

Report on compliance with the conditions of *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC) approval 2011 / 6011 for the year to 7 August 2014

The Western Australian Department of Health (DoH) was granted approval (2011 / 6011) under the EPBC on 20 June 2012. The approval is valid until 31 December 2027. The action is clearance of native vegetation to construct the Busselton Health Campus on the site of the existing Busselton Hospital, Lot 406 on Deposited Plan 216401. A Clearing Permit (4433 / 1) has been approved under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

Following a request by the DoH the EPBC approval conditions were changed on 3 June 2013 to increase the number of Peppermint Trees that could be removed from 156 to 158 and to increase the number of Peppermint Trees that must be replanted from 350 to 360. The Western Ringtail Possum Management Plan and Revegetation Management Plan were amended to reflect the changes to the approval conditions. The management plan changes were approved on 31 October 2013.

The conditions of EPBC approval 2011 / 6011 and actions related to compliance with them are set out in the following table.

	Condition of EPBC 2011 / 6011	Compliance activity and supporting documentation
1.	Within 30 days after the commencement of the action, advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement.	The action commenced on 7 August 2012. A letter advising the Department that the action had commenced was sent on 3 September 2012
2.	Maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the management plans, and make the records available to the Department on request.	Accurate records of activities have been kept (see documentation supporting approval conditions, above and below) and are available to the Department on request.
3.	Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action, publish a report on the website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of the approval, including implementation of the management plans.	This document was published on the project website on 6 August 2014. A letter with the link to the report was sent to the Department on 12 August 2014.

	<p>Documentary evidence of publication must be provided to the Department.</p> <p>Each management plan must be published on the website for the length of the approval.</p>	<p>The following plans are available on the project website: http://www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au/index.php?id=718</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Western Ringtail Possum Management Plan (WRPMP) ○ Busselton Health Campus – Revegetation Management Plan (BHC – RMP) ○ Tuart National Park Rehabilitation Plan (TNPRP)
4.	<p>If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activities otherwise than in accordance with the management plans, they must submit a revised version of the management plan for approval.</p>	<p>Amendments to the WRPMP and BHC – RMP were approved on 31 October 2013 (see Attachment 1).</p>
5.	<p>The person taking the action must comply with a request by the Minister to revise a management plan. The revised management plan must be implemented.</p>	<p>No requests to revise a management plan have been received.</p>
6.	<p>If, at any time after five years from the date of approval, the action has not substantially commenced, the action must not substantially commence without the written agreement of the Minister.</p>	<p>The action commenced on 7 August 2012.</p>
7.	<p>The person taking the action must publish all management plans on their website within one month of the plan being approved and must remain on the website for the life of the project.</p>	<p>The following plans are available on the project website: http://www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au/index.php?id=718</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WRPMP ○ BHC – RMP ○ TNPRP
8.	<p>The person taking the action must not clear more than 158 Peppermint trees from the project site. Clearing of Peppermint trees must only take place within the Redevelopment Area.</p>	<p>To 7 August 2014 a total of 210 trees have been cleared of which 158 were Peppermint trees. This is an increase of 10 trees in the reporting period; of which five were Peppermint trees (see Attachments 3 and 4).</p>

9.	<p>The person taking the action must prepare and submit a WRPMP for approval by the Minister.</p> <p>The WRPMP must be prepared in consultation with WA DEC and submitted to the Department and be approved by the Minister, prior to commencement of the action.</p> <p>The plan must be implemented.</p>	<p>The revised WRPMP was approved by the Department 31 October 2013.</p> <p>The WRPMP was prepared in consultation with WA DEC and approved on 4 April 2013 (see Attachment 2).</p> <p>See the following compliance activity and documentation:</p>
M1	<p>Clearing will be undertaken in accordance with the conditions of approvals and requirements of the WRPMP. Where peppermint trees are retained within the development footprint they will be protected by fences during construction. Clearing restricted to 1 June to 30 October.</p>	<p>210 native trees have been cleared of which 158 were Peppermint trees (see Condition 8). Tree protection areas have been maintained (see Attachment 4). Clearing was undertaken between 1 June and 30 October (see Attachment 3).</p>
M2	<p>Use disturbed areas in preference to undisturbed areas.</p>	<p>Previously disturbed areas have been used for construction (see Attachments 3 and 4).</p>
M3	<p>Minimise habitat fragmentation.</p>	<p>Where possible remaining trees and habitat are linked with other areas (see Attachment 6).</p>
M4	<p>Secure 6.6ha Conservation Area. Put in place covenant on the Crown Land Title.</p>	<p>No action during this period. Establishment of Conservation Area planned for after construction.</p>
M5	<p>Erect permanent, dog-proof fencing around the Conservation Area.</p>	<p>Construction of a permanent, dog-proof fence has commenced (see Attachment 7).</p>
M6	<p>Prepare and implement a Busselton Health Campus – Revegetation Management Plan.</p>	<p>See Condition 10, below.</p>
M7	<p>Install education signage at points where controlled</p>	<p>Currently programmed for 2014. Work not commenced yet.</p>

	access is provided.	
M8	Prepare and implement a Fire Prevention and Management Plan with and approved by DFES.	A fire management plan developed with DFES was approved in February 2013.
M9	Implement an induction program which alerts contractors that the site hosts the conservation significant WRP.	WRP induction program provided to all contractors / sub-contractors. Approximately 1,200 inductions have been completed as at 7 August 2014. Sample of induction information provided in 2013 report.
M10	Erect a temporary fence (minimum of 210cm) around the construction area.	Temporary fence erected around construction area from 7 August 2012 (see Attachment 5).
M11	Implement a WRP translocation program between 1 June and 30 October 2012. DoH to fund translocation and monitoring of WRP by WA DEC.	DEC officers translocated 20 adult WRP from the site prior to 5 September 2012.
M12	Provide an experienced zoologist (DEC Regulation 15 License) as a spotter during tree clearing and demolition and a wildlife carer on-call during construction.	Zoologist on site throughout tree clearing (see Attachment 3).
M13	Commence clearing from Bussell Highway towards the Conservation Area.	Not relevant in this period due to limited tree clearing.
M14	Avoid stockpiling cleared vegetated material on site. Mulch immediately where material cannot be removed.	Vegetation was removed or immediately mulch on site (see Attachments 3 and 4).
M15	Implement a tree health monitoring program as described in the WRPMP.	Tree health monitoring in March 2012, October 2012, March 2013, October 2014 and March 2014. http://www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au/index.php?id=718
M16	Implement a revegetation monitoring program as described in the Revegetation Management Plan.	Revegetation has commenced. Monitoring will be undertaken in line with the BHC – RMP.

M17	Monitor the WRP population as described in the WRPMP.	http://www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au/index.php?id=718 WRP monitoring in monitoring in March 2012, October 2012, March 2013, October 2014 and March 2014. http://www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au/index.php?id=718
M18	Prepare a TNPRP, in consultation with WA DEC, outlining the rehabilitation program for at least 4ha within the Tuart Forest National Park.	The TNPRP was developed in consultation with WA DEC and has been approved by the Department. http://www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au/index.php?id=718
10.	<p>The person taking the action must prepare and submit a BHC – RMP for approval by the Minister.</p> <p>The approved BHC – RMP must be in place within six months of the date of approval.</p> <p>In the event that the BHC – RMP is not approved the action must cease and not recommence until the BHC – RMP is approved.</p>	<p>The amended BHC – RMP was approved by the Department on 31 October 2013.</p> <p>http://www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au/index.php?id=718</p> <p>A tender has been let for on site rehabilitation work. The work commenced in July 2013 and has progressed in line with the program (see Attachments 8 - 11).</p>
11.	<p>The person taking the action must prepare and submit, in consultation with WA DEC, a Tuart National Park Rehabilitation Plan (TNPRP) for the approval of the Minister.</p> <p>The approved TNPRP must be in place within six months of the date of approval.</p> <p>In the event that the TNPRP is not approved the action must cease and not recommence until the BHC – RMP is approved.</p>	<p>See M18, above.</p> <p>A tender has been let for on site rehabilitation work. The work commenced in July 2013 (see Attachments 12 - 14).</p>

