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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Proposed Expansion of Tinda Creek Sand Quarry

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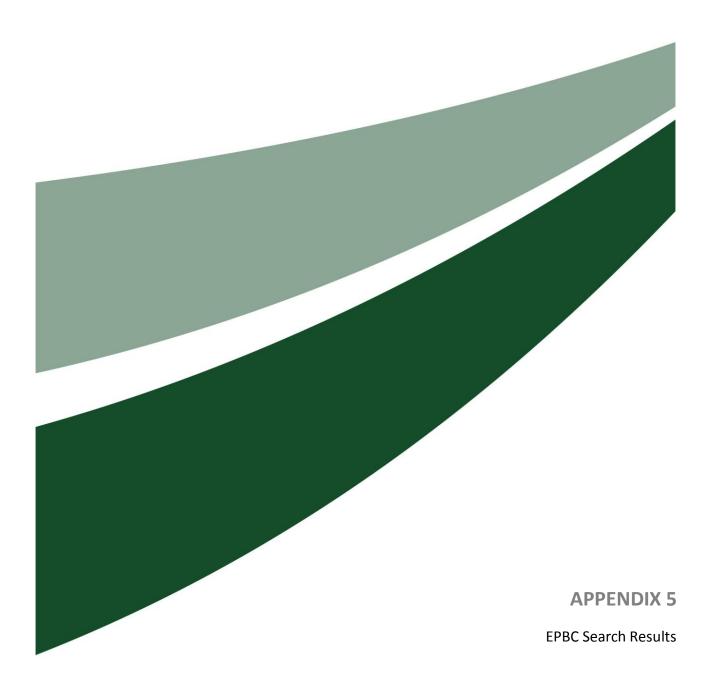
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# **EPBC** Act Protected Matters Report

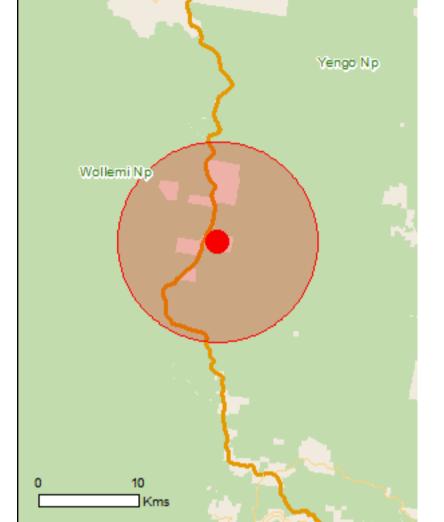
This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected.

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.

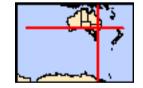
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# Summary

### Matters of National Environmental 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 <u>Administrative Guidelines on Significance</u>.

World Heritage Properties:	1
National Heritage Places:	1
Wetlands of International Importance:	None
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Areas:	None
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	2
Listed Threatened Species:	36
Listed Migratory Species:	13

### 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 <u>heritage values</u> of a place are part of the 'environment', these aspects of the EPBC Act protect the Commonwealth Heritage values of a Commonwealth Heritage place and the heritage values of a place on the Register of the National Estate.

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A <u>permit</u> 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.

Commonwealth Land:	1
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Listed Marine Species:	14
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	None
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves:	None

### **Extra Information**

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

Place on the RNE:	2
State and Territory Reserves:	3
Regional Forest Agreements:	1
Invasive Species:	38
Nationally Important Wetlands:	None
Key Ecological Features (Marine)	None

# **Details**

### Matters of National Environmental Significance

World Heritage Properties		[Resource Information]
Name	State	Status
The Greater Blue Mountains Area	NSW	Declared property
National Heritage Properties		[Resource Information]
Name	State	Status
Natural		
The Greater Blue Mountains Area	NSW	Listed place

#### Listed Threatened Ecological Communities

[Resource Information]

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.

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Turpentine-Ironbark Forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion	Critically Endangered	Community likely to occur within area
Upland Basalt Eucalypt Forests of the Sydney Basin Bioregion	Endangered	Community may occur within area
Listed Threatened Species		[Resource Information]
Listed Threatened Species Name	Status	[ <u>Resource Information</u> ] Type of Presence
•	Status	
Name	Status	

Regent noneyeater [62336]

Botaurus poiciloptilus Australasian Bittern [1001]

Dasyornis brachypterus Eastern Bristlebird [533]

Erythrotriorchis radiatus Red Goshawk [942]

Lathamus discolor Swift Parrot [744]

Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe [77037] Enuangereu

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Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Species or species habitat may occur within area

Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Species or species habitat may occur within

Endangered

Endangered

Vulnerable

Endangered

Endangered

Name	Status	Type of Presence
		area
Fish		
Macquaria australasica		
Macquarie Perch [66632]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Australian Grayling [26179]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Frogs		
Heleioporus australiacus Giant Burrowing Frog [1973]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Litoria aurea</u> Green and Golden Bell Frog [1870]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Litoria littlejohni</u> Littlejohn's Tree Frog, Heath Frog [64733]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mixophyes balbus Stuttering Frog, Southern Barred Frog (in Victoria) [1942]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Mixophyes iteratus Giant Barred Frog, Southern Barred Frog [1944]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mammals		
Chalinolobus dwyeri Large-eared Pied Bat, Large Pied Bat [183]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Dasyurus maculatus maculatus (SE mainland popula	tion)	
Spot-tailed Quoll, Spotted-tail Quoll, Tiger Quoll (southeastern mainland population) [75184]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby [225]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Phascolarctos cinereus (combined populations of Qld	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Koola (combined populations of Oueconcland New	Vulnarabla	Spacios or openios

Koala (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory) [85104] Potorous tridactylus tridactylus	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Long-nosed Potoroo (SE mainland) [66645]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Pseudomys novaehollandiae</u>		
New Holland Mouse, Pookila [96]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Pteropus poliocephalus		
Grey-headed Flying-fox [186]	Vulnerable	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour known to occur within area
Plants		
Acacia bynoeana		
Bynoe's Wattle, Tiny Wattle [8575]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Allocasuarina glareicola		
[21932]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Asterolasia elegans		
[56780]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
<u>Cryptostylis hunteriana</u> Leafless Tongue-orchid [19533] <u>Cynanchum elegans</u>	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
White-flowered Wax Plant [12533]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Eucalyptus sp. Howes Swamp Creek (M.Doherty 26) [82281]	Endangered	Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Euphrasia arguta [4325]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Melaleuca deanei</u> Deane's Melaleuca [5818]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Olearia cordata</u> [6710]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Pelargonium sp. Striatellum (G.W.Carr 10345) Omeo Stork's-bill [84065]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Pomaderris brunnea Rufous Pomaderris [16845]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Streblus pendulinus</u> Siah's Backbone, Sia's Backbone, Isaac Wood [21618]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Tetratheca glandulosa</u> Glandular Pink-bell [2350]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Wollemia nobilis</u> Wollemi Pine [64545]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Zieria involucrata</u> [3087]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Reptiles		
Hoplocephalus bungaroides Broad-headed Snake [1182]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Listed Migratory Species		[Resource Information]
* Species is listed under a different scientific name on the		•
Name Migratory Marine Birds	Threatened	Type of Presence
<u>Apus pacificus</u> Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Migratory Terrestrial Species		
Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943] Hirundapus caudacutus		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
White-throated Needletail [682]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Merops ornatus		
Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Monarcha melanopsis</u>		
Black-faced Monarch [609]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<u>Monarcha trivirgatus</u>		
Spectacled Monarch [610]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Myiagra cyanoleuca		<b>.</b>
Satin Flycatcher [612]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<u>Rhipidura rufifrons</u>		
Rufous Fantail [592]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Xanthomyza phrygia		
Regent Honeyeater [430]	Endangered*	Foraging, feeding or related behaviour likely to occur within area
Migratory Wetlands Species		
Ardea alba		
Great Egret, White Egret [59541]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Ardea ibis</u>		
Cattle Egret [59542]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Gallinago hardwickii		
Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato)	Endonanad*	
Painted Snipe [889]	Endangered*	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act		
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Commonwealth Land

#### [Resource Information]

The Commonwealth area listed below may indicate the presence of Commonwealth land in this vicinity. Due to the unreliability of the data source, all proposals should be checked as to whether it impacts on a Commonwealth area, before making a definitive decision. Contact the State or Territory government land department for further information.

#### Name

Commonwealth Land - Australian Telecommunications Corporation

Listed Marine Species		[Resource Information]
* Species is listed under a different scientific name	on the EPBC Act - Threa	atened Species list.
Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Birds		
Apus pacificus		
Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Ardea alba		
Great Egret, White Egret [59541]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Ardea ibis</u>		
Cattle Egret [59542]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Gallinago hardwickii		
Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe [863]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Haliaeetus leucogaster		
White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Hirundapus caudacutus		<b>a</b>
White-throated Needletail [682]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Lathamus discolor		
Swift Parrot [744]	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Merops ornatus</u>		
Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
Monarcha melanopsis		
Black-faced Monarch [609]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Monarcha trivirgatus		
Spectacled Monarch [610]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Myiagra cyanoleuca</u>		
Satin Flycatcher [612]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
Pandion haliaetus		
Osprey [952]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Rhipidura rufifrons</u>		
Rufous Fantail [592]		Species or species habitat known to occur within area
<u>Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato)</u>		
Painted Snipe [889]	Endangered*	Species or species habitat may occur within area

### Extra Information

Places on the RNE		[Resource Information]
Note that not all Indigenous sites may be listed.		
Name	State	Status
Natural		
The Blue Mountains	NSW	Indicative Place
Wollemi National Park (1980 boundary)	NSW	Registered
State and Territory Reserves		[Resource Information]
Name		State
Parr		NSW
Wollemi		NSW
Yengo		NSW
Regional Forest Agreements		[Resource Information]
Note that all areas with completed RFAs have been included.		
Name		State
North East NSW RFA		New South Wales

#### **Invasive Species**

[Resource Information]

Weeds reported here are the 20 species of national significance (WoNS), along with other introduced plants that are considered by the States and Territories to pose a particularly significant threat to biodiversity. The following feral animals are reported: Goat, Red Fox, Cat, Rabbit, Pig, Water Buffalo and Cane Toad. Maps from Landscape Health Project, National Land and Water Resouces Audit, 2001.

2001.		
Name	Status	Type of Presence
Birds		.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Acridotheres tristis		<b>.</b>
Common Myna, Indian Myna [387]		Species or species
		habitat likely to occur
		within area
<u>Alauda arvensis</u>		
Skylark [656]		Species or species
		habitat likely to occur
		within area
Anas platyrhynchos		
Mallard [974]		Species or species
		• •
		habitat likely to occur
		within area
Carduelis carduelis		
European Goldfinch [403]		Species or species
		habitat likely to occur
		within area
<u>Columba livia</u>		
Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove, Domestic Pigeon [803]		Species or species
		habitat likely to occur
		within area
Lonchura punctulata		wann area
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Nutmeg Mannikin [399]		Species or species
		habitat likely to occur
		within area
Passer domesticus		
House Sparrow [405]		Species or species
		habitat likely to occur
		within area
Pycnonotus jocosus		
Red-whiskered Bulbul [631]		Species or species
		habitat likely to occur
		within area
Streptopelia chinensis		within area
Spotted Turtle-Dove [780]		Species or species
		habitat likely to occur
		within area
<u>Sturnus vulgaris</u>		
Common Starling [389]		Species or species
		habitat likely to occur
		within area
Turdus merula		
Common Blackbird, Eurasian Blackbird [596]		Species or species
		habitat likely to occur
		within area
Frogs		
Bufo marinus		
Cane Toad [1772]		Species or species
		habitat likely to occur
		within area
<u>Rhinella marina</u>		
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
<u>Canis lupus familiaris</u>		
Domestic Dog [82654]		Species or species
		habitat likely to occur
		within area
Felis catus		
Cat, House Cat, Domestic Cat [19]		Species or species
		habitat likely to occur

Species of species habitat likely to occur

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Forel door		within area
<u>Feral deer</u> Feral deer species in Australia [85733]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Lepus capensis Brown Horo [127]		Spacios or oppoios
Brown Hare [127]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Mus musculus House Mouse [120]		Spacios or spacios
House Mouse [120]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Oryctolagus cuniculus Dabbit, European Dabbit [128]		Spacios or opecies
Rabbit, European Rabbit [128]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Rattus rattus		
Black Rat, Ship Rat [84]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Sus scrofa		0
Pig [6]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Vulpes vulpes		<b>.</b>
Red Fox, Fox [18]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Plants		
Alternanthera philoxeroides		
Alligator Weed [11620]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Asparagus asparagoides		
Bridal Creeper, Bridal Veil Creeper, Smilax, Florist's Smilax, Smilax Asparagus [22473]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Cabomba caroliniana		<b>_</b>
Cabomba, Fanwort, Carolina Watershield, Fish Grass, Washington Grass, Watershield, Carolina Fanwort, Common Cabomba [5171]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Species or species habitat may occur within

Cylindropuntia spp. Prickly Pears [85131]

Chrysanthemoides monilifera

Bitou Bush, Boneseed [18983]

<u>Cytisus scoparius</u> Broom, English Broom, Scotch Broom, Common Broom, Scottish Broom, Spanish Broom [5934]

Genista sp. X Genista monspessulana Broom [67538]

Nassella neesiana Chilean Needle grass [67699]

Nassella trichotoma Serrated Tussock, Yass River Tussock, Yass Tussock, Nassella Tussock (NZ) [18884]

Pinus radiata Radiata Pine Monterey Pine, Insignis Pine, Wilding Pine [20780]

Rubus fruticosus aggregate Blackberry, European Blackberry [68406] area

Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

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Species or species habitat likely to occur

Name	Status	Type of Presence
		within area
Salix spp. except S.babylonica, S.x calodene	dron & S.x reichardtii	
Willows except Weeping Willow, Pussy Willo	ow and	Species or species
Sterile Pussy Willow [68497]		habitat likely to occur within area
Salvinia molesta		
Salvinia, Giant Salvinia, Aquarium Watermos	SS,	Species or species
Kariba Weed [13665]		habitat likely to occur within area
Senecio madagascariensis		
Fireweed, Madagascar Ragwort, Madagasca	ar	Species or species
Groundsel [2624]		habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Ulex europaeus</u>		
Gorse, Furze [7693]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

# Coordinates

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# 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 obligations under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. It holds mapped locations of World Heritage and Register of National Estate properties, Wetlands of International 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.

For species where the distributions are well known, maps are digitised from sources such as recovery plans and detailed habitat studies. Where appropriate, core breeding, foraging and roosting areas are indicated under 'type of presence'. For species whose distributions are less well known, point locations are collated from government wildlife authorities, museums, and non-government organisations; bioclimatic distribution models are generated and these validated by experts. In some cases, the distribution maps are based solely on expert knowledge.

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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- -Environmental and Resource Management, Queensland
- -Department of Environment and Conservation, Western Australia
- -Department of the Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Water
- -Birds Australia
- -Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme
- -Australian National Wildlife Collection
- -Natural history museums of Australia
- -Museum Victoria
- -Australian Museum
- -SA 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, Atherton and Canberra
- -University of New England
- -Ocean Biogeographic Information System
- -Australian Government, Department of Defence
- -State Forests of NSW
- -Geoscience Australia
- -CSIRO
- -Other groups and individuals

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