



Variation of conditions attached to approval

Weaber Plain Development Project (EPBC ref 2010/5491)

This decision to vary conditions of approval is made under section 143(1)(a) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Approved action

approval holder	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development ABN: 18 951 343 745
approved action	The proposed action is to clear for irrigation and infrastructure an area up to 9,375ha on the Weaber Plain, 30km north-northeast of Kununurra, WA. The project infrastructure includes a main drainage channel, smaller distribution channels, stormwater and groundwater drainage, flood protection levees, access roads and power supply for each farm lot. See EPBC Act referral 2010/5491.
period for which the approval has effect	This approval has effect until 31 December 2061.

Variation

The variation is:

Delete conditions 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18 and 19 attached to the approval and substitute with the conditions specified in the table below.

Add conditions 2A-2D, 3A-3H, 6A-6E, 7A-7E, 9A, 10A-10E, 12A-12E, 13A-13D, 15A, 15B, 17A-17C, 19A-19G and 21 specified in the table below.

Delete definitions of **Buffer Area**, **Development Area**, and **Project Area** attached to the approval and substitute with the definitions specified in the table below.

Add new definitions of **Agency**, **Annual Compliance Report period** or **ACR period**, **ANZG 2018**, **Aquatic Fauna Management Plan**, **Auditor**, **Audit period**, **Audit report**, **Baseline levels**, **Biodiversity data**, **Buffer Area**, **Buffer Management Plan**, **Business day**, **Clear**, **cleared** or **clearing**, **Completion data**, **Completion of the Action**, **Compliance records**, **Compliance report**, **Environmental Management Plan Guidelines**, **Gouldian Finch**, **Gouldian Finch Conservation Plan**, **Groundwater Management Plan**, **Habitat quality**, **Harm**, **Incident**, **Independent audit**, **Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines**, **Independent**, **Monitoring data**, **New or increased impact**, **Plan**, **Personal identification information**, **Protected matter**, **Sensitive biodiversity data**, **Shapefile**, **SMART**, **Stormwater and Groundwater Discharge Management Plan**, **Suitable Trees**, **Suitably qualified ecologist**, **Suitably qualified environmental professional**, **Suitably qualified hydrologist**, **Water resource**, **Water year** and **Website** specified in the below table.

Revoke condition 8 attached to the approval.

Revoke definitions of **ANZECC guidelines, AUSRIVAS, Commencement of Irrigation, Clearance of Farm Lots and Phenology.**

Add Annexure A specified in the table below.

Person authorised to make decision

name and position Compliance and Enforcement Branch

signature



date of decision 3 September 2026

date of decision	conditions attached to approval
<i>Original dated 30 September 2011</i>	Commencement of the Action 1) Within 30 days after the commencement of the Action, the person taking the Action must advise the department in writing of the actual date of commencement.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Compliance Records 2) The person taking the Action must maintain accurate and complete compliance records and document the procedure for recording and storing compliance records.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	2A) If the agency makes a request in writing, the person taking the Action must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the agency within the time specified in the request. Note: Compliance records may be subject to audit by the agency, or by an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, and/or be used to verify compliance with the conditions. Summaries of the results of an audit may be published on the agency's website or through the general media.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	2B) The person taking the Action must ensure that any monitoring data, surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the <i>Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data</i>, Commonwealth of Australia 2018, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	2C) The person taking the Action must ensure that any monitoring data, surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the <i>Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects</i>, Commonwealth of Australia 2021, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	2D) The person taking the Action must submit all monitoring data, surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the agency within each compliance report prepared in accordance with condition 3 except where otherwise specified in a plan.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Annual Compliance Reports 3) The person taking the Action must prepare a compliance report for each Annual Compliance Report period (ACR period).

<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	3A) The person taking the Action must ensure each compliance report includes: a. Accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance with: i. Each condition attached to this approval decision; and ii. All commitments made in each plan; b. A schedule of all plans in effect in relation to these conditions during the ACR period; c. Accurate and complete details of how each plan was implemented during the ACR period; and d. If any incident occurred, accurate and complete details of each incident.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	3B) The person taking the Action must ensure each compliance report is consistent with the <i>Annual Compliance Report Guidelines</i>, Commonwealth of Australia 2023.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	3C) The person taking the Action must, within three months following the end of each ACR period, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, publish on the website: a. Each compliance report; and b. A shapefile showing all clearing of protected matters, and their habitat undertaken within the ACR period, if clearing of protected matters or their habitat occurred within the ACR period.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	3D) The person taking the Action must: a. Exclude or redact sensitive biodiversity data and personal identification information from each compliance report and shapefile published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public; b. If sensitive biodiversity data or personal identification information is excluded or redacted from a version of a compliance report published or otherwise provided to a member of the public, submit the full compliance report to the agency within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the agency in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public; and

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- c. If **sensitive biodiversity data** or **personal identification information** is excluded or redacted from a version of a **shapefile** published or otherwise provided to a member of the public, submit the full **shapefile** to the **agency** within 5 **business days** of its publication on the **website** and notify the **agency** in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the **website** or otherwise provided to a member of the public.

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3E) The person taking the Action must notify the **agency** electronically, within 5 **business days** of each date of publication that the **compliance report** has been published on the **website**. In this notification, the person taking the Action must provide the **agency** with the web address for where the **compliance report** and related **shapefile** are published on the **website**.

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3F) The person taking the Action must keep each **compliance report** and related **shapefile** published on the **website** from the first date which that **compliance report** must be published and until the expiry date of this approval.

Note: Compliance reports may be published on the **agency's** website.

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Reporting Incidents

3G) The person taking the Action must notify the **agency** electronically, within 5 **business days** of becoming aware of any **incident**. The person taking the Action must specify in each notification:

- a. Any condition or commitment made in a **plan** which has not been, or may have not been, complied with;
 - b. A brief description of the **incident**; and
 - c. The location (if applicable, including co-ordinates), date and time of the **incident**.
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3H) The person taking the Action must provide to the **agency** in writing, within 12 **business days** of becoming aware of an **incident**, the details of that **incident**. The person taking the Action must specify:

- a. All corrective measures and investigations which the person taking the Action has already taken in respect of the **incident**;
- b. The potential impacts of the **incident**;
- c. The method and timing of any corrective measures that the person taking the Action proposes to undertake to address the **incident**; and
- d. Any variation of these conditions or revision of a **plan** that will be required to prevent recurrence of the **incident** and/or to address its consequences.

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Schedule of Works

4) The person taking the Action must provide a schedule of works to the **department** prior to the **commencement of the Action**.

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Mitigation Measures

5) To avoid and/or to minimise impacts on **protected matters**, the person taking the Action must:

- a. Not **clear** more than 9,375 hectares of vegetation (as described in the supplementary Environmental Impact Statement);
- b. Establish a Buffer Area of at least 11,470 hectares (as shown in Figure 2 of the Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement), to be managed for conservation in perpetuity;
- c. Not **clear** any **Gouldian Finch** breeding habitat that is known to have been utilised by the **Gouldian Finch**; and
- d. Use no more than 120 GL of water per **water year** from the Ord River System for irrigation in the **development area**.

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Gouldian Finch Conservation Plan

6) The person taking the Action must implement the **Gouldian Finch Conservation Plan** until the **Minister** approves a Revised Gouldian Finch Conservation Plan in accordance with condition 6B.

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6A) The person taking the Action must undertake the Action in accordance with the following outcomes for the **Gouldian Finch** until the expiry date of this approval:

- a. The Action must result in an improvement in the quality of **Gouldian Finch** breeding habitat within the **Buffer Area** from **baseline levels**;
- b. The Action must result in an improvement in the quality of **Gouldian Finch** wet season foraging habitat within the **Buffer Area** from **baseline levels**; and,
- c. The Action must not result in a significant reduction in the extent of **Gouldian Finch** breeding habitat or **Gouldian Finch** wet season foraging habitat within the **Buffer Area** from **baseline levels**.

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6B) In order to protect the **Gouldian Finch**, the person taking the Action must, within 18 months of the date of this variation decision, submit a Revised **Gouldian Finch Conservation Plan** (RGFCP) detailing how the outcomes specified in condition 6A will be achieved and meeting all requirements of condition 6C, to the **agency** for the **Minister's** approval.

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6C) The RGFCP submitted in accordance with condition 6B must be prepared by a **suitably qualified environmental professional**, with specialist input from a **Gouldian Finch Expert**. All commitments, including environmental outcomes, management measures, corrective measures, trigger values and performance indicators in the RGFCP must be **SMART** and based on referenced or included evidence of effectiveness. The RGFCP must be consistent with the **Environmental Management Plan Guidelines**, and must include:

- a. A table of commitments made in the plan to achieve the outcomes specified in condition 6A, and a reference to exactly where these commitments are detailed in the plan;
- b. Clear indications of which party is responsible for implementing each aspect of the RGFCP;
- c. Details of the relevant **protected matters** and a reference to the **EPBC Act** approval conditions to which the plan refers;
- d. A requirement to maintain all vegetation corridors shown in Figure 2 of the Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement (including between Lots 5 and 18 and Lots 9 and 14) and to ensure that all corridors remain at least 400 metres wide at any point; and

	e. A Gouldian Finch monitoring program, which must include: i. Performance indicators based off the outcomes specified in condition 6A; ii. Trigger values for corrective measures; iii. The timing and frequency of monitoring, ensuring monitoring is capable of detecting trigger values and changes in the performance indicators; and iv. Proposed corrective measures if trigger values are reached and a requirement to implement these measures.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	6D) The person taking the Action must commence implementing the approved RGFCP within 2 business days of the Minister approving the RGFCP and continue to implement the RGFCP until the expiry date of this approval.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	6E) Following submission of an RGFCP in accordance with condition 6B of this approval, and prior to the Minister making any decision regarding the RGFCP, if the agency makes a written request to the person taking the Action to make specified revisions to the submitted RGFCP that are reasonably necessary in order to address the requirements of condition 6C the person taking the Action must: a. Revise the RGFCP in accordance with the request; and b. Re-submit the RGFCP to the agency, within three months of the request being made, or an alternative time as specified by the agency in writing.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Buffer Management Plan 7) The person taking the Action must implement the Buffer Management Plan until the Minister has approved the Revised Buffer Management Plan in accordance with condition 7B.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	7A) The person taking the Action must undertake the Action in accordance with the following outcome until the expiry date of this approval: a. The Action must result in an improvement of vegetation condition within the Buffer Area from baseline vegetation condition mapping.

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7B) In order to protect the **protected matters** within the **Buffer Area**, the person taking the Action must, within 18 months of the date of this variation decision, submit a Revised Buffer Management Plan (RBMP) detailing how the outcomes specified in condition 7A will be achieved and meeting all requirements of condition 7C, to the **agency** for the **Minister's** approval.

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7C) The RBMP submitted in accordance with condition 7B must be prepared by a **suitably qualified ecologist** or **suitably qualified environmental professional**. All commitments, including environmental outcomes, management measures, corrective measures, trigger values and performance indicators in the RBMP must be **SMART** and based on referenced or included evidence of effectiveness. The RBMP must be consistent with the **Environmental Management Plan Guidelines**, and must include:

- a. A table of commitments made in the plan to achieve the outcome specified in condition 7A, and a reference to exactly where these commitments are detailed in the plan;
- b. Clear indications of which party is responsible for implementing each aspect of the RBMP;
- c. Details of the relevant **protected matters** and a reference to the **EPBC Act** approval conditions to which the plan refers;
- d. Management actions to achieve the establishment of at least 480 new **suitable trees** within the **Buffer Area**;
- e. Details of tenure and management arrangements of the **Buffer Area** that ensure that the area will be conserved and managed in perpetuity;
- f. Methods to minimise the impacts of construction activities on the **Buffer Area**;
- g. Rehabilitation of disturbed portions of the **Buffer Area** to benefit **protected matters**;
- h. A requirement to remove livestock from the **Buffer Area**;
- i. Fire management measures to protect **Gouldian Finch**;
- j. Commitments capable of preventing the introduction and spread and provide for quick control of weeds, plant pathogens and pest animals in the **Buffer Area**; and

	k. A vegetation condition monitoring program, which must include: i. Performance indicators based off the outcomes specified in condition 7A; ii. Trigger values for corrective measures; iii. The timing and frequency of monitoring, ensuring monitoring is capable of detecting trigger values and changes in the performance indicators; and iv. Proposed corrective measures if trigger values are reached and a requirement to implement these measures.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	7D) The person taking the Action must commence implementing the approved RBMP within 2 business days of the Minister approving the RBMP and continue to implement the RBMP until the expiry date of this approval.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	7E) Following submission of an RBMP in accordance with condition 7B of this approval, and prior to the Minister making any decision regarding the RBMP, if the agency makes a written request to the person taking the Action to make specified revisions to the submitted RBMP that are reasonably necessary in order to address the requirements of condition 7C the person taking the Action must: a. Revise the RBMP in accordance with the request; and b. Re-submit the RBMP to the agency, within three months of the request being made, or an alternative time as specified by the agency in writing.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	8) Revoked
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Independent Review Group 9) The person taking the Action must appoint an Independent Review Group to review hydrological aspects of the action and associated impacts on protected matters. The Independent Review Group must be established prior to the submission of the Aquatic Fauna Management Plan, Stormwater and Groundwater Discharge Management Plan and the Groundwater Management Plan to the Minister for approval. The

Independent Review Group must be established according to the following requirements:

- a. The group must be funded, resourced and managed by the person taking the Action;
- b. The group must consist of independent scientific and technical experts, of whom at least one must be a ***Glyphis and Pristis* expert** and two must be technical experts with at least 5 years' experience in northern Australian surface water and groundwater hydrology. The members of the group and any subsequent changes must be approved by the **Minister**;
- c. Terms of Reference for the group must be prepared by the person taking the action and submitted for approval by the **Minister**. The Terms of Reference must include the frequency of proposed meetings and chairing and quorum arrangements. The Terms of Reference must be approved by the **Minister** in writing prior to the submission of the Aquatic Fauna Management Plan, Stormwater and Groundwater Discharge Management Plan and Groundwater Management Plan, to the **Minister** for approval;
- d. The group must provide advice on any substantive changes to, or reviews of the **Surface Water and Aquatic Fauna Management Plan** or **Groundwater Management Plan**. The person taking the Action must accept all recommendations made by the **Independent Review Group** concerning any substantive changes to, or reviews of the **Surface Water and Aquatic Fauna Management Plan** or **Groundwater Management Plan** except:
 - i. Where such a recommendation contradicts a requirement of this approval; or
 - ii. Where the **agency** has provided written approval for the person taking the Action to disregard a recommendation.
- e. The group must assess any exceedance of trigger values identified during monitoring undertaken to fulfill a requirement of condition 10, 10D, 11, 12 or 12D and advise changes as required. The person taking the Action must accept all recommendations made by the **Independent Review Group** regarding exceedances of trigger values except in accordance with condition 9(d); and

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- f. The **Minister** may seek advice from the review group at any time. Specific matters identified through such advice may need to be addressed in the **plans**. Where such advice is sought the person taking the Action will be provided with opportunity to submit information and respond to the specific matters identified, in order to ensure the **plans** are based on the best available information.

Note: if a condition of another approval requires an IRG for **protected matters** in the Keep River Catchment, the person taking the Action may collaborate with other relevant **EPBC Act** approval holders to appoint a single IRG, provided the requirements of condition 9 are met.

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9A) Where the person taking the Action seeks to revise the plans approved under conditions 10B or 12B in accordance with section 143A of the **EPBC Act**, the person taking the Action must consult with the **Independent Review Group** on any proposed changes of the plan, prior to the submission of the revised plan to the **agency** for the **Minister's** approval. Evidence and outcomes of such consultation must be provided to the **agency** at the time the revised plan is submitted for the **Minister's** approval.

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Aquatic Fauna Management Plan

10) The person taking the Action must implement the **Aquatic Fauna Management Plan** until the **Minister** approves the Surface Water and Aquatic Fauna Management Plan in accordance with condition 10B.

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Surface Water and Aquatic Fauna Management Plan

10A) The person taking the Action must undertake the Action in accordance with the following outcome for **protected matters** in the Keep River until the expiry date of this approval:

- a. The Action must not result in a significant reduction in Keep River water quality from **baseline levels** or significant changes to Keep River flows from **baseline levels** to the extent that it impacts **protected matters**.

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10B) In order to protect the **protected matters** in the Keep River, the person taking the Action must, within 18 months of the date of this variation decision, submit a Surface Water and Aquatic Fauna Management Plan (SWAFMP) detailing how the outcomes specified in condition 10A will be achieved and meeting all requirements of condition 10C, to the **agency** for the **Minister's** approval.

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10C) The SWAFMP submitted in accordance with condition 10B must be prepared by a **suitably qualified hydrologist** with input from a **suitably qualified ecologist** and be prepared in consultation with the **Independent Review Group**. The person taking the Action must accept all recommendations made by the **Independent Review Group** concerning the SWAFMP during consultations prior to the submission of the SWAFMP, except in accordance with condition 9(d). All commitments, including environmental outcomes, management measures, corrective measures, trigger values and performance indicators in the SWAFMP must be **SMART** and based on referenced or included evidence of effectiveness. The SWAFMP must be consistent with the **Environmental Management Plan Guidelines**, and must include:

- a. A table of commitments made in the plan to achieve the outcome specified in condition 10A, and a reference to exactly where these commitments are detailed in the plan;
- b. Clear indications of which party is responsible for implementing each aspect of the SWAFMP and which **EPBC Act** approval each aspect of the SWAFMP relates to;
- c. Details of the relevant **protected matters** and a reference to **EPBC Act** approval conditions to which the plan refers;
- d. Seasonal, site-specific baseline water quality and flow trigger values for protected matters within the Keep River determined with reference to **ANZG 2018** and the **Independent Review Group**. Until trigger values are established with the advice of the **Independent Review Group**, **ANZG 2018** trigger values for systems with high conservation/ecological value (as defined in **ANZG 2018**) must be used. Sample analytes must also be determined with the advice of the **Independent Review Group**;
- e. A requirement to establish, implement and adjust a **Tailwater Management System** on each farm to minimise the discharge of stormwater into Border Creek and the keep River;
- f. Management actions to prevent surface water runoff transporting pollutants downstream to Border Creek and Keep River in low flow periods, should the agreed tailwater retention capacity be reached;
- g. A requirement to monitor discharge at the stormwater outlet from the **Development Area** and, when flows are present at the outlet, undertake water quality and flow presence monitoring, including with reference to data from NT flow gauging stations at

Border Creek and Keep River, in consultation with the
Independent Review Group;

- h. The use of best practice multivariate analyses on species level macro-invertebrate and fish assemblage data, within an adequate experimental design, using multiple indices of 'ecological condition' and a 'weight of evidence' approach, to assess any change in ecological health of Keep River pools (K1, K2 & K3) relative to baseline and upstream reference sites;
- i. The establishment of a list of key analytes to be sampled as part of ongoing water quality monitoring in consultation with the **Independent Review Group** and annual review of the list based on monitoring results;
- j. An adaptive surface water discharge program to provide for adaptive management of the discharge of surface water that includes:
 - i. Discharge methods, discharge rates and contingency measures;
 - ii. Monitoring locations and requirements including infrastructure and setup; and
 - iii. Management measures that ensure discharge of surface water will not impact on water quality or **protected matters** in Border Creek.
- k. A water quality and flow monitoring program, an aquatic ecology monitoring program and an aquatic weeds, plant pathogen and aquatic pest animal monitoring program which must include:
 - i. Performance indicators based off the outcomes specified in condition 10A;
 - ii. Trigger values for corrective measures;
 - iii. The timing and frequency of monitoring, ensuring monitoring is capable of detecting trigger values and changes in performance indicators; and
 - iv. Proposed corrective measures if trigger values are reached and a requirement to implement these measures.

	Note: if a condition of another approval adjoining the project area requires a Surface Water and Aquatic Fauna Management Plan or similar for protected matters, the persons taking the Actions may submit a single plan for the Minister's approval provided the requirements of the conditions of both approvals regarding the plans are met.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	10D) The person taking the Action must commence implementing the approved SWAFMP within 2 business days of the Minister approving the approved SWAFMP and continue to implement the SWAFMP until the expiry date of this approval.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	10E) Following submission of an SWAFMP in accordance with condition 10B of this approval, and prior to the Minister making any decision regarding the SWAFMP, if the agency makes a written request to the person taking the Action to make specified revisions to the submitted SWAFMP that are reasonably necessary in order to address the requirements of condition 10C the person taking the Action must: a. Revise the SWAFMP in accordance with the request; and b. Re-submit the SWAFMP to the agency, within three months of the request being made, or an alternative time as specified by the agency in writing.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Stormwater and Groundwater Discharge Management Plan 11) The person taking the Action must implement the Stormwater and Groundwater Discharge Management Plan until the Minister has approved a Revised Surface Water and Aquatic Fauna Management Plan in accordance with condition 10B and a Revised Groundwater Management Plan in accordance with condition 12B.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Groundwater Management Plan 12) The person taking the Action must implement the Groundwater Management Plan until the Minister has approved the Revised Groundwater Management Plan in accordance with condition 12B.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	12A) The person taking the Action must undertake the Action in accordance with the following outcomes for protected matters in the Keep River until the expiry date of this approval: a. The Action must not result in a significant reduction in Keep River water quality from baseline levels or significant changes to Keep River flows from baseline levels to the extent that it impacts protected matters.

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12B) In order to protect the **protected matters** in the Keep River, the person taking the Action must, within 18 months of the date of this variation decision, submit a Revised Groundwater Management Plan (RGMP) meeting all requirements of condition 12C, to the **agency** for the **Minister's** approval.

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12C) The RGMP submitted in accordance with condition 12B must be prepared by a **suitably qualified hydrologist** and be prepared in consultation with **the Independent Review Group**. The person taking the Action must accept all recommendations made by the **Independent Review Group** concerning the RGMP during consultations prior to the submission of the RGMP, except in accordance with condition 9(d). All commitments, including environmental outcomes, management measures, corrective measures, trigger values and performance indicators in the RGMP must be **SMART** and based on referenced or included evidence of effectiveness. The RGMP must be consistent with the **Environmental Management Plan Guidelines**, and must include:

- a. A table of commitments made in the plan to achieve the outcome specified in condition 12A, and a reference to exactly where these commitments are detailed in the plan;
- b. Clear indications of which party is responsible for implementing each aspect of the RGMP;
- c. Details of the relevant **protected matters** and a reference to the **EPBC Act** approval conditions to which the plan refers;
- d. A requirement to establish a series of high intensity reference bores, at locations agreed to by the **Independent Review Group**, to define a reference groundwater condition;
- e. A requirement to update the numerical groundwater model at least every five years and operation of the groundwater management system with monitoring data derived from monitoring required to be included in the RGMP by condition 12C(g) to assist in determining an optimal dewatering strategy, taking into account consultation with the **Independent Review Group**;
- f. References to other relevant plans or conditions of approval (including state or territory approval conditions);
- g. A groundwater monitoring program, determined in consultation with the **Independent Review Group**, which must include:

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- i. Performance indicators based off the outcomes specified in condition 12A;
 - ii. Trigger values for corrective measures;
 - iii. The timing and frequency of monitoring, which must include high intensity regional bores, low intensity regional bores and a series of high intensity reference bores, as agreed by the **Independent Review Group**. Monitoring must be capable of detecting trigger values and changes in the performance indicators; and
 - iv. Proposed corrective measures if trigger values are reached and a requirement to implement these measures.
 - h. An adaptive groundwater discharge program to provide for adaptive management of the discharge of surplus groundwater that includes:
 - i. Discharge methods, discharge rates and contingency measures;
 - ii. Monitoring locations and requirements including infrastructure and setup;
 - iii. Design and location of dewatering infrastructure; and
 - iv. Management measures that ensure discharge of discharge of water will not impact on water quality in Keep River.
 - i. If unable to be used on a farm or discharged within the **Development Area**, a requirement to ensure the discharge of groundwater to the Keep River via Border Creek to occur only if all other strategies have been undertaken and there is sufficient flow as determined by the monitoring required to be included in the SWAFMP conditions 10C(j) and the RGMP by condition 12C(h); and
 - j. Contingency actions to dispose of excess groundwater should monitoring results from the monitoring required to be in the SWAFMP by condition 10C(k) indicate there are likely to be adverse impacts on **protected matters** as a result of the Action.
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<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	12D) The person taking the Action must commence implementing the approved RGMP within 2 business days of the Minister approving the RGMP and continue to implement the RGMP until the expiry date of this approval.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	12E) Following submission of an RGMP in accordance with condition 12B of this approval, and prior to the Minister making any decision regarding the RGMP, if the agency makes a written request to the person taking the Action to make specified revisions to the submitted RGMP that are reasonably necessary in order to address the requirements of condition 12C the person taking the Action must: a. Revise the RGMP in accordance with the request; and b. Re-submit the RGMP to the agency, within three months of the request being made, or alternative time as specified by the agency in writing.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Decommissioning Plan 13) In order to protect protected matters, the person taking the Action must prepare a Decommissioning Plan (DP), in consultation with the WA DEC. A preliminary DP must be submitted for approval by the Minister not more than 5 years after commencement of the Action.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	13A) In order to protect protected matters, the person taking the Action must prepare a Final Decommissioning Plan (FDP), in consultation with the WA DEC. An FDP meeting all the requirements of condition 13B must be submitted to the agency for the Minister's approval within 18 months of the date of this variation decision. Note: To avoid doubt, if a condition of another jurisdiction requires a Decommissioning Plan, the person taking the Action may submit a single plan that meets all requirements.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	13B) The Final Decommissioning Plan (FDP) must be prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist or suitably qualified environmental professional. All commitments, including environmental outcomes, management measures, corrective measures, trigger values and performance indicators in the FDP must be SMART and based on referenced or included evidence of effectiveness. The FDP must be consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines, and must include: a. Clear indications of which party is responsible for implementing each aspect of the FDP;

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- b. A timeframe for implementation that ensures rehabilitation is completed prior to the expiry of this approval;
 - c. Details of the relevant **protected matters** and a reference to the **EPBC Act** approval conditions to which the plan refers;
 - d. A table of commitments made in the plan to achieve the environmental outcomes, and a reference to exactly where these commitments are detailed in the plan;
 - e. Commitments capable of ensuring that the environmental outcomes are achieved;
 - f. An assessment of risks relating to achieving the environmental outcomes and risk management strategies and/or mitigation measures that will be applied to address identified risks;
 - g. Impact avoidance, mitigation and/or repair measures, and the timing of those measures;
 - h. The progressive removal or reuse of infrastructure in locations where operations have ceased;
 - i. Establishment of management practices and safeguards to minimise environmental disturbance;
 - j. Measures to ensure **protected matters** are not impacted by progressive decommissioning, or final decommissioning of infrastructure;
 - k. Rehabilitation measures for the infrastructure sites following decommissioning including for:
 - i. Optimising habitat and habitat connectivity for **protected matters**;
 - ii. Enhancing pre-construction environmental quality; and
 - iii. Ongoing management during rehabilitation.
 - l. A rehabilitation monitoring program, which must include:
 - i. Performance indicators;
 - ii. Trigger values for corrective measures;
 - iii. The timing and frequency of monitoring, ensuring monitoring is capable of detecting trigger values and changes in the performance indicators; and
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	iv. Proposed corrective measures if trigger values are reached. m. References to other relevant plans or conditions of approval (including state or territory approval conditions).
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	13C) Following submission of an FDP in accordance with condition 13A of this approval, and prior to the Minister making any decision regarding the FDP, if the agency makes a written request to the person taking the Action to make specified revisions to the submitted FDP that are reasonably necessary in order to address the requirements of condition 13B the person taking the Action must: a. Revise the FDP in accordance with the request; and b. Re-submit the FDP to the agency, within three months of the request being made, or alternative timeframe as specified by the agency in writing.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	13D) The person taking the Action must commence implementing the approved FDP from the date specified in the FDP approved by the Minister and continue to implement the approved FDP until the expiry date of this approval.
<i>Original dated 30 September 2011</i>	Offset Management Plan 14) In order to offset the potential impacts on listed threatened species, including the endangered Gouldian Finch (<i>Erythrura Gouldian</i>), the endangered Northern Quoll (<i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i>), the vulnerable Red Goshawk (<i>Erythrotriorchis radiatus</i>), the vulnerable Crested Shrike-tit (<i>Falcunculus frontatus whitei</i>), the critically endangered Speartooth Shark (<i>Glyphis glyphis</i>), the endangered Northern River Shark (<i>Glyphis garricki</i>), the vulnerable Freshwater Sawfish (<i>Pristis pristis</i>) and the vulnerable Dwarf Sawfish (<i>Pristis clavata</i>), the person taking the Action must prepare an Offset Management Plan (OMP) in consultation with the WA DEC. The OMP must be submitted for approval by the Minister. The OMP must be submitted to the department for approval by the Minister no later than 12 months after the date of this approval decision. The OMP must include, but should not be limited to: a. Details of the direct offsets proposed in the draft Environmental Impact Statement and how these will deliver long-term conservation benefits for relevant terrestrial listed threatened species that would not otherwise be achieved. This must include:

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- i. Mapping of the native vegetation habitat suitable for listed threatened species;
 - ii. Details of the area and characteristics of suitable habitat for listed threatened species;
 - iii. Details of whether the offset site provides the same landscape function and habitat type for the listed species as the habitat cleared or impacted by the proposal;
 - iv. Details of whether the offset site delivers a real conservation outcome that would not have otherwise been achieved (i.e. whether it was to be protected regardless of the action);
 - v. Steps that will be taken to ensure that any direct offset site will be protected in perpetuity for conservation purposes and details of evidence that will be provided to the **department** that conservation covenants have been entered into;
 - vi. Provision of ongoing management of the offset site, including details of funding mechanisms.
- b. Details of alternative direct or indirect offsets if the proposed offsets do not satisfy the requirements listed in Condition 14A;
 - c. Funding of research activities, agreed by the **department**, to an amount of no less than \$150,000 per year for 10 years, for the management, monitoring and/or improved protection of the critically endangered Speartooth Shark (*Glyphis glyphis*), the endangered Northern River Shark (*Glyphis garricki*), the vulnerable Freshwater Sawfish (*Pristis pristis*) and the vulnerable Dwarf Sawfish (*Pristis clavata*). The proposed research activities must be developed in consultation with the **Sawfish and Glyphis Recovery Team**. Payments must be made to a trust fund agreed to by the **department**. Research activities must be approved, and the first yearly payment must be provided within 18 months of the date of this approval decision.

The approved Offset Management Plan must be implemented

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Revised Action Management Plans

15) The person taking the Action may choose to revise a plan required to be implemented under conditions 6D, 7D, 10D, 12D or 13D without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the **EPBC Act**, if:

- a. The taking of the Action in accordance with the revised plan would be consistent with the approved Action;
- b. The taking of the Action in accordance with the revised plan would be consistent with the conditions attached to this approval;
- c. The taking of the Action in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a **new or increased impact**; and
- d. The person taking the Action notifies the **agency** electronically that it has prepared a revised version of the plan (the 'revised plan'). In notifying the **agency**, the person taking the Action must specify each condition which references the **plan** and provide the **agency** with:
 - i. An electronic copy of the revised plan;
 - ii. An electronic copy of the revised plan marked up with track changes to show the differences between the plan and the revised plan;
 - iii. A comprehensive explanation of all differences between the plan and the revised plan;
 - iv. A declaration that the person taking the Action has read and understands the *Guidance on 'new or increased impact' relating to changes to approved management plans under EPBC Act environmental approvals*, Commonwealth of Australia 2017;
 - v. A comprehensive analysis and detailed discussion on the likelihood that taking the Action in accordance with the revised plan will not have, or will be not likely to have, a **new or increased impact**; and
 - vi. Written notice of the date on which the person taking the Action will implement the revised plan (the 'revised plan implementation date'), being at least 30 **business days** after the date of providing notice of the revision of the plan, or a date agreed to in writing by the **agency**.

<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	15A) The person taking the Action must commence implementation of the revised plan from the revised plan implementation date unless otherwise notified in writing by the Minister .
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	15B) If the Minister notifies the person taking the Action that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of the Action in accordance with a plan which has been revised without submitting it for the Minister's approval would be likely to have a new or increased impact, then: a. The person taking the Action's ability to revise a plan without submitting the plan for Minister approval does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the revised plan; b. The person taking the Action must implement the plan in force immediately prior to that revised plan or a version of the plan specified by the Minister in the notice; and c. The Minister may also notify that, for a specified period, the person taking the Action's ability to revise a plan without submitting the plan for Minister approval does not apply for one or more specified plans. Note: The above conditions are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the EPBC Act.
<i>Original dated 30 September 2011</i>	16) If the Minister believes that it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of the listed threatened and migratory species to do so, the Minister may request that the person taking the Action make specified revisions to the management plans specified in the conditions and submit the revised management plan for the Minister's written approval. The person taking the Action must comply with any such request. The revised approved management plan must be implemented. Unless the Minister has approved the revised management plan, then the person taking the Action must continue to implement the management plan originally approved, as specified in the conditions.

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Publication of Action Management Plans

17) Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the **Minister**, the person taking the Action must publish each **plan** on the **website** within 15 **business days** of the date:

- a. Of this approval decision, if the version of the **plan** to be implemented is specified in these conditions;
- b. The **plan** is approved by the **Minister** in writing, if the **plan** requires the approval of the **Minister**; or
- c. The **plan** is submitted to the **agency** in accordance with a requirement of these conditions, if the **plan** does not require the approval of the **Minister**.

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17A) The person taking the Action must keep all **plans** published on the **website**, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, from the first date which that **plan** must be published and until the expiry date of this approval. This requirement applies to all current and superseded versions of **plans**.

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17B) The person taking the Action is required to exclude or redact **sensitive biodiversity data** from any version of a **plan** before that **plan** is published on the **website** or otherwise provided to a member of the public. If **sensitive biodiversity data** is excluded or redacted from a **plan**, the person taking the Action must notify the **agency** in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the **website**.

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17C) Wherever these conditions require the person taking the Action to submit any **plan** to the **agency**, all such **plans** must be submitted to the **agency** electronically.

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Sale of Land

18) Prior to the transfer of any land the person taking the Action must provide evidence to the **agency** that a notification has been registered on the title advising that the land is subject to the requirements of this approval.

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Independent Audits

19) The person taking the Action must ensure that an **independent audit** of compliance with the conditions is conducted for every **audit period**.

<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	19A) The person taking the Action must submit details of the proposed independent auditor and their qualifications to the agency within 10 business days following the end of each audit period .
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	19B) The person taking the Action must ensure the scope of each independent audit is sufficient to determine the compliance status for each condition of approval, and each commitment made in each plan .
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	19C) The person taking the Action must ensure the criteria for each independent audit and the undertaking of each independent audit are consistent with the Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines .
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	19D) The person taking the Action must submit an audit report to the agency for written agreement from the agency within 3 months following the end of each audit period , or as otherwise directed by the Minister in writing.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	19E) The person taking the Action must ensure each audit report is consistent with the Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines .
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	19F) The person taking the Action must publish each audit report on the website , in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, within 10 business days of the date the agency agrees to that audit report in writing.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	19G) The person taking the Action must notify the agency within 5 business days of the date the audit report is published on the website . In this notification, the person taking the Action must provide the agency with the web address for where the audit report is published on the website .
<i>Original dated 30 September 2011</i>	Substantial Commencement 20) If, at any time after five years from the date of this approval, the person taking the Action has not substantially commenced the Action, then the person taking the Action must not substantially commence the Action without the written agreement of the Minister.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Completion of the Action 21) Within 20 business days after the completion of the Action, and, in any event, at least 20 business days prior to the expiry date of this approval, the person taking the Action must notify the agency electronically of the date of completion of the Action and provide completion data. The person taking the Action must submit any spatial data that comprises completion data as a shapefile.

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<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Agency means the Australian Government agency responsible for administering Parts 7, 8 and 9 of the EPBC Act .
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Annual Compliance Report period or ACR period means each 1 May to 30 April yearly period until the expiry date of this approval, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister .
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	ANZG 2018 means the <i>Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality 2018</i> .
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Aquatic Fauna Management Plan means the document <i>Ord Project – Aquatic Fauna Management Plan</i> , Revision 11, Strategen March 2014 or the revised version of this plan most recently approved by the Minister in writing.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Auditor means a person, or firm, who has demonstrated experience in undertaking government-regulated environmental compliance audits, and holds relevant professional qualifications and accreditations.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Audit period means each subsequent five-year period following the date of this variation decision until the expiry date of this approval unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister .
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Audit report means a written report of an independent audit .
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Baseline levels mean baseline monitoring data collected to satisfy a requirement of a plan currently or previously required to have been implemented by a condition of this approval.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Biodiversity data means ‘biodiversity data’ as described in the <i>Policy on Accessing and Sharing Biodiversity Data</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2024.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Buffer Area means the area represented in Annexure A by the zone shaded green and labelled ‘Goomig Buffer’.

<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Buffer Management Plan means the document <i>Ord Project Buffer Management Plan</i> , Revision 8, Strategen January 2014 or the revised version of this plan most recently approved by the Minister in writing.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Business day means a day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or a public holiday in Western Australia.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Clear, cleared or clearing means the cutting down, felling, thinning, logging, removing, killing, destroying, poisoning, ringbarking, uprooting, or burning of vegetation with the exception of undertaking fire or weed management as specified in a plan .
<i>Original dated 30 September 2011</i>	Commencement of the Action is the construction of any infrastructure associated with the proposed action.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Completion data means an environmental report and spatial data clearly detailing how the conditions of this approval have been met.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Completion of the Action means the date on which all activities associated with the approved Action, other than those which provide compensation for the impacts of the Action, have permanently ceased and/or been completed.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Compliance records mean all documentation or other material in whatever form required to demonstrate compliance with these conditions of approval (including compliance with commitments made in plans) in the person taking the Action's possession, or that are within the person taking the Action's power to obtain lawfully.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Compliance report means a written report of compliance with, and fulfilment of, these conditions (including compliance with commitments made in plans).
<i>Original dated 30 September 2011</i>	The department is the Australian Government department responsible for administering the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> .
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Development Area means the area represented in Annexure A by the zones shaded in pink and labelled 'Goomig Development Area – Total Area 8,802 ha'.

<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Environmental Management Plan Guidelines means the <i>Environmental Management Plan Guidelines</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2024.
<i>Original dated 13 September 2011</i>	The EPBC Act is the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> .
<i>Original dated 30 September 2011</i>	Glyphis and Pristis expert means a person with at least five years' experience in ecology and experience in <i>Glyphis</i> and <i>Pristis</i> species ecology and management.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Gouldian Finch means the EPBC Act listed threatened species Gouldian Finch (<i>Erythrura gouldiae</i>).
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Gouldian Finch Conservation Plan means the document <i>Ord Project – Gouldian Finch Conservation Management Plan</i> , Revision 8, Strategen January 2014 or the revised version of this plan most recently approved by the Minister in writing.
<i>Original dated 30 September 2011</i>	Gouldian Finch Expert is a person with at least five years' experience in ecology and experience in Gouldian Finch (<i>Erythrura gouldiae</i>) ecology and management.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Groundwater Management Plan means the document <i>Ord Project – Groundwater Management Plan</i> , Revision 11, Strategen January 2014 or the revised version of this plan most recently approved by the Minister in writing.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Habitat quality means a measure of the overall viability of a site and its capacity to support protected matters , with respect to site condition, site context and species stocking rate and/or composition.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Harm means to cause any measurable direct or indirect disturbance or deleterious change as a result of any activity associated with the Action.

<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Incident means any: - event which has the potential to, or does, harm any protected matter other than as authorised by this approval, - potential non-compliance with these conditions, including the administrative requirements, - actual non-compliance with these conditions, including the administrative requirements, - potential non-compliance with one or more commitment made in a plan, and/or - actual non-compliance with one or more commitment made in a plan.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Independent audit means an audit, conducted by an independent auditor, of compliance with and fulfilment of these conditions and the commitments made in plans, objectively evaluated against the audit criteria developed by the independent auditor, in accordance with the Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines means the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines</i>, Commonwealth of Australia 2019.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Independent means a person, or firm, who: - does not have any individual, financial*, employment* or family affiliation or any conflicting interests with the Action, the person taking the Action or the person taking the Action's staff, representatives, or associated persons, - has demonstrated experience in undertaking government-regulated environmental compliance audits, and - holds relevant professional qualifications and accreditations. *Other than for the purpose of undertaking the role for which the person, or firm, is required.
<i>Original dated 30 September 2011</i>	The Minister is the Minister administering the EPBC Act and includes a delegate of the Minister.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Monitoring data means the data required to be recorded under the conditions of this approval, including sensitive biodiversity data.

<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	New or increased impact means any direct or indirect increase in the impacts of an Action, an increase to the likelihood of an impact occurring, a reduction to the monitoring or mitigation measures for a protected matter , and/or a change to the nature or management of an environmental offset as outlined in the <i>Guidance on 'new or increased impact' relating to changes to approved management plans under EPBC Act environmental approvals</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2017.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Plan means any action management plan or strategy that the person taking the Action is required by these conditions to implement.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	The Project Area is the whole footprint of the proposal, including the Development Area and the Buffer Area .
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Personal identification information means any details pertaining to any individual's identity which a reasonable person would conclude that, if released, published, or otherwise exposed, may be used to identify or contact an individual. Personal identification information includes but is not limited to any individual's name, email address, residential address or telephone number.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Protected matter means a matter protected under a controlling provision in Part 3 of the EPBC Act for which this approval has effect.
<i>Original dated 30 September 2011</i>	The Sawfish and Glyphis Recovery Team is the team working on the <i>Draft Recovery Plan for Sawfish and Glyphis</i> , being led by the department.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Sensitive biodiversity data means biodiversity data which, if released, published or otherwise exposed, may result in harm to the relevant protected matter as a result of the intentional or unintentional misuse of that biodiversity data .
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Shapefile means location and attribute information about the Action provided in an Esri shapefile format containing: - '.shp', '.shx', '.dbf' files, - a '.prj' file which specifies the projection or geographic coordinate system used, and - an '.xml' metadata file that describes the shapefile for discovery and identification purposes.

<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	SMART means specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time bound.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Stormwater and Groundwater Discharge Management Plan means the document <i>Ord Project Stormwater and Groundwater Discharge Management Plan</i> , Revision 12, Strategen March 2014 or the revised version of this plan most recently approved by the Minister in writing.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Suitable trees mean hollow bearing smooth-barked gum tree species identified as forming known Gouldian Finch breeding habitat in the <i>National Recovery Plan for the Gouldian Finch (Erythrura gouldiae)</i> , O'Malley, C 2006.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Suitably qualified ecologist means a person who has relevant professional qualifications and: - at least 3 years of work experience writing and implementing management plans for the habitat of protected matters, - has implemented and reported on management plans for the habitat of protected matters, and can demonstrate the implementation of those plans achieved the desired habitat quality for habitat of protected matters, and - can give authoritative assessment and advice on offset management to improve the habitat quality of the habitat of protected matters using relevant protocols, standards, methods and/or literature.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Suitably qualified environmental professional (for the purpose of preparing and implementing environmental management plans) means a person who has at least 5 years of work experience designing and implementing management activities for protected matters . A person qualified for this role can also qualify as a suitably qualified ecologist or suitably qualified hydrologist where that person can demonstrate the relevant criteria for either role (as applicable) is met.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Suitably qualified hydrologist means a person who has: - at least a postgraduate degree (or equivalent) in a suitable area (such as hydrology or hydrogeology) - relevant professional qualifications in hydrology and limnology, and

	- a minimum of 10 years relevant experience in water resources assessment including at least one year of experience in Australia.
<i>Original dated 30 September 2011</i>	Tailwater Management System is a system to retain first-flush rainfall and irrigation runoff from farms, as outlined in section 3.2.2 of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.
<i>Original dated 30 September 2011</i>	WA DEC means the Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation or its successor organisation.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Water resource means: - surface water or groundwater, or - a watercourse, lake, wetland or aquifer (whether or not it currently has water in it), and - includes all aspects of the water resource (including water, organisms and other components and ecosystems that contribute to the physical state and environmental value of the water resource), as defined in the Water Act 2007 (Cth).
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	A water year is the year beginning 1 December and ending 30 November.
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Website means a set of related web pages located under a single domain name attributed to the person taking the Action and available to the public.
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