

Airport Central (Airfield Upgrade) Major Development Plan

Perth Airport

Conditions of Approval

1. The approval holder must not **clear** more than:

Protected Matters

- a. 10.47 hectares (ha) of **Banksia TEC**,
- b. 49.24 ha of **black cockatoo foraging habitat** for **Carnaby's Black Cockatoo**,
- c. 22.54 hectares (ha) of **black cockatoo foraging habitat** for **Baudin's Black Cockatoo** and **Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo**.

Whole of Environment Matters

- d. 42.22 ha of **native vegetation**; and
- e. 28.3 ha of **wetlands**, consisting of 13.8 ha of **Conservation Category Wetlands** and 14.5 ha of **Resource Enhancement Wetlands**.

2. To offset the loss of MNES **protected matters** and **wetlands** as specified in Condition 1, the approval holder must commence implementation of the **Offset Strategy** no later than commencement of the **Action** and continue to implement the **Offset Strategy** until completion criteria and offset strategy targets (Table 1) are met.
3. Within 18 months of the date of the implementation of the **Offset Strategy**, the approval holder must provide written evidence to the **department** that verifies it has purchased **offset areas 2 and 4** and provide written evidence of **conservation covenants** for **offset areas 2 and 4**.
4. Within 18 months of the date of the implementation of the **Offset Strategy**, the approval holder must provide written evidence to the **department** that verifies it has purchased **offset areas 1, 3 and 5** and provide written evidence of the **transfer of land** agreement for **offset areas 1, 3 and 5** with the Government of Western Australia.
5. Within 18 months of the date of **approval of the Offset Strategy**, the approval holder must implement **Offset Management Plans** consistent with the **Offset Strategy** and **Environmental Management Plan Guidelines**. The **Offset Management Plans** must be provided to the **department** on request.

Table 1. Airport Central Biodiversity Offset Strategy targets (Condition 2).

Offset site name	Protected matter	Habitat extent	Habitat quality	Habitat Scoring System	Time specified to achieve each outcome
Offset 1 – 569 Orange Springs Road, Orange Springs, Western Australia	Carnaby's Black Cockatoo foraging habitat – Averted loss	145.28 ha	≥ 5	Habitat Scoring System for WA black cockatoo foraging habitat	20 years after the commencement of the action
	Banksia TEC – Averted loss	133.77 ha	≥ 7	Banksia woodland TEC habitat quality scoring framework	20 years after the commencement of the action
Offset 2 – 919 Rocky Gully Road, Mt Barker, Western Australia	Carnaby's Black Cockatoo foraging habitat – Averted loss	20.42 ha	≥ 6	Habitat Scoring System for WA black cockatoo foraging habitat	20 years after the commencement of the action
	Carnaby's Black Cockatoo foraging habitat - Revegetation	32.27 ha	≥ 6	Habitat Scoring System for WA black cockatoo foraging habitat	20 years after the commencement of the action
	Baudin's Black Cockatoo foraging habitat – Averted loss	20.42 ha	≥ 7	Habitat Scoring System for WA black cockatoo foraging habitat	20 years after the commencement of the action
	Baudin's Black Cockatoo foraging habitat – Revegetation	32.27 ha	≥ 7	Habitat Scoring System for WA black cockatoo foraging habitat	20 years after the commencement of the action
	Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo foraging habitat- Averted loss	20.42 ha	≥ 7	Habitat Scoring System for WA black cockatoo foraging habitat	20 years after the commencement of the action

	Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo foraging habitat - Revegetation	32.27 ha	≥ 7	Habitat Scoring System for WA black cockatoo foraging habitat	20 years after the commencement of the action
Offset 3 – Lot 26 Lakes Road, Nambelup, Western Australia	Wetlands – Averted loss	40.33 ha	≥ 6	Wetland Habitat Quality Scoring for the Swan Coastal Plain	20 years after the commencement of the action
Offset 4 – Lot 3832 (North), Regans Ford, Western Australia	Wetlands - Rehabilitation	26.73 ha	≥ 6	Wetland Habitat Quality Scoring for the Swan Coastal Plain	20 years after the commencement of the action
	Wetlands - Revegetation	28.92 ha	≥ 6	Wetland Habitat Quality Scoring for the Swan Coastal Plain	20 years after the commencement of the action
Offset 5 – Lot 2 Mindarra, Mindarra, Western Australia	Carnaby's Black Cockatoo foraging habitat – Averted loss	10.21 ha	≥ 6	Habitat Scoring System for WA black cockatoo foraging habitat	20 years after the commencement of the action

Definitions

Action or Action area means the Action or location of the Action, as defined in the Airport Central Major Development Plan (Appendix A). The EPBC Act defines an action as including a project, development, undertaking, activity, or series of activities, or an alteration to any of those things.

Approval of the Offset Strategy means the date of formal approval of the **Offset Strategy** is the date of the issuing of the s163 of the **EPBC Act** final advice by the **delegate**.

Banksia TEC means the threatened **ecological community** the Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain which is listed as Endangered under the **EPBC Act**.

Banksia woodland TEC habitat quality scoring framework means the habitat quality scoring assessment within the approved Offset Strategy. This scoring framework is to be used for monitoring, compliance and auditing purposes.

Baudin's Black Cockatoo means the **EPBC Act** listed threatened species Baudin's Black Cockatoo (*Zanda baudinii*; listed as *Calyptorhynchus baudinii*) and their **critical habitat**.

Black cockatoo means any and all of the **EPBC Act** listed threatened species of black cockatoo, including **Carnaby's Black Cockatoo, Baudin's Black Cockatoo** and **Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo**.

Black cockatoo foraging habitat means habitat suitable for use and/or used by **black cockatoo species** for foraging, breeding or roosting. Within the **Action area**, the location of **Black cockatoo foraging habitat** is represented in the Major Development Plan and **Offset Strategy**.

Carnaby's Black Cockatoo means the **EPBC Act** listed threatened species Carnaby's Black Cockatoo (*Zanda latirostris* listed as *Calyptorhynchus latirostris*) and their **critical habitat**.

Clear, clearing, or clearance means the cutting down, felling, thinning, logging, removing, killing, destroying, poisoning, ringbarking, uprooting, or burning of vegetation. This does not include any relevant prescribed burns for bushfire management or weed management (see the *Australian Weeds Strategy 2017-2027*, Commonwealth of Australia 2017 for further *guidance*).

Conservation Category Wetland are areas that support a high level of ecological attributes and functions or that have a reasonable level of functionality and are representative of wetland types that are rare or poorly protected.

Conservation covenant means a promise contained in a deed to land or real estate that is binding upon the current owner and all future owners. It defines the limitations, conditions or restrictions on the use of that land other than for conservation purposes.

Critical habitat means habitat listed in the Commonwealth register in relation to a **species** of **ecological community**.

Delegate means an officer or employee in the **Department** that the Minister for the Environment and Water, by signed or sealed instrument, delegates all or any of his or her powers or functions to under s515 of the **EPBC Act**.

Department means the Commonwealth environment department. As of 2024, this is the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW).

Ecological community means the extent in nature in the Australian jurisdiction of an assemblage of native species that inhabits a particular area in nature.

Environmental Management Plan(s) describe how an **action** might impact on the natural **environment** in which it occurs and set out clear commitments from the person taking the **action** on how those impacts will be avoided, minimised and managed so that they are environmentally acceptable.

Environmental Management Plan Guidelines means the **department** management plan guidelines for stakeholders regarding preparing **Environmental Management Plans** for the **department** relating to **protected matters**. The guidelines can be located at <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc/publications/environmental-management-plan-guidelines>

EPBC Act means the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth).

Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo means the **EPBC Act** listed threatened species Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksii naso*) and their **critical habitat**.

Habitat Scoring System for WA black Cockatoo foraging habitat means the habitat quality scoring assessment within the approved Offset Strategy. This scoring framework is to be used for monitoring, compliance and auditing purposes.

Native vegetation, as defined in the Western Australia *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, meaning indigenous aquatic or terrestrial vegetation, including dead vegetation unless that dead vegetation is of a class declared by regulation to be excluded from the definition, but not including vegetation in a plantation. This includes the development impact to threatened ecological community of the Endangered SCP3b *Corymbia calophylla – Eucalyptus marginata* woodlands on sandy clay soils of the southern Swan Coastal Plain.

Offset areas means the area/s of land to be secured and managed for the protected matters listed in Condition 1.

Offset Management Plans means the documents outlining the management and protection of the offset area.

Offset Strategy means the document titled ‘*Airport Central Biodiversity Offset Strategy – Final – October 2024*’ outlining the proposed approach to offsetting **protected matters** that is consistent with the principles and practices of the **EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy**.

Protected matter(s) means matter protected under a controlling provision in Part 3 of the **EPBC Act** for which this approval has effect. Includes **Whole of Environment matters**.

Resource Enhancement Wetland are wetland(s) that have been degraded but still support substantial ecological attributes and functions They have some potential to be restored to a **Conservation Category Wetland**. Such wetlands still support some elements of the original native vegetation, and hydrological function.

Species means a group of biological entities that interbreed to produce fertile offspring and possesses common characteristics derived from a common gene pool. This includes a sub-species and a distinct population of such biological entities.

Transfer of land means the transfer of property to the State Government for conservation purposes, where it meets State government biodiversity requirements of additionality to their Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative (CAR) reserve system.

Wetland Habitat Quality Scoring for the Swan Coastal Plain means the habitat quality scoring assessment within the approved Offset Strategy. This scoring framework is to be used for monitoring, compliance and auditing purposes.

Wetlands means State-government categorised **Conservation Category Wetland** and/or **Resource Enhancement Wetland** occurring within, and adjacent to, the **Action area**.

Whole of Environment matters relating to Commonwealth land (owned or leased land by the Commonwealth) means:

- ecosystems and their constituent parts, including people and communities; and
- natural and physical resources; and
- the qualities and characteristics of location, places and areas; and
- heritage values of places; and
- the social, economic and cultural aspects of a thing mentioned above.