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Department of the Environment and Energy

# **EPBC** Act Protected Matters Report

This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected.

Information on the coverage of this report and qualifications on data supporting this report are contained in the caveat at the end of the report.

Information is available about <u>Environment Assessments</u> and the EPBC Act including significance guidelines, forms and application process details.

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### Matters of National Environment Significance

This part of the report summarises the matters of national environmental significance that may occur in, or may relate to, the area you nominated. Further information is available in the detail part of the report, which can be accessed by scrolling or following the links below. If you are proposing to undertake an activity that may have a significant impact on one or more matters of national environmental significance then you should consider the Administrative Guidelines on Significance - see http://environment.gov.au/protection/environment-assessments

World Heritage Properties:	None
National Heritage Places:	None
Wetlands of International Significance:	None
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Area:	None
Threatened Ecological Communities:	None
Threatened Species:	29
Migratory Species:	18

### Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

This part of the report summarises other matters protected under the Act that may relate to the area you nominated. Approval may be required for a proposed activity that significantly affects the environment on Commonwealth land, when the action is outside the Commonwealth land, or the environment anywhere when the action is taken on Commonwealth land. Approval may also be required for the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies proposing to take an action that is likely to have a significant impact on the environment anywhere.

The EPBC Act protects the environment on Commonwealth land, the environment from the actions taken on Commonwealth land, and the environment from actions taken by Commonwealth agencies. As heritage values of a place are part of the 'environment', these aspects of the EPBC Act protect the Commonwealth Heritage values of a Commonwealth Heritage place. Information on the new heritage laws can be found at http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage

A permit may be required for activities in or on a Commonwealth area that may affect a member of a listed threatened species or ecological community, a member of a listed migratory species, whales and other cetaceans, or a member of a listed marine species. Information on EPBC Act permit requirements and application forms can be found at http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/permits-and-application-forms

Commonwealth Lands:	None
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Listed Marine Species:	24
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	None
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Marine:	None

#### **Extra Information**

This part of the report provides information that may also be relevant to the area you have nominated.

State and Territory Reserves:	28
Regional Forest Agreements:	None
Invasive Species:	25
Nationally Important Wetlands:	1

## Details

### Matters of National Environmental Significance

Threatened Species		[Resource Information]
Name	Status	Type of Presence
BIRDS		
Calidris ferruginea		
Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Erythrotriorchis radiatus		
Red Goshawk [942]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Erythrura gouldiae		
Gouldian Finch [413]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Neochmia ruficauda ruficauda		
Star Finch (eastern), Star Finch (southern) [26027]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Poephila cincta cincta		
Southern Black-throated Finch [64447]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Rostratula australis		
Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Tyto novaehollandiae kimberli		
Masked Owl (northern) [26048]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
MAMMALS		
Dasyurus hallucatus		
Northern Quoll, Digul [Gogo-Yimidir], Wijingadda [Dambimangari], Wiminji [Martu] [331]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Hipposideros semoni</u>		
Semon's Leaf-nosed Bat, Greater Wart-nosed Horseshoe-bat [180]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Macroderma gigas		
Ghost Bat [174]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Mesembriomys gouldii rattoides		
Black-footed Tree-rat (north Queensland), Shaggy Rabbit-rat [87620]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Petauroides volans		
Greater Glider [254]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Phascolarctos cinereus (combined populations of Qld,	NSW and the ACT)	
Koala (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory) [85104]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Rhinolophus robertsi Large-eared Horseshoe Bat, Greater Large-eared Horseshoe Bat [87639]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Saccolaimus saccolaimus nudicluniatus Bare-rumped Sheath-tailed Bat, Bare-rumped Sheathtail Bat [66889]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
PLANTS		
<u>Acacia crombiei</u> Pink Gidgee [10927]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Bulbophyllum globuliforme Miniature Moss-orchid, Hoop Pine Orchid [6649]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Cajanus mareebensis</u> [8635]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Cycas cairnsiana</u> a cycad [5780]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Cycas platyphylla</u> a cycad [55796]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Dichanthium queenslandicum</u> King Blue-grass [5481]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Dichanthium setosum bluegrass [14159]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Eriocaulon carsonii Salt Pipewort, Button Grass [10584]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Euphorbia carissoides [12431]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Macropteranthes montana [9003]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<u>Tephrosia leveillei</u> [16946]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
REPTILES		
<u>Denisonia maculata</u> Ornamental Snake [1193]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Egernia rugosa</u> Yakka Skink [1420]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
SHARKS		
Pristis pristis Freshwater Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, River Sawfish, Leichhardt's Sawfish, Northern Sawfish [60756]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Migratory Species * Species is listed under a different scientific name on Name		-
Name Migratory Marine Birds	Threatened	Type of Presence
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
		habitat likely to occur within area
Migratory Marine Species		
Pristis pristis		
Freshwater Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, River Sawfish, Leichhardt's Sawfish, Northern Sawfish [60756]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Migratory Terrestrial Species		
<u>Cuculus optatus</u> Oriental Cuckoo, Horsfield's Cuckoo [86651]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hirundo rustica		
Barn Swallow [662]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Monarcha melanopsis		
Black-faced Monarch [609]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Motacilla cinerea		
Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Motacilla flava		
Yellow Wagtail [644]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Myiagra cyanoleuca		
Satin Flycatcher [612]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Rhipidura rufifrons		
Rufous Fantail [592]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Migratory Wetlands Species		
Actitis hypoleucos		
Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris acuminata		
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat

Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856]

Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858]

Charadrius veredus **Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882]** 

Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]

Glareola maldivarum **Oriental Pratincole [840]** 

Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]

Tringa nebularia Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832] Critically Endangered

Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

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### Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Listed Marine Species		[Resource Information]
* Species is listed under a different scientific name on t	he EPBC Act - Threatened	Species list.
Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Birds		
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Anseranas semipalmata Magpie Goose [978]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Ardea alba</u> Great Egret, White Egret [59541]		Breeding known to occur within area
<u>Ardea ibis</u> Cattle Egret [59542]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<u>Calidris ferruginea</u> Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<u>Calidris melanotos</u> Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Charadrius veredus</u> Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Cuculus saturatus Oriental Cuckoo, Himalayan Cuckoo [710]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]

<u>Glareola maldivarum</u> Oriental Pratincole [840]

Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]

Hirundo rustica Barn Swallow [662]

Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater [670]

Monarcha melanopsis Black-faced Monarch [609] Species or species habitat may occur within area

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Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Species or species habitat may occur within area

Species or species habitat may occur within area

Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
<u>Motacilla cinerea</u> Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Motacilla flava Yellow Wagtail [644]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Myiagra cyanoleuca Satin Flycatcher [612]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pandion haliaetus Osprey [952]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Rhipidura rufifrons</u> Rufous Fantail [592]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato) Painted Snipe [889]	Endangered*	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Tringa nebularia</u> Common Greenshank, Greenshank [832]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Reptiles Green dudus is brotoni		
Crocodylus johnstoni Freshwater Crocodile, Johnston's Crocodile, Johnston's River Crocodile [1773]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Extra Information

State and Territory Reserves

Name	State
Bellfield	QLD
Blackbraes	QLD
Blackbraes	QLD
Bulleringa	QLD
Canyon	QLD
Cobbold Gorge	QLD
Eagle's View	QLD
Esmeralda	QLD
Gilberton	QLD
Goanna Spring	QLD
Granite Creek	QLD
Kennedy Road Gravel	QLD
Littleton	QLD
Littleton	QLD
Moonstone Hill	QLD
Mount Rosey	QLD
Newcastle Range-The Oaks	QLD
North Head	QLD
Rungulla	QLD
Rungulla	QLD
South Head	QLD
Stuarts Spring	QLD
Talaroo	QLD
Tallaroo Station	QLD
Torrlinger	QLD

Name		State
Torwood		QLD
Undara Volcanic		QLD
Werrington		QLD
Invasive Species		[Resource Information]
Weeds reported here are the 20 species of national that are considered by the States and Territories to following feral animals are reported: Goat, Red Fox Landscape Health Project, National Land and Wate	pose a particularly sig , Cat, Rabbit, Pig, Wa	gnificant threat to biodiversity. The
Name	Status	Type of Presence
Birds		
Acridotheres tristis		
Common Myna, Indian Myna [387]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Columba livia		
Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove, Domestic Pigeon [803]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Passer domesticus		
House Sparrow [405]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Streptopelia chinensis		
Spotted Turtle-Dove [780]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Frogs		
Rhinella marina		
Cane Toad [83218]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Mammals		
Bos taurus		
Domestic Cattle [16]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Canis lupus familiaris		
Domestic Dog [82654]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Equus caballus		
Horse [5]		Species or species habitat

Felis catus Cat, House Cat, Domestic Cat [19]

Feral deer Feral deer species in Australia [85733]

Mus musculus House Mouse [120]

Oryctolagus cuniculus Rabbit, European Rabbit [128]

Rattus rattus Black Rat, Ship Rat [84]

Sus scrofa Pig [6]

Vulpes vulpes Red Fox, Fox [18] Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

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Species or species

Name	Status	Type of Presence habitat likely to occur within
Dianata		area
Plants		
Acacia nilotica subsp. indica Prickly Acacia [6196]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Andropogon gayanus		
Gamba Grass [66895]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Cryptostegia grandiflora		
Rubber Vine, Rubbervine, India Rubber Vine, India Rubbervine, Palay Rubbervine, Purple Allamanda [18913] Hymenachne amplexicaulis		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Hymenachne, Olive Hymenachne, Water Stargrass,		Species or species habitat
West Indian Grass, West Indian Marsh Grass [31754	ŀ]	likely to occur within area
Jatropha gossypifolia		
Cotton-leaved Physic-Nut, Bellyache Bush, Cotton-le Physic Nut, Cotton-leaf Jatropha, Black Physic Nut [7507] Lantana camara	281	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Lantana, Common Lantana, Kamara Lantana, Large leaf Lantana, Pink Flowered Lantana, Red Flowered Lantana, Red-Flowered Sage, White Sage, Wild Sag [10892] Parkinsonia aculeata		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Parkinsonia, Jerusalem Thorn, Jelly Bean Tree, Hors Bean [12301]	Se	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Parthenium hysterophorus		
Parthenium Weed, Bitter Weed, Carrot Grass, False Ragweed [19566]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Vachellia nilotica		
Prickly Acacia, Blackthorn, Prickly Mimosa, Black Piquant, Babul [84351]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Reptiles		
Hemidactylus frenatus		
Asian House Gecko [1708]		Species or species habitat

Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Nationally Important Wetlands	[Resource Information]
Name	State
Undara Lava Tubes	QLD

## Caveat

The information presented in this report has been provided by a range of data sources as acknowledged at the end of the report.

This report is designed to assist in identifying the locations of places which may be relevant in determining oigations under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. It holds mapped locations of World and National Heritage properties, Wetlands of International and National Importance, Commonwealth and State/Territory reserves, listed threatened, migratory and marine species and listed threatened ecological communities. Mapping of Commonwealth land is not complete at this stage. Maps have been collated from a range of sources at various resolutions.

Not all species listed under the EPBC Act have been mapped (see below) and therefore a report is a general guide only. Where available data supports mapping, the type of presence that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. People using this information in making a referral may need to consider the qualifications below and may need to seek and consider other information sources.

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are derived from recovery plans, State vegetation maps, remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

Threatened, migratory and marine species distributions have been derived through a variety of methods. Where distributions are well known and if time permits, maps are derived using either thematic spatial data (i.e. vegetation, soils, geology, elevation, aspect, terrain, etc) together with point locations and described habitat; or environmental modelling (MAXENT or BIOCLIM habitat modelling) using point locations and environmental data layers.

Where very little information is available for species or large number of maps are required in a short time-frame, maps are derived either from 0.04 or 0.02 decimal degree cells; by an automated process using polygon capture techniques (static two kilometre grid cells, alpha-hull and convex hull); or captured manually or by using topographic features (national park boundaries, islands, etc). In the early stages of the distribution mapping process (1999-early 2000s) distributions were defined by degree blocks, 100K or 250K map sheets to rapidly create distribution maps. More reliable distribution mapping methods are used to update these distributions as time permits.

Only selected species covered by the following provisions of the EPBC Act have been mapped:

- migratory and

- marine

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in reports produced from this database:

- threatened species listed as extinct or considered as vagrants
- some species and ecological communities that have only recently been listed
- some terrestrial species that overfly the Commonwealth marine area
- migratory species that are very widespread, vagrant, or only occur in small numbers

The following groups have been mapped, but may not cover the complete distribution of the species:

- non-threatened seabirds which have only been mapped for recorded breeding sites
- seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent

Such breeding sites may be important for the protection of the Commonwealth Marine environment.

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-Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, Queensland

-Department of Parks and Wildlife, Western Australia

-Environment and Planning Directorate, ACT

-Birdlife Australia

-Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme

-Australian National Wildlife Collection

-Natural history museums of Australia

-Museum Victoria

-Australian Museum

-South Australian Museum

-Queensland Museum

-Online Zoological Collections of Australian Museums

-Queensland Herbarium

-National Herbarium of NSW

-Royal Botanic Gardens and National Herbarium of Victoria

-Tasmanian Herbarium

-State Herbarium of South Australia

-Northern Territory Herbarium

-Western Australian Herbarium

-Australian National Herbarium, Canberra

-University of New England

-Ocean Biogeographic Information System

-Australian Government, Department of Defence

-Forestry Corporation, NSW

-Australian Tropical Herbarium, Cairns

-eBird Australia

-Australian Government – Australian Antarctic Data Centre

-Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory

-Australian Government National Environmental Science Program

-Australian Institute of Marine Science

-Reef Life Survey Australia

-American Museum of Natural History

-Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Inveresk, Tasmania

-Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, Tasmania

-Other groups and individuals

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