(f)	a Koala translocation plan consistent with the IUCN translocations guideline and Environmental Management Plan Guidelines.	Compliant	Provided to DCCEEW on 12 August 2024 as Appendix B of the revised KMP.
15	Include in each Compliance Report in respect of each year in which any Koala translocation and/or monitoring of translocated koalas was undertaken, details of:		
15(a)	all Koalas that have been translocated and the history and current status of each translocated Koala since its translocation	Compliant	See Appendix C
15(b)	what alternatives to translocation were considered and/trialled prior to each translocation, and why translocation was necessary for each individual	Compliant	See Appendix C
15(c)	alternative measures that will be undertaken in the event that translocation resulted in the death of a Koala.	Compliant	No deaths as a result of translocation have occurred. Measures recorded in Koala Translocation Plan included in revised KMP (awaiting assessment by DCCEEW).
16	The approval holder must complete and publish a population viability analysis for each of the East-Coomera Koala Population and Parkwood-Coombabah Koala Population within 2 years of opening any road as part of this Action to public motorists within the East-Coomera Koala Population and Parkwood-Coombabah Koala Population	Not applicable	No road has yet been opened as a part of this Action.

17	If either population viability analysis shows that this Action has resulted in impacts to the Parkwood Coombabah Koala Population and/or East-Coomera Koala Population to the extent that either population is or will become non-viable as a result of this Action, the approval holder must submit within 3 months of the publication of the population viability analyses, a revised version of the Koala Management Plan to the department for the Minister's approval. The revised Koala Management Plan must include measures to achieve the viability of the affected Koala population(s) within 12 months of the publication	Not applicable	Population viability analyses have not yet commenced.
18	If the Koala tagging and monitoring program specified within the Koala Management Plan shows that any safe movement solution required under condition 4 does not achieve Koala movement equivalent to or greater than the Koala movement determined by the baseline studies required by condition 14(a), the approval holder must submit a revised version of the Koala Management Plan to the department for the Minister's approval within 18 months of opening any road to public motorists within 25 metres of any safe movement solution associated with the reduction in Koala movement as part of this Action. The revised Koala Management Plan must include measures to restore baseline Koala movement, and a minimum 12-month period of monitoring to determine the effectiveness of the measures	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
19	If the Minister approves a Koala Management Plan revised in accordance with condition 14, and within 2 years of the approval of the revised Koala Management Plan the monitoring in accordance with condition 18 find the measures proposed in the revised Koala Management Plan have not achieved baseline Koala movement, the approval holder must submit a revised version of the OAMP-TOA&GOA to the Minister for approval within 30 months. The revised OAMP-TOA&GOA must identify additional environmental offset(s) to compensate for the additional functionally lost Koala habitat as a result of this Action, that meets the requirements of the EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy to the satisfaction of the Minister.	Not applicable	Has not occurred.

20	If the Minister writes to the approval holder stating that he/she considers that a revised Koala Management Plan, submitted in accordance with condition 14, 17 or 18 is not likely to achieve the ongoing protection and viability of the Koala populations within the development area, all clearing and construction must cease at the development area within 2 months of receiving such a notice, or as otherwise directed by the Minister. The approval holder must not recommence clearing and/or construction after the Minister notifies the approval holder in writing that the Minister has approved the revised Koala Management Plan, or otherwise with the Minister's written direction.	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
21	The approval holder must implement the version of the Koala Management Plan most recently approved by the Minister until the expiry of this approval.	Compliant	Implementation of current approved KMP, defined as Appendix 14 of the PER, is ongoing. A revised version of the revised Koala Management Plan was submitted to DCCEEW for approval on 14 th December 2023, and further revised version submitted 12 August 2024.
22	The approval holder must ensure that this Action does not result in:		
22(a)	a substantial and measurable change in the hydrological regime of the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland	Compliant	Has not occurred.
22(b)	the habitat or lifecycle of native species, including invertebrate fauna and fish species, dependent upon the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland being seriously affected	Compliant	Has not occurred.
22(c)	a substantial and measurable change in the water quality of the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland	Compliant	Has not occurred.
23	Prior to commencing any clearing or construction within 50 metres of the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland at Coombabah Lake and Coombabah Creek, the approval holder must submit to the department for approval by the Minister a Water Quality Management Plan. The Water Quality Management Plan must:	Compliant	The WQMP for Coomera Connector Central was submitted to DCCEEW on 21 December 2023. WQMP for North was submitted to DCCEEW on 9 November 2023. All clearing reviewed for the purposes of this audit was undertaken between 18 th March 2024 and 17 th March 2025, post submission of the WQMPs.
23(a)	specify how the approval holder will meet the requirements of condition 22	Compliant	Implementation of approved Water Quality Management Plans - Condition 23 (awaiting approval from DCCEEW at time of writing).
23(b)	be consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines and National Water Quality Guidelines	Compliant	Documented through internal inspection program.
23(c)	meet the requirements specified in Attachment H	Compliant	Documented through internal inspection program.
23(d)	include all the comments of a peer-review of the Water Quality Management Plan by an independent suitably qualified hydrologist and a statement by the suitably qualified hydrologist that they independently completed the evaluation of the adequacy of the monitoring, mitigation and management measures proposed to achieve the requirements of condition 22	Compliant	Completed by Water Technology.

24	If the Minister writes to the approval holder stating that he/she considers that the Water Quality Management Plan required under condition 23 is not likely to achieve the outcomes required under condition 22, all clearing and/or construction must cease at the development area within 2 months of receiving such a notice, or as otherwise directed by the Minister. The approval holder must not recommence clearing and/or construction unless the Minister has notified the approval holder in writing that the Minister has approved the revised Water Quality Management Plan, or otherwise with the Minister's written direction.	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
25	The approval holder must implement the Water Quality Management Plan as approved by the Minister.	Not applicable	WQMP are being implemented, awaiting approval by DCCEEW at time of writing.
26	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	Has not occurred.
27	The approval holder may choose to revise an action management plan approved by the Minister under condition 13, 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 this Action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
28	If the approval holder makes the choice under condition 27 to revise an action management plan without submitting it for approval, the approval holder must:	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
28(a)	Notify the department electronically that the approved action management plan has been revised and provide the department with:	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
28(ai)	An electronic copy of the RAMP.	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
28(aii)	An electronic copy of the RAMP marked up with track changes to show the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP.	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
28(aiii)	An explanation of the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
28(aiv)	The reasons the approval holder considers that taking this Action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.	Not applicable	Has not occurred.

28(av)	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	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
28(b)	Subject to condition 30, implement the RAMP from the RAMP implementation date.	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
29	The approval holder may revoke its choice to implement a RAMP under 27 at any time by giving written notice to the department. If the approval holder revokes the choice under condition 27, the approval holder must implement the action management plan in force immediately prior to the revision undertaken under condition 27	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
30	If the Minister gives a notice to the approval holder that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of this Action in accordance with the RAMP would be likely to have a new or increased impact, then:	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
30(a)	Condition 27 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the RAMP	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
30(b)	The approval holder must implement the action management plan specified by the Minister in the notice	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
31	At the time of giving the notice under condition 30, the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time, condition 27 does not apply for one or more specified Action management plans	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
32	The approval holder must submit all plans required by these conditions electronically to the department.	Compliant	All required plans submitted to DCCEEW within timeframes required or as specified elsewhere within this report.
33	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish each plan on the website within 15 business days of the date:		
33(a)	of this approval, if the version of the plan to be implemented is specified in these conditions; or	Compliant	Offset Area Management was approved on 22 August 2024 and published within 15 business days. The Koala Management Plan (as part of the Public Environmental Report) was published online 11 October 2022. Revised KMP as per condition 14 is awaiting approval by DCCEEW; WQMP is awaiting approval by DCCEEW.
33(b)	the plan is approved by the Minister in writing, if the plan requires the approval of the Minister; or	Compliant	Offset Area Management was approved on 22 August 2024 and published within 15 business days. The Koala Management Plan (as part of the Public Environmental Report) was published online 11 October 2022. Revised KMP as per condition 14 is awaiting approval by DCCEEW; WQMP is awaiting approval by DCCEEW.

33(c)	the plan is submitted to the department in accordance with a requirement of these conditions, if the plan does not require the approval of the Minister; or	Not applicable	Plans within these conditions require approval by DCCEEW.
33(d)	the plan is approved by a state/territory government official as required under a state/territory government condition	Not applicable	Plans within these conditions require approval by DCCEEW.
34	The approval holder must keep all published plans required by these conditions on the website until the expiry date of this approval.	Compliant	All approved plans are currently available online, and remaining plans are awaiting approval by DCCEEW.
35	The approval holder is required to exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.	Compliant	Sensitive information within the approved OAMP has been redacted prior to publishing. Has not been included in any plan that is published online. The WQMPs and revised KMP are currently awaiting approval by DCCEEW.
36	If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from a plan in accordance with condition 35, the approval holder must notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website.	Compliant	Sensitive information has been redacted from the OAMP prior to publishing. Notification was provided to DCCEEW 18 February 2025 that TMR is undertaking further review of the sensitive information within the OAMP, with consideration to underacting sections of information are already publicly available through the PER and Coomera Connector EPBC Offset Strategy. The WQMPs and revised KMP are currently awaiting approval by DCCEEW.
37	The approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of commencement of the Action, within 5 business days of commencement of the Action.	Compliant	Email titled " 2020/8646 Coomera Connector - Commencement of Action" sent to DCCEEW on 22 March 2023 stating that the date of commencement of the Action was to be 22 March 2023. Email acknowledgement received on 30 May 2023.
38	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	Has not occurred.
39	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records.	Compliant	All records retained within project documentation and internal inspection systems
40	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	Has not occurred.
41	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the department's Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data (2018), or any subsequent official version or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Compliant	Surveys and monitoring data have been undertaken by a suitably qualified person and is in accordance with applicable guidelines.

42	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the department's Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects (2021), or any subsequent official version or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Compliant	Surveys and ecological data have been undertaken by a suitably qualified person and is in accordance with applicable guidelines.
43	The approval holder must submit all monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the department within 12 months of the approval or in accordance with the requirements of the Koala Management Plan and the OAMP-TOA&GOA.	Compliant	Sent to DCCEEW on 15 March 2024
44	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12-month period following the date of this approval, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister.	Compliant	This report.
45	Each compliance report must be consistent with the department's Annual Compliance Report Guidelines (2014), or any subsequent official version	Compliant	This report.
46	Each compliance report must include:		
46(a)	Accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance with the conditions and the plans, and any incidents.	Compliant	This table.
46(b)	One or more shapefile showing all clearing of any protected matters, and/or their habitat, undertaken within the 12-month period at the end of which that compliance report is prepared.	Compliant	Sent to DCCEEW on 17 March 2025 as per condition 43.
46(c)	A schedule of all plans in existence in relation to these conditions and accurate and complete details of how each plan is being implemented.	Compliant	See Appendix D
47	The approval holder must:		
47(a)	Publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the end of the 12-month period for which that compliance report is required.	Compliant	Annual Compliance Report 2024 published to the website within 60 business days.
47(b)	Notify the department electronically, within 5 business days of the date of publication that a compliance report has been published on the website.	Compliant	DCCEEW notified within 5 business days of publishing.
47(c)	Provide the weblink for the compliance report in the notification to the department.	Compliant	DCCEEW notified within 5 business days of publishing and weblink provided.
47(d)	Keep all published compliance reports required by these conditions on the website until the expiry date of this approval.	Not applicable	Action is ongoing.

48(e)	Exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance reports published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.	Compliant	Online report has redacted sensitive ecological data.
47(f)	If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from the published version, submit the full compliance report to the department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website.	Compliant	Full compliance report is submitted to DCCEE first, before redacting and published to the website.
48	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 2 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in a plan.	Compliant	No incidents, potential non-compliances and/or actual non-compliances were identified during this reporting period, 18 March 2024 to 17 March 2025.
49	The approval holder must specify in the notification:		
49(a)	Any condition or commitment made in a plan which has been or may have been breached.	Not applicable	Has not occurred during this reporting period, 18 March 2024 to 17 March 2025.
49(b)	A short description of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance.	Not applicable	Has not occurred during this reporting period, 18 March 2024 to 17 March 2025.
49(c)	The location (including co-ordinates), date, and time of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance.	Not applicable	Has not occurred during this reporting period, 18 March 2024 to 17 March 2025.
50	The approval holder must provide to the department in writing, within 12 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance, the details of that incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in a plan. The approval holder must specify:	Not applicable	Has not occurred during this reporting period, 18 March 2024 to 17 March 2025.
50(a)	Any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken	Not applicable	Has not occurred during this reporting period, 18 March 2024 to 17 March 2025.
50(b)	The potential impacts of the incident and/or non-compliance and/or non-compliance	Not applicable	Has not occurred during this reporting period, 18 March 2024 to 17 March 2025.
50(c)	The method and timing of any corrective action that will be undertaken by the approval holder	Not applicable	Has not occurred during this reporting period, 18 March 2024 to 17 March 2025.
51	The approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions is conducted for every three-year period following the commencement of the Action until this approval expires, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister.	Not applicable	Timeframe has not yet reached three years.
52	For each independent audit, the approval holder must:		

52(a)	Provide the name and qualifications of the nominated independent auditor, the draft audit criteria, and proposed timeframe for submitting the audit report to the department prior to commencing the independent audit.	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
52(b)	Only commence the independent audit once the nominated independent auditor, audit criteria and timeframe for submitting the audit report have been approved in writing by the department.	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
52(c)	Submit the audit report to the department for approval within the timeframe specified and approved in writing by the department.	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
52(d)	Publish each audit report on the website within 15 business days of the date of the department's approval of the audit report.	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
52(e)	Keep every audit report published on the website until this approval expires.	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
53	Each audit report must report for the three-year period preceding that audit report.	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
54	Each audit report must be completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and be consistent with the department's Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines (2019), or any subsequent official version.	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
55	The approval holder must notify the department electronically 60 business days prior to the expiry date of this approval, that the approval is due to expire.	Not applicable	Has not occurred.
56	Within 20 business days after the completion of the Action, and, in any event, before this approval expires, the approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of completion of the Action and provide completion data.	Not applicable	Has not occurred.

3. **Attachment H: Water Quality Management Plan requirements**

In addition to any requirements of the conditions of approval, the Water Quality Management Plan for approval by the Minister must include:

- a) the objectives of the Water Quality Management plan
- b) characterisation of soil, pedology and any contaminants within the development area that are at risk of dispersal as a result of the action, to inform the likely impacts from their dispersal to the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland at Coombabah Lake and Coombabah Creek, and any required monitoring and mitigation measures
- c) details of all likely stormwater discharge points from the Action that are at risk of releasing contaminants or adverse water quality into the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland at Coombabah Lake and Coombabah Creek, with respect to any changes during clearing, construction and operation
- d) water quality objectives to be achieved at all stormwater discharge points from the Action that are at risk of releasing contaminants or adverse water quality into the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland at Coombabah Lake and Coombabah Creek, with respect to the sensitivity of the receiving environment, seasonal trends and weather events
- e) details of a monitoring program that is sufficient to determine the baseline water quality, baseline erosion and sediment deposition within all catchments upstream and downstream of the development area, that are within or feed into the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland at Coombabah Lake and Coombabah Creek. The monitoring program must consider seasonal trends and weather events, and include location details of all monitoring sites and at reference/control monitoring sites. The monitoring program must achieve:
 - a) at minimum 24 months of baseline surface water quality data measured at quarterly intervals
 - b) ii) surface Water Quality Objectives informed by the baseline surface water quality data, to be achieved during construction and for 3 years after opening the nearest road to the surface-water monitoring site as part of this Action to public motorists
 - c) iii) at minimum 12 months of baseline ground-water quality data measured at quarterly intervals
 - d) iv) ground-Water Quality Objectives informed by the baseline ground-water quality data, to be achieved during construction and for 3 years opening the nearest road to the ground-water monitoring site as part of this Action to public motorists.
- f) the methods used to determine baseline water quality, erosion and sediment deposition, with justification for the selection of all monitoring sites and the reference/control monitoring sites with respect to the potential impacts of the Action on the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland at Coombabah Lake and Coombabah Creek
- g) details of ongoing monitoring of surface and ground-water quality objectives, including locations, sampling frequency and the parameters to be monitored, including the scientific basis for the selection of all the parameters to be monitored
- h) early warning indicators and trigger thresholds for all monitored parameters for detecting changes to surface and ground-water quality to avoid potential impacts to the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland at Coombabah Lake and Coombabah Creek
- i) limits for all monitored parameters, derived with respect to baseline values which, if reached or exceeded, indicate that impacts to the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland at Coombabah Lake and Coombabah Creek is likely to occur
- j) management actions, contingency measures and additional monitoring to be implemented in the event that early warning indicators, trigger thresholds or limits are reached

- k) steps to report any triggering of limits for all monitored parameters, or non-achievement of Water Quality Objectives to the department within 5 business days of receiving the monitoring results, and
- l) procedures to make the Water Quality Objectives and monitoring results publicly available on the website for 12 months after each monitoring result.

Compliance

Compliant

Evidence

WQMP for Coomera Connector Stage 1 North (*31CIDD00 Coomera Connector – Drainage Water Quality Management Plan*, Revision 3) submitted to DCCEEW on 10 November 2023 and was awaiting approval at the time of writing this report. WQMP for Coomera Connector Stage 1 Central (*Coomera Connector – Helensvale Road to Smith Street Water Quality Management Plan*, Revision 3A) was submitted to DCCEEW on 21 December 2023 and was awaiting approval at the time of writing this report. Comments were received from DCCEEW on 28/03/24 and an update to the WQMPs is currently being undertaken at the time of writing this report.