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# TERRESTRIAL VERTEBRATE ASSESSMENT

## GAP ANALYSIS REPORT

### CONNORS RIVER DAM PROJECT

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 BACKGROUND

The Connors River Dam and Pipelines project involves the construction of a new water supply dam on Connors River in Central Queensland and water transport pipelines to distribute the water to a number of locations. The greatest demand for water from the Connors River Dam is in the Northern Bowen Basin, west of the dam location, toward Moranbah.

A number of Full Supply Levels (FSLs) are currently being considered, from 163.9 m (150,000 ML storage) to 173.6 m (336,000 ML storage). The area inundated at 173.6 m AHD is 5400 hectares.

In February 2008, Biodiversity Assessment and Management Pty Ltd (BAAM) was engaged by SunWater to undertake a baseline survey of the terrestrial fauna and associated habitats of the proposed inundation area, its surrounds, habitats upstream and downstream of the impoundment, and the water transport pipeline locations.

The baseline data is a key input into the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. The broad aim of the baseline data is to provide information needed to describe the existing terrestrial ecological values of the subject areas, which in turn can be used to interpret impacts and develop mitigation strategies.

The EIS will be prepared using existing technical information and the results of the baseline studies. It is recognised that the level of technical rigour and predictive capability of methods used in the EIS will largely depend on the quality and quantity of existing information/data on which assessments will be based. Consequently, a key aspect of the project is to undertake a Gap Analysis to identify any potential deficiencies in the existing information; and to identify studies required to address these gaps.

This report is an analysis of key information gaps with respect to the terrestrial fauna of the Connors River Dam project area. This

has been based on an understanding of the project as derived from the study brief.

### 1.2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The overall aim of this study is to: review and identify the quantity and quality of existing data relating to the terrestrial fauna on which future baseline data collection and relevant sections of the EIS will be based; and identify key information gaps as well as any further investigation that will be required to fill these gaps. Thus the specific objectives of this study are to:

- Determine the extent to which previous terrestrial fauna work can be used for the baseline data and EIS; and
- Identify whether more detailed terrestrial fauna assessments are required to refine existing work or to provide additional assessments of key issues which have not yet been addressed.

This Gap Analysis considers whether there is adequate existing information/data to meet the EIS requirements as outlined in the Preliminary Terms of Reference provided in the Study Brief. It should be noted that at the stage of report preparation, Final Terms of Reference has not been prepared; hence there is some potential for changes to the required scope of works.

This Gap Analysis is concerned only with the terrestrial fauna; that is animals which are not confined to the edges of or within streams, stream banks or aquatic in habitat. The aquatic fauna will be considered in a separate report. A number of animals frequent both the riparian zone and wetlands (e.g. various birds, reptile and frog species) and the adjacent terrestrial zone and may move through the landscape along riparian corridors and/or between riparian remnants; while for others the riparian and aquatic zones provide a refuge in times of drought. Thus this analysis is concerned with the terrestrial fauna found between the aquatic/riparian zone and the proposed dam's upper water level and adjacent land. It includes terrestrial fauna species which from time to time utilise or reside in riparian vegetation and/or wetlands.

### 1.3 SCOPE

At present, our understanding of the project is based on details provided in the Study Brief and Initial Advice Statement.

The scope of the baseline studies will be to address the components set out in **Table 1.1** as defined by the Preliminary Terms of Reference for the terrestrial fauna existing environment component of the EIS. The TOR refers to all components of the project, including the inundation area and pipeline.

The scope of this Gap Analysis is to assess the existing information for each of these components and determine where additional information is required to provide sufficient detail to provide a solid basis for impact assessment.

The requirements of the Preliminary Terms of Reference for impact assessment are provided **Table 1.2**.

**TABLE 1.1. Terrestrial Fauna ‘Existing Environment’ EIS Components as defined by the Preliminary Terms of Reference**

| <b>Terrestrial Fauna Requirements – Existing Environment</b>   |
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| Describe the terrestrial and riparian fauna occurring or likely to occur in the areas affected by the project, noting the broad distribution patterns in relation to the habitat types present.  |
| Wildlife corridors, formal or otherwise, critical habitat and refugia should be identified and mapped.   |
| The description of the fauna present should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Species diversity (i.e. a species list) of amphibians, birds, reptiles, mammals and any invertebrates of recognised significance.</li> <li>• Existence (actual or likely) of any rare, threatened or otherwise noteworthy species/communities in the study area, including discussion of range, habitat, breeding, recruitment, feeding and movement requirements, current level of protection (e.g. any requirements of Protected Area Management Plans or Threatened Species Recovery Plans) and sensitivity to change.</li> <li>• Any species that are poorly known but suspected of being rare or threatened.</li> <li>• The existence of feral or exotic species, including invertebrates of economic or conservation significance.</li> <li>• An estimate of commonness or rarity for the listed or otherwise significant species.</li> <li>• Use of the area by migratory birds.</li> </ul> |
| The EIS should indicate how well any affected communities or species are represented and protected elsewhere in the region where the Project occurs or in the State.   |
| Methodology used for fauna surveys should be specified in the appendices to the report. Relevant site data should be provided to the EPA in a format compatible with EPA WildNet database.   |

**TABLE 1.2. Terrestrial Fauna ‘Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures’ EIS Components as defined by the Preliminary Terms of Reference**

| <b>Terrestrial Fauna Requirements– Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures</b>   |
|--|
| The assessment of potential impact should consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impacts the Project may have on terrestrial fauna, relevant wildlife habitat and other fauna conservation values, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Impacts due to loss of range/habitat, food supply, nest sites, breeding/recruiting potential or movement corridors;</li> <li>– Impacts on rare and threatened or otherwise noteworthy animal species;</li> <li>– Cumulative effects of direct and indirect impacts; and</li> <li>– Threatening processes leading to progressive loss.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| With respect to mitigation strategies the following should be provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measures to mitigate the identified impacts should be described. Any provision for buffer zones and movement corridors, nature reserves or special provisions for migratory or nomadic animals should be discussed and coordinated with the outputs of the flora assessment.</li> <li>• Details of the methodologies that would be used to avoid injuries to livestock and native fauna as a result of the Project’s construction and operational works, and if accidental injuries should occur the methodologies to assess and handle injuries.</li> <li>• Methods for minimizing introduction of feral animals, and other exotic fauna such as declared pest species.</li> </ul> |

## 2.0 METHODOLOGY

The Initial Advice Statement (SunWater 2008) includes a broad assessment of environmental values and issues in the study area, based on an examination of database records, existing mapping and a broad overview of existing relevant reports. The current assessment provides a more detailed examination of these and other data sources of relevance to the study.

Existing environmental literature and data relevant to the study area were collated and reviewed. Relevant existing information was sourced from the following:

- Published scientific papers;
- Database records (EPBC, Queensland Museum, etc); and
- Grey literature.

Each article of information has been collated to a cursory level sufficient to determine its relevance to the study. The collected information has then been reviewed to prioritise and identify information of direct relevance to the study.

A classification key for the quality and/or value of the available information has been established, as listed in **Table 2.1**.

A further assessment of the quality and/or quantity of each information source has been undertaken using the definitions described in **Table 2.2**. Key information gaps in the data available to adequately define the existing terrestrial flora and fauna and to determine the impacts of the proposed dam construction and operation have been identified on the basis of these assessments, and recommendations are provided to fill these gaps.

**TABLE 2.1: Data Quality/Value Categories**

| Category   | Description   |
|--|---|
| 1. Raw data (no interpretation)  | 1a. Data in basic original instrument format with no validation.<br>1b. Data extracted and archived in usable form following basic validation.  |
| 2. Primary data source (field-based observation study, non-experimental approach)    | 2a. Collection of field data undertaken to specifically describe on-site conditions (current-day).<br>2b. Collection of field data undertaken to specifically describe on-site conditions (historical).<br>2c. Collection of field data undertaken to describe conditions/values at broad spatial scales (e.g. whole of catchment), but also considers on-site conditions/values.<br>2d. Collection of field data undertaken elsewhere outside the study area, but findings relevant to study area. |
| 3. Primary data source (empirical, experimental approach used for impact definition) | 3a. Direct measurements of impact under investigation undertaken at dam site.<br>3b. Direct measurements of impact under investigation undertaken elsewhere, but relevant to study area.  |
| 4. Primary data (numerical modelling)  | 4a. Soundly established, but with limited or no validation.<br>4b. Validated as regionally sound.<br>4c. Validated against local dam site data.   |
| 5. Secondary data source (review/synthesis of primary data sources)                  | 5a. Considers study area.<br>5b. Considers case studies undertaken elsewhere, but relevant to study area.   |

**TABLE 2.2. Data Quality/Quantity Review Definitions**

| Code | Description  |
|------|--|
| 1    | Limited sampling effort in time (e.g. does not consider inter-annual or seasonal variations).  |
| 2    | Limited sampling effort in space (e.g. inadequate replication at different spatial scales, or mismatch in spatial scale with issue under investigation). |
| 3    | Potential/likely inaccuracies in collected data (e.g. due to methods of data collection, reporting etc.).  |
| 4    | Data not- current (e.g. major changes in environmental conditions since survey undertaken).  |
| 5    | Data current, robust sampling design (adequate replication in time and space), data likely to be accurate.   |



The available data sources are listed and classified in **Table 2.3**. The quality of the data to contribute to adequate definition of the existing environment is considered in **Section 3.0**.

**TABLE 2.3. Quality/Value and Quality/Quantity of Terrestrial Fauna Data– Existing Environment**

| Terrestrial Fauna Data Sources – Existing Environment  | Quality/value (Table 2.1) | Quality/Quantity (Table 2.2) |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aerial Photography: Connors Range QAP6119 Run 1 and 2 (1:40,000) 2004 and QAP5793 Carmila Run 11 and 12(1:25,000) 1999.  | 1b                        | 4                            |
| Birds Australia (2008). Birds Australia Database ( <a href="http://www.birdsaustralia.com.au/">http://www.birdsaustralia.com.au/</a> ).  | 1b                        | 1                            |
| Broadsound Shire Council (2005). Pest Management Plan - Effective: 2005 to 2009.   | 5b                        | 1                            |
| Cogger <i>et al.</i> (1993). <i>The Action Plan for Australian Reptiles</i> . ANCA, Canberra.  | 5b                        | 2                            |
| DEWHA (2008c). Commonwealth EPBC online protected matters search tool'. Department of Environment Water, Heritage and the Arts, 06/03/08.  | 1b                        | 2                            |
| DEWHA (2007a). Australian Natural Resources Atlas "Biodiversity Assessment – Brigalow Belt North". Australian Government, Canberra. ( <a href="http://www.anra.gov.au/topics/vegetaiton/assessment/qld">http://www.anra.gov.au/topics/vegetaiton/assessment/qld</a> ). | 2d                        | 3                            |
| DNRW (2006b). Pest animal distribution. ( <a href="http://www.nrm.qld.gov.au/pests/maps/pest_distribution/search.php">http://www.nrm.qld.gov.au/pests/maps/pest_distribution/search.php</a> ).   | 1b                        | 1                            |
| DNR (1997). Threatened Flora and Fauna Information Species Management Manual. Department of Natural Resources.   | 5b                        | 2                            |
| DNRM (1999). Report on Connors River Damsite at AMTD 95.7km PMF.   | 2c                        | 1                            |
| DNRM (2003). Report on Connors River Damsite at AMTD 95.7km Flood Hydrology.   | 2c                        | 1                            |
| DNRW (2006a). Central Queensland Water Supply Strategy.  | 2c                        | 1                            |
| EPA (2007a). Conservation Management Profile – Semi-evergreen vine thicket regional ecosystems in the Brigalow Belt bioregion – an overview. Ecosystem Conservation Branch, August 2007.   | 5b                        | 1                            |
| EPA (2008a). 'Regional Ecosystem mapping. On line 06/03/08.  | 2d                        | 3                            |
| EPA (2008b). 'WildNet Database.' Queensland Environmental Protection Agency, Brisbane. On line 06/03/2008.   | 1a/1b                     | 1                            |
| Garnett, T and Crowley GM (2000). <i>The Action Plan for Australian Birds</i> . Environment Australia, Canberra.   | 1b                        | 2                            |
| Hyder Consulting (1999). Initial Environmental Evaluation – Mt. Bridget Dam, Connors River. July 1999.   | 1a                        | 1                            |
| Ingram, GJ and Raven RJ (eds) (1991). <i>An Atlas of Queensland's Frogs, Reptiles, Birds and Mammals</i> . Queensland Museum, Brisbane.  | 1a                        | 5                            |
| Maxwell, S, Burbidge, AA and Morris, K (1996). <i>Action Plan for Australian Marsupials and Monotremes</i> . ANCA, Canberra.   | 5b                        | 2                            |
| Parsons Brinckerhoff (2007). Connors River Dam (AMTD 95.7km) Stage 1: pre-feasibility study.   | 2c                        | 1                            |
| Queensland Museum (2008). Database.  | 1a                        | 5                            |
| SunWater (2005). Supplementary report – feasibility study – Preliminary design for a dam at the Mount Bridget Site Connors River AMTD 95.7km.  | 2b                        | 1                            |
| SunWater (2008). Connors River Dam and Pipelines Initial Advice Statement. Report prepared for Department of Infrastructure and Planning. Brisbane, February 2008.   | 2b                        | 1                            |
| Whitsunday Hinterland and Mackay Regional Planning Project (2001) Water infrastructure assessment.   | 2c                        | 1                            |
| Young, PAR, Wilson, BA, McCosker, RJ, Fensham, RJ, Morgan, G and Taylor, PM (1999). 'Brigalow Belt' in <i>The Conservation Status of Queensland's Bioregional Ecosystems</i> . (eds. PS Sattler and RD Williams) EPA, Brisbane.  | 5a                        | 1                            |

### 3.0 GAP ANALYSIS

#### 3.1 EXISTING INFORMATION

##### 3.1.1 Terrestrial Vertebrates

Comprehensive data searches have found no evidence of previous terrestrial fauna studies undertaken within the inundation area and pipeline route other than a preliminary fauna assessment carried out by Hyder (1999) for the Mt Bridget Dam project.

The most relevant existing information is that derived from database sources (Queensland Museum, WildNet, Protected Matters Online and Birds Australia databases) for the study area and surrounding habitats, although there is a lack of records specifically from the study area.

Database records listed in the appendices are provided using the nomenclature of the source. There is a lack of uniformity in nomenclature across the organisations that maintain the databases. In an effort to simplify nomenclature this report follows the CSIRO List of Australian Vertebrates (Clayton *et al.* 2006) as it provides a single point of reference for all terrestrial

vertebrate groups. Any notable variations in common and/or scientific names of conservation significant species will be identified in the text, and where taxonomic revision affects the conservation status of a species the possible consequences will be addressed within the species profiles provided hereunder.

#### Inundation Area

Based on existing information, the inundation area may support up to twenty-eight (28) vertebrate species of conservation significance, including 12 species listed as Endangered, Vulnerable or Rare (NCA and/or EPBC), two species listed as being of special Cultural Significance (NCA); eight Migratory bird (terrestrial) species (EPBC); seven Migratory (wetland) bird species and one Migratory reptile (EPBC) (N.B. these categories are not mutually exclusive).

A search of three databases (i.e. Queensland Museum, Birds Australia and the EPA's Wildlife Online **Appendices 1, 2, and 3** respectively) found records for six of these species - four birds and two mammals (**Table 3.1**) within, or in the locality of, the study area. The remaining species are derived from the EPBC Protected Matters Online search (**Appendix 4**) and are listed in **Table 3.2**.

**TABLE 3.1. List of Fauna of Conservation Significance Recorded from the Inundation Area and its Immediate Surrounds**

| Scientific Name                          | Common Name                           | Conservation Status |      |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------|
|  |                                       | NCA                 | EPBC |
| <i>Ardea alba</i> <sup>1</sup>           | Great Egret                           | S                   | M    |
| <i>Geophaps scripta scripta</i>          | Squatter Pigeon (southern subspecies) | V                   | V    |
| <i>Merops ornatus</i>                    | Rainbow Bee-eater                     | S                   | M    |
| <i>Monarcha trivirgatus</i> <sup>2</sup> | Spectacled Monarch                    | S                   | M    |
| <i>Ornithorhynchus anatinus</i>          | Platypus                              | CS                  |      |
| <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>            | Koala                                 | CS                  |      |

#### Abbreviations

**Status:** Queensland's Nature Conservation Act 1992 (NCA): V = Vulnerable, S = Special Least Concern (Migratory) wildlife, CS = Culturally Significant Least Concern wildlife.

Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC): V = Vulnerable, M = Migratory Species.

**Nomenclature:** Unless otherwise noted, this table follows the CSIRO List of Australian Vertebrates (Clayton *et al.* 2006). Any notable variations in common and/or scientific names of conservation significant species are identified hereunder.

<sup>1</sup> also known as Eastern Great Egret *Ardea modesta* and as *Casmerodius albus*

<sup>2</sup> also known as *Symposiarchus trivirgatus*

**TABLE 3.2. List of Fauna of Conservation Significance which may occur within the Inundation Area and its Immediate Surrounds**

| Scientific Name                                     | Common Name                                  | Conservation Status |      |
|---|--|---------------------|------|
|   |  | NCA                 | EPBC |
| <i>Crocodylus porosus</i>                           | Saltwater Crocodile                          | V                   | M    |
| <i>Rheodytes leukops</i>                            | Fitzroy Turtle                               | V                   | V    |
| <i>Egernia rugosa</i>                               | Yakka Skink                                  | V                   | V    |
| <i>Denisonia maculata</i>                           | Ornamental Snake                             | V                   | V    |
| <i>Nettapus coromandelianus albipennis</i>          | (Australian) Cotton Pygmy-goose              | R                   | M    |
| <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> <sup>1</sup>                   | Cattle Egret                                 | S                   | M    |
| <i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>                       | White-bellied Sea-Eagle                      | S                   | M    |
| <i>Erythrotriorchis radiatus</i>                    | Red Goshawk                                  | E                   | V    |
| <i>Rostratula australis</i>                         | Australian Painted Snipe                     | V                   | V    |
| <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i> s. lat. <sup>2</sup> | Painted Snipe                                | V                   | M    |
| <i>Gallinago hardwickii</i>                         | Latham's Snipe                               | S                   | M    |
| <i>Numenius minutus</i>                             | Little Curlew                                | S                   | M    |
| <i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>                        | White-throated Needletail                    | S                   | M    |
| <i>Apus pacificus</i>                               | Fork-tailed Swift                            | S                   | M    |
| <i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>                          | Rufous Fantail                               | S                   | M    |
| <i>Monarcha melanopsis</i>                          | Black-faced Monarch                          | S                   | M    |
| <i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i>                           | Satin Flycatcher                             | S                   | M    |
| <i>Hirundo rustica</i>                              | Barn Swallow                                 | S                   | M    |
| <i>Neochmia ruficauda ruficauda</i>                 | Star Finch (eastern and southern subspecies) | E                   | E    |
| <i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i>                          | Northern Quoll                               | LC                  | E    |
| <i>Pteropus conspicillatus</i>                      | Spectacled Flying-fox                        | LC                  | V    |
| <i>Nyctophilus timoriensis</i> <sup>3</sup>         | Greater Long-eared Bat                       | V                   | V    |

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**Nomenclature:** Unless otherwise noted, this table follows the CSIRO List of Australian Vertebrates (Clayton *et al.* 2006). Any notable variations in common and/or scientific names of conservation significant species are identified hereunder.

<sup>1</sup> also known as *Ardea ibis*

<sup>2</sup> Australian Painted Snipes have been considered a subspecies of *Rostratula benghalensis*, a species found in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia (Marchant and Higgins 1993). The Australian birds are now considered to be an endemic species, in which case *R. benghalensis* does not occur in Australia (Garnett and Crowley 2000; Geering *et al.* 2007).

<sup>3</sup> Also known as Eastern Long-eared Bat, *Nyctophilus timoriensis* is currently undergoing taxonomic revision and will be redescribed as four separate species. The South-eastern Long-eared Bat is the 'form' which may occur in the study area (Turbill *et al.* 2008).

Eleven species listed as Endangered or Vulnerable (EPBC and/or NCA) may be, or are known to be, present in the study area. Brief species profiles are provided hereunder.

- Saltwater Crocodile – this species prefers coastal rivers and swamps but

may range inland along major rivers. It is also considered Migratory (EPBC).

- Fitzroy Turtle – the sole member of its genus and able to absorb oxygen from water through unique cloacal pouches. It is known only from the Fitzroy River and tributaries and has a distribution

- centred on riffle zones (Cogger 2000; Tucker *et al.* 2001; Hamann *et al.* 2007), the use of which is facilitated by its aquatic respiration (Gordos *et al.* 2004).
- Yakka Skink – found in dry open sclerophyll woodlands from southern Cape York Peninsula south to the St. George and Bollon regions where it lives communally in fallen logs, rock crevices and burrows excavated under logs and rocks (Wilson and Swan 2008).
  - Ornamental Snake – a nocturnal species which prefers low lying areas close to fresh water and feeds exclusively on frogs and is confined to central eastern Queensland (Wilson and Swan 2008).
  - Red Goshawk – found mainly along or near watercourses, in swamp forest and woodlands on the coastal plain. Favours patches of dense forest interspersed with open woodland or cleared land.
  - Australian Painted Snipe – prefers fringes of swamps, dams and nearby marshy areas where there is a cover of grasses, low scrub or open woodland forests.
  - Squatter Pigeon (southern subspecies) – found on grassy woodlands and plains, prefers sandy areas usually close to water. This species has been reported to occur in the area in the past.
  - Star Finch (eastern and southern subspecies) – occurs mainly in dense, damp grasslands bordering wetlands and watercourses, but also in open grassy woodlands near permanent water or that are subject to regular inundation. Its range has contracted seriously and the species is now found in scattered populations across northern Queensland. The more recent southerly records (to Rockhampton) are considered to be aviary escapees (Higgins *et al.* 2006) and the species is probably locally extinct.
  - Northern Quoll – once found across northern Australia but now restricted to several disjunct populations including the central east coast and ranges of Queensland. It can be found in a range of habitats but is most common in rocky eucalypt woodlands where it establishes dens in tree hollows and rock crevices (Strahan 1998).
  - Greater Long-eared Bat (south-eastern form) – a medium sized insectivorous bat that roosts in tree hollows or under bark. It can be found in arid and semi-arid habitats including mallee and dry woodlands. This species occurs across southern Australia but avoids coastal regions.
  - Spectacled Flying-fox – the only flying-fox restricted to rainforests and rarely seen far from this habitat where it feeds on a variety of forest fruits. This species roosts communally in rainforests, gallery forests and mangroves. They are found along coastal Queensland from the tip of Cape York to Hinchinbrook Island. The species is not known from the study area.
- One species listed as Rare under the NCA, Cotton Pygmy-goose, is considered likely to occur in the study area. It is also listed as Migratory under the EPBC and will be discussed hereunder.
- A number of Migratory bird species have been identified as likely to be found in the study area, either on passage or for longer periods of time. Three species have been reported from the area in the past (see Table 3.1).
- (Australian) Cotton Pygmy-goose – prefers lagoons, swamps and dams, particularly with aquatic vegetation.
  - Great Egret – occurs in coastal habitats and a wide variety of freshwater wetlands but also occurs in pasture.
  - Cattle Egret – favours pasture and other highly modified grasslands, typically in association with livestock. It requires freshwater wetlands for breeding.

- White-bellied Sea-Eagle – occurs on both coastal and terrestrial wetlands, including large rivers and artificial impoundments.
- Painted Snipe – prefers fringes of swamps, dams and nearby marshy areas where there is a cover of grasses, low scrub or open woodland forests.
- Latham’s Snipe – occurs in short grass and sedgeland fringing freshwater wetlands.
- Little Curlew – occurs mainly on dry grasslands, floodplains and the edges of swamps, mostly in northern Australia.
- White-throated Needletail – an aerial species which forages over almost any habitat including highly modified land and infrastructure. Does not breed in Australia.
- Fork-tailed Swift – an aerial species which forages over almost any habitat including highly modified land and infrastructure. Does not breed in Australia. Occurs mainly inland.
- Rainbow Bee-eater – found in open country with most vegetation types, may forage over forests, nests in sandy substrates. Likely to be present year-round.
- Rufous Fantail – prefers wetter forests and riparian vegetation. Breeding may occur in the study area.
- Black-faced Monarch – typically found in dense coastal forests, but may be in more open country on passage. Breeding may occur in the study area.
- Spectacled Monarch – found in a variety of habitats from rainforests to drier woodlands. Breeding is considered likely to occur in the study area.
- Satin Flycatcher – found in eucalypt forests, favouring watercourses and moist gullies.

- Barn Swallow – an open country species, often occurring near water and around towns. It is a vagrant south of Townsville.

Two species regarded as being of Special Cultural Significance (NCA) have been reported to occur in the area in the past:

- Platypus – inhabits freshwater streams, rivers, lakes and dams and tolerant of a wide range of conditions, but prefer steep well-vegetated banks (Low 1995; Menkhorst and Knight 2004).
- Koala – feeding almost exclusively on eucalypt leaves, the Koala in northern Australia is most common in forests dominated by *Eucalyptus tereticornis* or *E. camaldulensis*, often riverine forest (Lee and Martin 1988; Martin *et al.* 2008).

Four Class 2 pest species are reported to be common in the region (DNR&W 2006a). These are the: feral Cat *Felis catus*; Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes*; feral Pig *Sus scrofa*; and wild Dog *Canis lupus familiaris/dingo*. There have been no specific studies of pest animals within the study area.

### Pipeline Route

Based on existing information, the pipeline route may support up to forty-six (46) vertebrate species of conservation significance, including 24 species listed as Endangered, Vulnerable or Rare (NCA and/or EPBC), three species listed as being of special Cultural Significance (NCA); eight Migratory bird (terrestrial) species (EPBC); 11 Migratory (wetland) bird species and one Migratory reptile (EPBC) (N.B. these categories are not mutually exclusive).

A search of three databases (i.e. Queensland Museum, Birds Australia and the EPA’s Wildlife Online **Appendices 5, 6, and 7** respectively) found records for 31 of these species – three reptiles, 22 birds and six mammals (**Table 3.3**) within, or in the locality of, the pipeline route. The remaining species are derived from the EPBC Protected Matters Online search (**Appendix 8**) are listed in **Table 3.4**.

**TABLE 3.3. List of Fauna of Conservation Significance Recorded from the Pipeline Route and its Immediate Surrounds**

| Scientific Name                          | Common Name                                  | Conservation Status |      |
|--|--|---------------------|------|
|  |  | NCA                 | EPBC |
| <i>Paradelma orientalis</i>              | Brigalow Scaly-foot                          | V                   | V    |
| <i>Anomalopus brevicollis</i>            | Short-necked Worm-skink                      | R                   |      |
| <i>Denisonia maculata</i>                | Ornamental Snake                             | V                   | V    |
| <i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>          | Cotton Pygmy-goose                           | R                   | M    |
| <i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>        | Black-necked Stork                           | R                   |      |
| <i>Ardea alba</i> <sup>1</sup>           | Great Egret                                  | S                   | M    |
| <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> <sup>2</sup>    | Osprey                                       | S                   | M    |
| <i>Lophoictinia isura</i>                | Square-tailed Kite                           | R                   |      |
| <i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>            | White-bellied Sea-Eagle                      | S                   | M    |
| <i>Accipiter novaehollandiae</i>         | Grey Goshawk                                 | R                   |      |
| <i>Erythroriorchis radiatus</i>          | Red Goshawk                                  | E                   | V    |
| <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>                | Marsh Sandpiper                              | S                   | M    |
| <i>Tringa nebularia</i>                  | Common Greenshank                            | S                   | M    |
| <i>Calidris acuminata</i>                | Sharp-tailed Sandpiper                       | S                   | M    |
| <i>Geophaps scripta scripta</i>          | Squatter Pigeon (southern subspecies)        | V                   | V    |
| <i>Calyptorhynchus lathami</i>           | Glossy Black-Cockatoo                        | V                   |      |
| <i>Ninox rufa queenslandica</i>          | Rufous Owl (southern subspecies)             | V                   |      |
| <i>Merops ornatus</i>                    | Rainbow Bee-eater                            | S                   | M    |
| <i>Melithreptus gularis</i>              | Black-chinned Honeyeater                     | R                   |      |
| <i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>               | Rufous Fantail                               | S                   | M    |
| <i>Monarcha trivirgatus</i> <sup>3</sup> | Spectacled Monarch                           | S                   | M    |
| <i>Monarcha melanopsis</i>               | Black-faced Monarch                          | S                   | M    |
| <i>Acrocephalus australis</i>            | Australian Reed-Warbler <sup>4</sup>         | S                   | M    |
| <i>Neochmia phaeton</i>                  | Crimson Finch                                | V                   |      |
| <i>Neochmia ruficauda ruficauda</i>      | Star Finch (eastern and southern subspecies) | E                   | E    |
| <i>Ornithorhynchus anatinus</i>          | Platypus                                     | CS                  |      |
| <i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i>            | Short-beaked Echidna                         | CS                  |      |
| <i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i>               | Northern Quoll                               | LC                  | E    |
| <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>            | Koala  | CS                  |      |
| <i>Taphozous troughtoni</i>              | Troughton's Sheathtail-bat                   | E                   |      |
| <i>Chalinolobus picatus</i>              | Little Pied Bat                              | R                   |      |

**Abbreviations**

**Status:** Queensland's Nature Conservation Act 1992 (NCA): E = Endangered, V = Vulnerable, R = Rare, S = Special Least Concern (Migratory) wildlife, CS = Culturally Significant Least Concern wildlife.

Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC): E = Endangered, V = Vulnerable, M = Migratory Species.

**Nomenclature:** Unless otherwise noted, this table follows the CSIRO List of Australian Vertebrates (Clayton *et al.* 2006). Any notable variations in common and/or scientific names of conservation significant species are identified hereunder.

<sup>1</sup> also known as *Ardea modesta* Eastern Great Egret and as *Casmerodius albus*

<sup>2</sup> also known as *Pandion cristatus* Eastern Osprey

<sup>3</sup> also known as *Symphosiarctus trivirgatus*

<sup>4</sup> also known as Clamorous Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus stentoreus*.

**TABLE 3.4. List of Fauna of Conservation Significance which may occur within the Pipeline Route and its Immediate Surrounds**

| Scientific Name                             | Common Name                                   | Conservation Status |      |
|---|---|---------------------|------|
|   |   | NCA                 | EPBC |
| <i>Taudactylus eungellensis</i>             | Eungella Torrent Frog <sup>1</sup>            | E                   | E    |
| <i>Crocodylus porosus</i>                   | Saltwater Crocodile                           | V                   | M    |
| <i>Egernia rugosa</i>                       | Yakka Skink                                   | V                   | V    |
| <i>Lerista allanae</i>                      | Greater Robust Fine-lined Slider <sup>2</sup> | E                   | E    |
| <i>Furina dunmalli</i>                      | Dunmall's Snake                               | V                   | V    |
| <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> <sup>3</sup>           | Cattle Egret                                  | S                   | M    |
| <i>Rostratula australis</i>                 | Australian Painted Snipe                      | V                   | V    |
| <i>Gallinago hardwickii</i>                 | Latham's Snipe                                | S                   | M    |
| <i>Numenius minutus</i>                     | Little Curlew                                 | S                   | M    |
| <i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>                | White-throated Needletail                     | S                   | M    |
| <i>Apus pacificus</i>                       | Fork-tailed Swift                             | S                   | M    |
| <i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i>                   | Satin Flycatcher                              | S                   | M    |
| <i>Hirundo rustica</i>                      | Barn Swallow                                  | S                   | M    |
| <i>Pteropus conspicillatus</i>              | Spectacled Flying-fox                         | LC                  | V    |
| <i>Nyctophilus timoriensis</i> <sup>4</sup> | Greater Long-eared Bat                        | V                   | V    |

**Abbreviations**

**Status:** Queensland's Nature Conservation Act 1992 (NCA): E = Endangered, V = Vulnerable, S = Special Least Concern (Migratory) wildlife.

Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC): E = Endangered, V = Vulnerable, M = Migratory Species.

**Nomenclature:** Unless otherwise noted, this table follows the CSIRO List of Australian Vertebrates (Clayton *et al.* 2006). Any notable variations in common and/or scientific names of conservation significant species are identified hereunder.

<sup>1</sup> Also known as Eungella Day Frog

<sup>2</sup> Also known as Allan's Lerista and Retro Slider

<sup>3</sup> Also known as *Ardea ibis*

<sup>4</sup> Also known as Eastern Long-eared Bat. *Nyctophilus timoriensis* is currently undergoing taxonomic revision and will be re-described as four separate species. The South-eastern Long-eared Bat is the 'form' which may occur in the study area (Turbill *et al.* 2008).

Eighteen species listed as Endangered or Vulnerable (EPBC and/or NCA) may be, or are known to be, present in the study area. Brief species profiles for Saltwater Crocodile, Yakka Skink, Ornamental Snake, Red Goshawk, Australian Painted Snipe, Squatter Pigeon (southern subspecies), Star Finch (eastern and southern subspecies), Northern Quoll, Spectacled Flying-fox and Greater Long-eared Bat are provided above in regards to the inundation area and are relevant to the pipeline route. Species profiles of the additional EVR species are provided hereunder.

- Eungella Torrent Frog – This species is restricted to rainforest in the Clarke Range and Finch Hatton Gorge, inhabiting rocky creeks (Barker *et al.* 1995).

- Brigalow Scaly-foot – once thought to be confined to remnant Brigalow (*Acacia harpophylla*) or sparse tussock grass vegetation on grey cracking soils (Shea 1987) the species is also found in a variety of other woodlands and forests including those dominated by other *Acacia* species and eucalypts (Schulz and Eyre 1997; Kutt *et al.* 2003). The species needs litter on the ground and seldom occurs in disturbed habitats (EPA 2003).
- Greater Robust Fine-lined Slider – known from only three localities in central Queensland, this species has not been seen since the 1960s, despite targeted searches, and is considered to be extinct (Couper and Ingram 1992; Covacevich *et al.* 1996b; Wilson and

Swan 2008). It was known from black soil under tussock grass in a variety of habitat types (Covacevich *et al.* 1996a).

- Dunmall's Snake – a highly cryptic, extremely secretive species, the biology of which is almost unknown. Habitat preferences are not properly understood. Most records are from open forests and woodlands, particularly Brigalow on cracking black clay and clay loams (Cogger *et al.* 1993).
- Glossy Black-Cockatoo – occurs in variety of wooded habitats but feeds almost exclusively on the seeds of she-oaks (Casuarinaceae) and is dependent on food trees being present (Crowley and Garnett 2001).
- Rufous Owl – most often observed roosting in thick vegetation including gallery and monsoon forests, *Melaleuca* thickets, rainforests, vine thickets and mangroves (Estbergs and Braithwaite 1985; Higgins 1999).
- Crimson Finch – occurs in eucalypt/*Pandanus* woodlands near water and in damp grasslands, canefields and wetlands. Recorded from Connors River as recently as 1994 (Higgins *et al.* 2006b).
- Troughton's Sheath-tail-bat – previously considered to be restricted to three locations near Mount Isa but more recently suspected to occur throughout much of south-eastern and central Queensland (DEWHA 2007b). Recent genetic studies indicate that the classification of *T. australis*, *T. georgianus* and *T. trougtoni* needs revision (Hall 2008).

Seven species listed as Rare under the NCA are considered likely to occur in the study area. One of these, Cotton Pygmy-goose, is also listed as Migratory under the EPBC. A species profile was provided above in regards to the inundation area. Species profiles of the other Rare species are provided hereunder.

- Short-necked Worm-skink – burrows in loose soil under leaf litter, logs and rocks and found along edges of a range of

habitats from dry sclerophyll forest to vine thickets and rainforest (Ehmann 1992).

- Black-necked Stork – occurs in terrestrial wetlands, estuaries, littoral habitats and, occasionally, grasslands. Use both fresh and saline waters but are most frequently recorded in open fresh waters such as shallow swamps, billabongs and pools on floodplains.
- Square-tailed Kite – occurs in a variety of habitat types including heathlands, woodlands, forests, tropical and subtropical rainforests, timbered watercourses, hills and gorges.
- Grey Goshawk – occurs in temperate, sub-tropical and tropical rainforest, tall open forests, woodlands, and wooded gorges and rivers, usually in the 760+ mm rainfall zone.
- Black-chinned Honeyeater – occupies dry eucalypt woodland and forests, particularly those containing ironbark and box species (Higgins *et al.* 2001).
- Little Pied Bat – found in dry habitats including open forests, woodland, mulga woodlands, chenopod scrublands, *Callitris* forest and mallee (Churchill 1998).

A number of Migratory bird species have been identified as likely to be found in the study area, either on passage or for longer periods of time. Twelve species have been reported from the area in the past (see **Table 3.3**) and another seven species are predicted (**Table 3.4**). Most of these species are profiled above in regards to the inundation area. Species profiles of the other Migratory species are provided hereunder.

- Osprey – mostly coastal but also occurs on inland waterbodies, especially large lakes and impoundments but also large rivers.
- Marsh Sandpiper – found mainly in freshwater wetlands, including lakes, rivers, ponds and swamps, and occurs as far inland as central Australia.
- Common Greenshank – occurs in a wide variety of habitats, both saline and freshwater, including estuaries,



mangroves, beaches, marshes, lagoons, flooded pasture and sewage ponds.

- Sharp-tailed Sandpiper – occurs in a wide variety of habitats, both saline and freshwater, including reefs, estuaries, mangroves, beaches, marshes, lagoons, flooded pasture and sewage ponds.
- Australian Reed-Warbler – until recently, this species was considered conspecific with Clamorous Reed-Warbler *A. stentoreus*. Now regarded as a separate species, the Australian Reed-Warbler is most likely restricted to Australia (Higgins *et al.* 2006b). It occurs in dense, low, aquatic or riparian vegetation including reeds, rushes and sedges. It occurs on artificial waterbodies.

Three species regarded as being of Special Cultural Significance (NCA) have been reported to occur in the area in the past. Two of these, Platypus and Koala, are profiled above in regards to the inundation area. The third species, Short-beaked Echidna, is profiled hereunder.

- Short-beaked Echidna – occurs in almost all terrestrial habitats except for intensively managed farms. The species shelters in logs, crevices, burrows and leaf litter (Menkhorst and Knight 2004; Augee 2008).

Four Class 2 pest species are reported to be common in the region (DNR&W 2006a). These are the: feral Cat; European Rabbit *Oryctolagus cuniculus*, feral Pig; and wild Dog. There have been no specific studies of pest animals within the study area. Some of the pipeline route falls within the Nebo Shire Pest Management Plan 2005-2009 (Nebo Shire Council 2006).

### 3.1.2 Habitat Values

In the absence of site-specific data, the results of broadscale habitat assessment methods must be relied upon to characterise the habitats present and their values.

The EPA has prepared Biodiversity Planning Assessments (BPAs) for a number of Queensland Bioregions in order to provide broadscale ecological data to advise a range of planning and decision-making processes.

The BPAs are based on the Biodiversity Assessment and Mapping Methodology (BAMM) (EPA 2002) using vegetation mapping data generated by the Queensland Herbarium. The methodology identifies areas with various levels of significance for biodiversity reasons, such as threatened ecosystems or taxa, large tracts of habitat in good condition, ecosystem diversity, landscape context and connection, and buffers to wetland or other types of habitat important for the maintenance of biodiversity or ecological processes.

The BAMM assigns three levels of Biodiversity Significance:

- State Significance – areas assessed as being significant for biodiversity at the bioregional or state scales. They also include areas assessed by other studies/processes as being significant at national or international scales.
- Regional Significance – areas assessed as being significant for biodiversity at the sub-bioregional scale. These areas have lower significance for biodiversity than areas assessed as being of State significance.
- Local Significance and Other Values – areas assessed as not being significant for biodiversity at State or Regional scales. Local values are of significance at the local government scale.

The methodology uses seven diagnostic criteria: Habitat for EVR taxa; Ecosystem value; Tract size; Relative Size of Regional Ecosystem; Condition; Ecosystem Diversity; and Context and Connection, utilizing Queensland Herbarium RE mapping and buffered EVR flora and fauna records. Three supplementary criteria refine the mapped information by incorporating local knowledge and expert opinion. These are: Essential and General Habitat for Priority Taxa; Special Biodiversity Values; and Corridors.

The study areas fall within the northern section of the Brigalow Belt Bioregion, for which a BPA was initially prepared in 2003, and updated in 2005. For those criteria relevant to the study areas, mapping results are provided in **Appendix 9 - Figures 1A to 1L** for the inundation area and **Appendix 10 – Figures 2A to 2L** for the pipeline route.

The results and relevant information from the Brigalow Belt North Landscape Expert Panel Report (EPA 2002) applicable to the study area are provided in **Table 3.5** for the inundation area and **Table 3.6** for the pipeline route.

It must be noted that the Biodiversity Planning Assessment relies heavily on the accuracy of Regional Ecosystem mapping.

As the mapping is likely to have been developed remotely, through aerial photograph interpretation, it is possible the spatial distribution and community composition of REs will change when mapped in detail based on ground truthing, potentially affecting the accuracy of the results of the Biodiversity Planning Assessment.

**TABLE 3.5. BPA Results and Expert Panel Information for the Inundation Area (EPA 2006)**

| Criteria                                     | Description   | Study Area (Mapping and Expert Panel)  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>A_Rating</b><br>Habitat for EVR Taxa      | No EVR taxa previously recorded from the study area | The study area has been mapped as having predominantly <b>Low</b> value as habitat for EVR Taxa, although the narrow strip of riparian vegetation associated with the Connors River and adjoining creeks are mapped as having <b>Medium</b> value as Habitat for EVR Taxa.   |
| <b>B1_Rating</b><br>State Ecosystem Value    | Regional Ecosystems                                 | All Of Concern REs are afforded <b>High</b> State Ecosystem Value. Within the study area these REs are located primarily in association with riparian vegetation, and remnant vegetation in the north of the study area.<br><br>REs that are of "No Concern at Present" with 30-50% of the original extent remaining, REs that are poorly conserved within the bioregion and remnant vegetation with <30% subdominant Endangered or Of Concern REs are mapped as being of <b>Medium</b> State Ecosystem Value.<br><br>The remainder of the study area is afforded <b>Low</b> State Ecosystem Value.  |
| <b>B2_Rating</b><br>Regional Ecosystem Value | Regional Ecosystems                                 | Those areas mapped as Moderate (or <b>Medium</b> ) Conservation Value are REs for which 30-50% of the pre-clearing extent remains in the subregion, are poorly conserved within the subregion, or contain subdominant "High" or "Very High" Conservation Value REs.<br><br>REs where >50% of the pre-clearing extent remains in the subregion are mapped as Limited (or <b>Low</b> ) Conservation Value.   |
| <b>C_Rating</b><br>Tract Size                | All REs within the study area                       | The size of any tract is a major indicator of ecological significance, and is also strongly correlated with the long-term viability of biodiversity values. Larger tracts are less susceptible to ecological edge effects and are more likely to sustain viable populations of native flora and fauna than smaller tracts.<br><br>Within the study area <b>High</b> value tracts are predominantly associated with riparian vegetation of the Connors River, Collaroy Creek and Murray Creek. In the north of the study area, riparian vegetation has significant links with <b>High</b> value, larger tracts of woodland and forest vegetation.<br><br>All other vegetation is mapped as <b>Low</b> value with regards to Tract Size. |
| <b>E_Rating</b><br>Condition                 | All REs within the study area                       | The quality of remnant units is judged by the extent to which each resembles its natural condition, as indicated by the degree of anthropogenic disturbance. In the absence of a consistent assessment of vegetation condition across a bioregion, the remnant vegetation mapping by the Queensland Herbarium is taken to represent areas of vegetation in their natural state. All mapped REs within the study area are afforded a <b>Very High</b> condition rating.   |
| <b>F_Rating</b><br>Ecosystem Diversity       | All REs within the study area                       | Rated using Simpson's Diversity Index – a measure that incorporates both richness (number) and evenness (relative abundance). Areas of <b>Very High</b> Ecosystem Diversity are mapped in association with Connors River, Collaroy Creek and Murray Creek within the study area.<br><br>REs adjoining riparian vegetation and with links to surrounding larger remnant tracts outside of the study area are mapped as having <b>High</b> Ecosystem Diversity<br><br>The majority of remaining REs is mapped as having <b>Medium</b> Ecosystem Diversity rating.  |

| Criteria                                       | Description                              | Study Area (Mapping and Expert Panel)   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>I_Rating</b><br>Special Biodiversity Values | Semi-evergreen vine thicket              | All remnants of semi-evergreen vine thicket are mapped as state significant because of the distinct variation in taxa composition associated with these ecosystems.   |
|  | Any woody non-remnant along major rivers | Disturbed areas retain important landscape connectivity values (regional significance).   |
|  | Freshwater wetlands                      | All natural wetlands that are mapped on 1:100 000 topographic maps should be identified. The wetlands should be given a significance rating consistent with the mapped remnant.<br><br>Any natural wetland that is greater than 5 ha should be of regional significance.<br><br>Any other natural wetlands not contiguous with a remnant regional ecosystem should be of local significance.  |
| <b>J_Rating</b><br>Corridors                   | Wildlife Corridors                       | The general basis for corridor selection was through reserves, mountain ranges and large remnant tracts that provide for major east-west, north-south or altitudinal movement of wildlife across the bioregion.<br><br>In fragmented subregions (<30% remnant vegetation) remnant riparian vegetation was given a higher significance for landscape connectivity.<br><br>Riparian vegetation associated with Connors River, Collaroy Creek and Murray Creek are mapped as having <b>Very High</b> Corridor value, and an area of remnant vegetation near the proposed dam wall is mapped as having <b>High</b> Corridor value. The remainder of habitat within the study area, being predominantly fragmented, is not mapped as having corridor values. |
| <b>Bio_Sig</b><br>Biodiversity Significance    | All REs within the Study Area            | The Biodiversity Significance rating of REs as to their State, Regional or Local significance is based on a combination of results from the diagnostic criteria. The majority of REs mapped for the study area are rated as having <b>Regional</b> significance, with narrow bands of <b>State</b> significant areas associated with the riparian vegetation of Connors River, Collaroy Creek and Murray Creek.   |

**TABLE 3.6. BPA Results and Expert Panel Information for the Pipeline Route (EPA 2006)**

| Criteria                                  | Description                   | Study Area (Mapping and Expert Panel)  |
|---|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>A Rating</b><br>Habitat for EVR Taxa   | Pipeline route                | Seventeen (17) endangered, vulnerable or rare species were found along the pipeline route.<br><br>No recommendations are available from the expert panel reports for these species at this time.   |
| <b>B1 Rating</b><br>State Ecosystem Value | All REs within the study area | Endangered REs afforded <b>Very High</b> State Ecosystem Value are located along various points of the pipeline route. These are primarily (RE11.3.25) <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> and <i>E. tereticornis</i> associated with creeklines and edges of state forests such as Tierawoomba.<br><br>All Of Concern REs are afforded <b>High</b> State Ecosystem Value. Within the study area these REs are located along various points of the pipeline route. Along the Powerlink easement (RE 11.8.11) grassland dominated by <i>Dichanthium sericeum</i> , <i>Aristida</i> spp., <i>Astrelba</i> spp., and <i>Panicum decompositum</i> . Along the railway corridor (RE 11.3.2) <i>Eucalyptus populnea</i> to open woodland, (RE 11.3.1) open forest dominated by <i>Acacia harpophylla</i> &/or <i>Casuarina cristata</i> and (RE 11.3.36) <i>E. crebra</i> , <i>E. populnea</i> , <i>E. melanophloia</i> with grassy ground layer associated with creeklines.<br><br>REs of "No Concern At Present" are afforded <b>Medium</b> State Ecosystem Value. Within the study area these REs are located at the western end of the Dawson River. |
| <b>B2 Rating</b><br>Regional              | All REs within the study area | The pipeline route intersects a Regional Ecosystem mapped as having <b>Very High</b> State Ecosystem Value, this RE is situated toward the end of the  |

| Criteria   | Description                   | Study Area (Mapping and Expert Panel)  |
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| Ecosystem Value                                      |                               | <p>Powerlink easement and is indicated as <b>Very High</b> for the following reason:</p> <p>“Very High Conservation Value” RE (with a pre-clearing extent &lt;300ha or &lt;10% of the extent remains in the subregion)</p> <p>Areas mapped as having <b>High</b> Conservation Value have been identified along the railway corridor, <b>High</b> Conservation Value areas are those REs of which 10-30% of the pre-clearing extent remains in the subregion.</p> <p>Areas of <b>Moderate</b> Conservation Value RE (30-50% of the pre-clearing extent remains in the subregion). These REs are located consistently along the pipeline route.</p>  |
| <b>C Rating</b><br>Tract Size                        | All REs within the study area | <p>The quality of remnant units is judged by the extent to which each resembles its natural condition, as indicated by the degree of anthropogenic disturbance. In the absence of a consistent assessment of vegetation condition across a bioregion, the remnant vegetation mapping by the Queensland Herbarium is taken to represent areas of vegetation in their natural state. Mapped REs along the pipeline route are afforded predominantly a <b>High</b> condition rating, however some small REs located along the pipeline route have been given a <b>Low</b> condition rating.</p>   |
| <b>D1 Rating</b><br>State Relative Ecosystem Size    | All REs within the study area | <p>REs of <b>Very High</b> State Relative Ecosystem Size are an RE within the Remnant Unit that is &gt;75% the size of the largest example of that RE in the bioregion. These RE types can be found at the beginning of the Powerlink easement and along the railway corridor.</p> <p>Areas provided with a <b>High</b> rating means the RE within the Remnant Unit is 50% to 75% the size of the largest example of that RE in the bioregion. These RE types are infrequently found along both the Powerlink easement and railway corridor.</p> <p>For REs with a <b>Medium</b> rating the RE within the Remnant Unit is 25% to 50% the size of the largest example of that RE in the bioregion, or;</p> <p>The Remnant Unit contains a subdominant (&lt;30%) RE that is &gt;50% the size of the largest example of that RE in the bioregion, or;</p> <p>The Remnant Unit is heterogeneous in which no RE is &gt;30%.</p> <p>To obtain a <b>Low</b> rating the RE within the Remnant Unit is &lt;25% the size of the largest example of that RE in the Bioregion.</p> |
| <b>D2 Rating</b><br>Regional Relative Ecosystem Size | All REs within the study area | <p><b>Very High</b> D2 Rating applies where the RE within the Remnant Unit is &gt;75% the size of the largest example of that RE in the subregion. These areas are located at the beginning of the Powerlink easement and at various locations along the railway corridor.</p> <p>A <b>High</b> D2 Rating applies where the RE within the Remnant Unit is 50% to 75% the size of the largest example of that RE in the bioregion. These RE types are infrequently dispersed along both the Powerlink easement and railway corridor.</p> <p>A <b>Medium</b> D2 Rating applies where the RE within the Remnant Unit is 25% to 50% the size of the largest example of that RE in the bioregion, or;</p> <p>The Remnant Unit contains a subdominant (&lt;30%) RE that is &gt;50% the size of the largest example of that RE in the bioregion, or;</p> <p>The Remnant Unit is heterogeneous in which no RE is &gt;30%.</p> <p>A <b>Medium</b> Rated Remnant Unit is located in the Coppabella/North Creek area along the railway corridor.</p>                              |
| <b>E Rating</b><br>Condition                         | All REs within the study area | <p>The quality of Remnant Units is judged by the extent to which each resembles its natural condition, as indicated by the degree of anthropogenic disturbance. Remnant vegetation mapping by the Queensland Herbarium is taken to represent areas of vegetation in their natural state. Vegetation is mapped as remnant where the predominant canopy represents more than 50% of the undisturbed cover, averaging more than 70% of the undisturbed height and composed of species characteristic of the vegetation's</p>  |

| Criteria                                       | Description                   | Study Area (Mapping and Expert Panel)   |
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|  |                               | undisturbed predominant canopy (VMA 1999).<br><br>The quality of the Remnant Units has been judged to be <b>Very High</b> for the pipeline route as indicated in mapping by the Queensland Herbarium.   |
| <b>F Rating</b><br>Ecosystem Diversity         | All REs within the study area | Rated using Simpson's Diversity Index – a measure that incorporates both richness (number) and evenness (relative abundance).<br><br>Areas of <b>Very High</b> Ecosystem Diversity are mapped as remnants with a Simpson's Diversity Index that is >75% of the maximum value for the bioregion. These REs occur primarily in the Coppabella – Tootoolah area of the pipeline route.<br><br>REs with <b>High</b> Ecosystem Diversity status are located toward the end of the Powerlink easement and beginning of the railway corridor.<br><br><b>Medium</b> Ecosystem Diversity REs are located throughout the pipeline route.  |
| <b>G Rating</b><br>Context and Connection      | All REs within the study area | REs of <b>Very High</b> Context and Connection are provided with this rating where a Remnant Unit adjoining another Remnant Unit along >75% of its perimeter, or;<br><br>Borders/includes another Remnant Unit with an Endangered RE (a buffer is extended 200m into the Remnant Unit and attributed as <b>Very High</b> ), or;<br><br>Borders/includes another Remnant Unit with a Waterway or Important Wetland.<br><br>Along the pipeline route, areas of Very High value are found toward the end of the Powerlink easement between Dipperu National Park and Tierawoomba State Forest. The area west of Dipperu National Park and the Kerlong Range along the railway corridor also has <b>Very High</b> Context and Connection value.<br><br>REs are afforded <b>High</b> status where the Remnant Unit adjoins another Remnant Unit along 50% to 75% of its perimeter. These REs are located sporadically along the pipeline route.<br><br>For REs to be assigned a <b>Medium</b> rating the Remnant Unit adjoins another Remnant Unit along <50% of its perimeter, or;<br><br>Is adjacent to an Endangered RE (only the part of the remnant unit outside the 200m buffer is attributed as Medium).<br><br>Areas of <b>Medium</b> value are located consistently along the pipeline route. |
| <b>I Rating</b><br>Special Biodiversity Values | All REs within the study area | The Expert Panel rated all remnants of semi-evergreen vine thicket in the BBN as state significant due to the distinct variation in taxa composition associated with these ecosystems.<br><br>Within the pipeline route areas attributed with Special Biodiversity Values are located at the beginning of the Powerlink easement at the southern end of Tierawoomba State Forest and at the beginning of the railway corridor.  |
| <b>J Rating</b><br>Corridors                   | Corridor Linkages             | Areas identified under this criterion qualify either because they are existing vegetated corridors important for contiguity, including regrowth, or cleared areas that could serve this purpose if revegetated. Some examples of corridors include riparian habitats, transport corridors and "stepping stones". Physical connection between contiguous Remnant Units is addressed in Criterion G (Context and Connection).<br><br><b>High</b> Corridor status occurs predominantly along the pipeline route and <b>Very High</b> status occurs in limited locations along the Powerlink easement and at the eastern end of the railway corridor.   |
| <b>Bio_Sig</b><br>Biodiversity Significance    | Criteria A – J                | The Biodiversity Significance rating of REs as to their State, Regional or Local significance is based on a combination of results from the diagnostic Criteria (A -J). Predominately the REs mapped for the pipeline route are rated as either being "State Significant" or "Regional Significant".<br><br>State Significant areas are those which are assessed as being significant for   |

| Criteria | Description | Study Area (Mapping and Expert Panel)  |
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|          |             | biodiversity at the bioregional or state scales and are located at; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The southern end of Tierawoomba State Forest</li> <li>• Between Dipperu National Park and Boothill Creek</li> <li>• Eastern end of rail corridor</li> <li>• Coppabella to Tootoolah</li> <li>• North Creek</li> </ul> Regional Significant areas are those that have been assessed as being significant for biodiversity at the sub-bioregional scale. These areas have lower significance for biodiversity than areas assessed as being of State Significance and are associated primarily with; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning of the Powerlink easement at Connors River</li> <li>• Eastern edge of Tierawoomba State Forest</li> <li>• Creek lines along Powerlink easement</li> <li>• Tootoolah to Mindi</li> <li>• North of Moranbah</li> </ul> |

### 3.2 INFORMATION GAP IDENTIFICATION

**Table 3.7** (inundation area) and **Table 3.8** (pipeline route) list the information currently available to address each of the terrestrial fauna requirements of the Preliminary Terms of Reference for the project, and, where information gaps are identified, includes recommendations for further work to adequately meet the requirements of Terms of Reference.

### 4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

**Appendices 11** and **12** provide the BAAM Pty Ltd recommended methodology to supplement existing terrestrial fauna information by providing detailed baseline data to meet the requirements of the Preliminary Terms of Reference.

**TABLE 3.7. Existing and Required Information to Address Terrestrial Vertebrate Component of the Preliminary Terms of Reference in regards to the Inundation Area**

| TOR Requirement   | Sources/ Type   | Current Information   | Overall Information Status   | Further Investigation Needs   |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| Describe the terrestrial and riparian vertebrate fauna occurring or likely to occur in the areas affected by the project, noting the broad distribution patterns in relation to the habitat types present.  | WildNet Database EPA (2008).<br>Birds Australia database (2008).<br>Queensland Museum database (2008).  | Species lists only – no indication of habitat use.  | Inadequate. Limited field based observations.  | Requires additional systematic sampling combined with habitat assessment within the study area.   |
| Wildlife Corridors, formal or otherwise, should be identified and mapped.   | Brigalow Belt North BPA (EPA 2005).<br>J_Rating & G_Rating  | Very high corridor rating applied to riparian zones.  | Inadequate.  | Requires systematic habitat and landscape assessment within the study area and assessment of faunal use of corridors.                                   |
| Critical habitat and refugia should be identified and mapped.   | Brigalow Belt North BPA (EPA 2005).<br>A_Rating   | Under VMA no critical habitat mapped in study area.   | Inadequate.  | Requires systematic habitat assessment within the study area.   |
| Species diversity (i.e. a species list) of amphibians, birds, reptiles, mammals and any invertebrates of recognised significance.   | WildNet Database EPA (2008).<br>Birds Australia database (2008).<br>Queensland Museum database (2008).  | Current records from study area indicate: 89 bird species; 14 reptile species; 9 frog species; and 8 mammal species may be present. No conservation significant invertebrate species is identified from current records.  | Inadequate. Limited field based observations.  | Requires additional systematic vertebrate sampling within the study area.   |
| Existence (actual or likely) of any rare, threatened or otherwise noteworthy species/ communities in the study area, including discussion of range, habitat, breeding, recruitment, feeding and movement requirements, current level of protection (e.g. any requirements of Protected Area Management Plans or Threatened Species Recovery Plans) and sensitivity to change. | WildNet Database EPA (2008).<br>Birds Australia database (2008).<br>Queensland Museum database (2008).<br>Commonwealth EPBC protected matters search tool DEWHA (2008c).<br>SEVT Conservation Management Profile EPA (2007a).<br><u>Life History and Conservation References</u><br><b>Saltwater Crocodile:</b> Cogger (2000), Ehmann (1992), EPA (2007b, c).<br><b>Fitzroy Turtle:</b> Cann (1998), Cogger (2000), | Current records from area indicate 4 listed bird species including one vulnerable species Squatter Pigeon (southern subspecies) – EPBC) and 2 mammal species considered culturally significant (NCA).<br>A 22 conservation significant species may occur (DEWHA 2008c). | Limited field based observations.<br><br>Regional Ecosystems unlikely to have been ground truthed – and have been derived from aerial mapping. | Requires additional systematic vertebrate sampling within the study area.<br><br>Requires field-based mapping of regional ecosystems within study area. |

| TOR Requirement | Sources/ Type  | Current Information  | Overall Information Status | Further Investigation Needs |
|-----------------|--|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                 | <p>DEWHA (2008b), Gordos <i>et al.</i> (2004), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b), Tucker <i>et al.</i> (2001).</p> <p><b>Yakka Skink:</b> Cogger (2000), Ehmann (1992), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b), Wilson (2003).</p> <p><b>Ornamental Snake:</b> Cogger (2000), Cogger <i>et al.</i> (1993), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b).</p> <p><b>Cotton Pygmy-goose:</b> Beruldsen (2006), Garnett and Crowley (2000), Marchant and Higgins (1990), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b).</p> <p><b>Great Egret:</b> Marchant and Higgins (1990), McKilligan (2005).</p> <p><b>Cattle Egret:</b> Marchant and Higgins (1990), McKilligan (2005).</p> <p><b>White-bellied Sea-Eagle:</b> Debus (1998), Marchant and Higgins (1993), Olsen (1995).</p> <p><b>Red Goshawk:</b> Debus (1998), Debus and Czechura (1988), Garnett and Crowley (2000), Marchant and Higgins (1993), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b), NSW NPWS (2002), Olsen (1995).</p> <p><b>Australian Painted Snipe:</b> Garnett and Crowley (2000), Geering <i>et al.</i> (2007), Lane (1987), Marchant and Higgins (1993), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b), Pringle (1987).</p> <p><b>Latham's Snipe:</b> Garnett and Crowley (2000), Geering <i>et al.</i> (2007), Higgins and Davies (1996), Lane (1987), Pringle (1987).</p> <p><b>Little Curlew:</b> Bellio <i>et al.</i> (2006), Geering <i>et al.</i> (2007), Higgins and Davies (1996), Lane (1987), Pringle (1987).</p> <p><b>Squatter Pigeon</b> (southern subspecies): DEWHA (2008a), Frith (1982), Garnett and Crowley (2000), Higgins and Davies (1996), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b)</p> | <p>Semi-Evergreen Vine Thicket Regional Ecosystems in the study area listed as endangered.</p> <p>Brigalow Regional Ecosystems in the study area listed as endangered.</p> |                            |                             |



| TOR Requirement | Sources/ Type   | Current Information | Overall Information Status | Further Investigation Needs |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                 | <p><b>White-throated Needletail:</b> del Hoyo <i>et al.</i> (1999), Higgins (1999).</p> <p><b>Fork-tailed Swift:</b> del Hoyo <i>et al.</i> (1999), Higgins (1999).</p> <p><b>Rainbow Bee-eater:</b> del Hoyo <i>et al.</i> (2001), Fry <i>et al.</i> (1992), Higgins (1999).</p> <p><b>Rufous Fantail:</b> Boles (1988), Higgins <i>et al.</i> (2006a).</p> <p><b>Black-faced Monarch:</b> Boles (1988), Higgins <i>et al.</i> (2006a).</p> <p><b>Spectacled Monarch:</b> Boles (1988), Higgins <i>et al.</i> (2006a).</p> <p><b>Satin Flycatcher:</b> Boles (1988), Higgins <i>et al.</i> (2006a).</p> <p><b>Barn Swallow:</b> Higgins <i>et al.</i> (2006b).</p> <p><b>Star Finch</b> (southern and eastern subspecies): Garnett and Crowley (2000), Higgins <i>et al.</i> (2006b), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b), Strahan (1996).</p> <p><b>Platypus:</b> Burrell (1927), Carrick <i>et al.</i> (2008), Grant (1995), Grant and Temple-Smith (2003).</p> <p><b>Northern Quoll:</b> DEWHA (2005), Maxwell <i>et al.</i> (1996), Oakwood (2000, 2002, 2008).</p> <p><b>Koala:</b> Lee and Martin (1988), Martin <i>et al.</i> (2008), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b).</p> <p><b>Spectacled Flying-fox:</b> Churchill (1998), Duncan <i>et al.</i> (1999), Hall and Richards (2000), Richards <i>et al.</i> (2008).</p> <p><b>Greater Long-eared Bat:</b> Churchill (1998), Duncan <i>et al.</i> (1999), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b), Turbill <i>et al.</i> (2008).</p> <p><u>Sensitivity to Change (additional references)</u><br/>                     Barrett <i>et al.</i> (2003), Beaumont <i>et al.</i> (2006),</p> |                     |                            |                             |

| TOR Requirement   | Sources/ Type  | Current Information   | Overall Information Status  | Further Investigation Needs  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
|   | Brown (2001), Burnett (1997), Cogger <i>et al.</i> (2003), Covacevich <i>et al.</i> (1998), Dique <i>et al.</i> (2004), Drury (2001), Ford <i>et al.</i> (2001), Garnett (1993), Kingsford (2000), Leach and Recher (1993), Lunney <i>et al.</i> (1997), MacNally and Brown (2001), Martin and McIntyre (2007), McAlpine <i>et al.</i> (2006), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999a), McKilligan (2001), Olsen (1998), Reid (2000), Smyth (1997), Taylor (2003), Woinarski and Catterall (2004). |   |   |  |
| Any species that are poorly known but suspected of being rare or threatened.                                | Brigalow Belt North Biodiversity Planning Assessment (EPA 2005).   | There is only one non-EVR priority species for the bioregion, Spectacled Hare-wallaby <i>Lagorchestes conspicillatus</i> .  | Inadequate.<br>There are no database records for the inundation area. | Species specific searches.   |
| The existence of feral or exotic species, including invertebrates of economic or conservation significance. | Pest Distribution Map DNRW (2006b).<br>Nebo Shire Pest Management Plan 2005-2009 Nebo Shire Council (2006).  | Four species listed as Class 2 pest species considered to be common in study area.<br><br>One invertebrate pest, Australian Plague Locust <i>Chortoicetes terminifera</i> possibly present. | Inadequate – no site-specific data.                                   | Requires systematic habitat assessment within the study area.  |
| An estimate of commonness or rarity for the listed or otherwise significant species.                        | No site-specific information available for commonness.<br><br>Statewide and national rarity is reflected in the listing status of species under the NCA and EPBC Act.  | No site-specific information available for commonness. Woinarski and Catterall (2004) provides localised information on birds for an area to the south of the inundation area.              | Inadequate.   | Site-specific details for commonness of significant species requires systematic vertebrate sampling within the study area. |
| Use of the area by migratory birds.   | WildNet Database EPA (2008)<br>Birds Australia database (2008)<br>Queensland Museum database (2008)<br>Commonwealth EPBC protected matters search tool DEWHA (2008c)   | Current records indicate three migratory listed species found in the study area.  | Limited field based observations. Inadequate.                         | Requires additional systematic bird observations within the study area throughout year.                                    |

| TOR Requirement   | Sources/ Type  | Current Information   | Overall Information Status                           | Further Investigation Needs   |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| Identify measures to mitigate the identified impacts including details of the methodologies that would be used to avoid injuries to livestock and native fauna as a result of the Project's construction and operational works. | Fauna Sensitive Road Design DMR (2000)<br>Nature Conservation (Koala) Conservation Plan and Management Program 2006-2016 EPA (2006)<br>Bennett <i>et al.</i> (2000).<br>Hazell <i>et al.</i> (2001).<br>Kanowski <i>et al.</i> (2004).<br>Kingsford (2000).<br>Longcore and Rich (2004).<br>Nilsson <i>et al.</i> (1997).<br>Trombulak and Frissell (2000).<br>Zwahlen (2003). | Provide some guidance for mitigation measures primarily in broad terms, with some sources targeting project types or species. | Limited in terms of the project and species present. | Follow-up monitoring of the impacts of dam projects on fauna need to be published.                |
| How well any affected communities or species are represented and protected elsewhere in the region where the Project occurs or in the State.  | Regional Ecosystem Mapping, Queensland Herbarium EPA (2008)  | Provides assessment of inclusion of regional ecosystems in protected areas.   | Adequate.  | Determination of regional ecosystems in which significant fauna species are most likely to occur. |

**TABLE 3.8. Existing and Required Information to Address Terrestrial Vertebrate Component of the Preliminary Terms of Reference in regards to the Pipeline Route**

| TOR Requirement  | Sources/ Type  | Current Information                                  | Overall Information Status                    | Further Investigation Needs   |
|--|--|--|---|---|
| Describe the terrestrial and riparian vertebrate fauna occurring or likely to occur in the areas affected by the project, noting the broad distribution patterns in relation to the habitat types present. | WildNet Database EPA (2008).<br>Birds Australia database (2008).<br>Queensland Museum database (2008). | Species lists only – no indication of habitat use.   | Inadequate. Limited field based observations. | Requires additional systematic sampling combined with habitat assessment within the study area.                       |
| Wildlife Corridors, formal or otherwise, should be identified and mapped.  | Brigalow Belt North BPA (EPA 2005).<br>J_Rating & G_Rating   | Very high corridor rating applied to riparian zones. | Inadequate.                                   | Requires systematic habitat and landscape assessment within the study area and assessment of faunal use of corridors. |
| Critical habitat and refugia should be identified and mapped.  | Brigalow Belt North BPA (EPA 2005).<br>A_Rating  | Under VMA no critical habitat mapped in study area.  | Inadequate.                                   | Requires systematic habitat assessment within the study area.   |

| TOR Requirement   | Sources/ Type  | Current Information  | Overall Information Status   | Further Investigation Needs   |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| Species diversity (i.e. a species list) of amphibians, birds, reptiles, mammals and any invertebrates of recognised significance.   | WildNet Database EPA (2008).<br>Birds Australia database (2008).<br>Queensland Museum database (2008).   | Current records from study area indicate: 89 bird species; 14 reptile species; 9 frog species; and 8 mammal species may be present.<br><br>One conservation significant invertebrate known from a database record.   | Inadequate. Limited field based observations.  | Requires additional systematic vertebrate sampling within the study area.   |
| Existence (actual or likely) of any rare, threatened or otherwise noteworthy species/ communities in the study area, including discussion of range, habitat, breeding, recruitment, feeding and movement requirements, current level of protection (e.g. any requirements of Protected Area Management Plans or Threatened Species Recovery Plans) and sensitivity to change. | WildNet Database EPA (2008).<br>Birds Australia database (2008).<br>Queensland Museum database (2008).<br>Commonwealth EPBC protected matters search tool DEWHA (2008c).<br>SEVT Conservation Management Profile EPA (2007a).<br><u>Life History and Conservation References</u><br><b>Imperial Hairstreak</b> (northern subspecies) <i>Jalmenus evagoras eubulus</i> : Braby (2000), Dunn <i>et al.</i> (1994), Sands and New (2002).<br><b>Saltwater Crocodile</b> : Cogger (2000), Ehmann (1992), EPA (2007b, c).<br><b>Short-necked Worm-skink</b> : Ehmann (1992), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b).<br><b>Yakka Skink</b> : Cogger (2000), Ehmann (1992), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b), Wilson (2003).<br><b>Greater Robust Fine-lined Slider</b> : Cogger <i>et al.</i> (1993), Couper and Ingram (1992), Covacevich <i>et al.</i> (1996a, b), Wilson and Swan (2008).<br><b>Ornamental Snake</b> : Cogger (2000), Cogger <i>et al.</i> (1993), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b).<br><b>Dunmall's Snake</b> : Cogger <i>et al.</i> (1993), Ehmann (1992), Wilson and Swan (2008) | Current records from the area indicate 17 EVR species, 13 Migratory species and 3 mammal species considered culturally significant under the NCA.<br><br>An additional 14 conservation significant species may occur (DEWHA 2008c).<br><br>Semi-Evergreen Vine Thicket Regional Ecosystems in the study area listed as endangered.<br><br>Brigalow Regional Ecosystems in the study area listed as endangered.<br><br><i>Dichanthium sericeum</i> and/or <i>Astrebla</i> spp. grassland on alluvial plains is listed as an endangered Regional Ecosystems. | Limited field based observations.<br><br>Regional Ecosystems unlikely to have been ground truthed – and have been derived from aerial mapping. | Requires additional systematic vertebrate sampling within the study area.<br><br>Requires field-based mapping of regional ecosystems within study area. |

| TOR Requirement | Sources/ Type  | Current Information | Overall Information Status | Further Investigation Needs |
|-----------------|--|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                 | <p><b>Cotton Pygmy-goose:</b> Beruldsen (2006), Garnett and Crowley (2000), Marchant and Higgins (1990), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b).</p> <p><b>Black-necked Stork:</b> Dorfman <i>et al.</i> (2001), Garnett and Crowley (2000), Marchant and Higgins (1990).</p> <p><b>Great Egret:</b> Marchant and Higgins (1990), McKilligan (2005).</p> <p><b>Cattle Egret:</b> Marchant and Higgins (1990), McKilligan (2005).</p> <p><b>Osprey:</b> Debus (1998), Marchant and Higgins (1993), Olsen (1995).</p> <p><b>Square-tailed Kite:</b> Debus (1998), Debus and Czechura (1989), Marchant and Higgins (1993), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b), Olsen (1995).</p> <p><b>White-bellied Sea-Eagle:</b> Debus (1998), Marchant and Higgins (1993), Olsen (1995).</p> <p><b>Grey Goshawk:</b> Debus (1998), Marchant and Higgins (1993), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b), Olsen (1995).</p> <p><b>Red Goshawk:</b> Debus (1998), Debus and Czechura (1988), Garnett and Crowley (2000), Marchant and Higgins (1993), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b), NSW NPWS (2002), Olsen (1995).</p> <p><b>Australian Painted Snipe:</b> Garnett and Crowley (2000), Geering <i>et al.</i> (2007), Lane (1987), Marchant and Higgins (1993), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b), Pringle (1987).</p> <p><b>Latham's Snipe:</b> Garnett and Crowley (2000), Geering <i>et al.</i> (2007), Higgins and Davies (1996), Lane (1987), Pringle (1987).</p> <p><b>Marsh Sandpiper:</b> Geering <i>et al.</i> (2007), Higgins and Davies (1996), Lane (1987), Pringle (1987).</p> |                     |                            |                             |

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|                 | <p><b>Common Greenshank:</b> Geering <i>et al.</i> (2007), Higgins and Davies (1996), Lane (1987), Pringle (1987).</p> <p><b>Sharp-tailed Sandpiper:</b> Geering <i>et al.</i> (2007), Higgins and Davies (1996), Lane (1987), Pringle (1987).</p> <p><b>Little Curlew:</b> Bellio <i>et al.</i> (2006), Geering <i>et al.</i> (2007), Higgins and Davies (1996), Lane (1987), Pringle (1987).</p> <p><b>Squatter Pigeon</b> (southern subspecies): DEWHA (2008a), Frith (1982), Garnett and Crowley (2000), Higgins and Davies (1996), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b).</p> <p><b>Glossy Black-Cockatoo:</b> Crowley and Garnett (2001), Garnett and Crowley (2000), Higgins (1999), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b).</p> <p><b>Rufous Owl</b> (southern subspecies): Estbergs and Braithwaite (1985), Fleay (1979), Garnett and Crowley (2000), Higgins (1999), Hollands (1991).</p> <p><b>White-throated Needle-tail:</b> del Hoyo <i>et al.</i> (1999), Higgins (1999).</p> <p><b>Fork-tailed Swift:</b> del Hoyo <i>et al.</i> (1999), Higgins (1999).</p> <p><b>Rainbow Bee-eater:</b> del Hoyo <i>et al.</i> (2001), Fry <i>et al.</i> (1992), Higgins (1999).</p> <p><b>Black-chinned Honeyeater:</b> Garnett and Crowley (2000), Higgins <i>et al.</i> (2001), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b).</p> <p><b>Rufous Fantail:</b> Boles (1988), Higgins <i>et al.</i> (2006a).</p> <p><b>Black-faced Monarch:</b> Boles (1988), Higgins <i>et al.</i> (2006a).</p> <p><b>Spectacled Monarch:</b> Boles (1988), Higgins <i>et al.</i> (2006a).</p> <p><b>Satin Flycatcher:</b> Boles (1988), Higgins <i>et</i></p> |                     |                            |                             |

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|                 | <p><i>al.</i> (2006a).<br/> <b>Barn Swallow:</b> Barrett <i>et al.</i> (2003), Higgins <i>et al.</i> (2006b).<br/> <b>Australian Reed-Warbler:</b> Higgins <i>et al.</i> (2006b).<br/> <b>Crimson Finch:</b> Higgins <i>et al.</i> (2006b), Strahan (1996).<br/> <b>Star Finch</b> (southern and eastern subspecies): Garnett and Crowley (2000), Higgins <i>et al.</i> (2006b), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b), Strahan (1996).<br/> <b>Platypus:</b> Burrell (1927), Carrick <i>et al.</i> (2008), Grant (1995), Grant and Temple-Smith (2003), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b).<br/> <b>Short-beaked Echidna:</b> Augee (2008).<br/> <b>Northern Quoll:</b> DEWHA (2005), Maxwell <i>et al.</i> (1996), Oakwood (2000, 2002, 2008).<br/> <b>Koala:</b> Lee and Martin (1988), Martin <i>et al.</i> (2008), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b).<br/> <b>Spectacled Flying-fox:</b> Churchill (1998), Duncan <i>et al.</i> (1999), Hall and Richards (2000), Richards <i>et al.</i> (2008).<br/> <b>Troughton's Sheath-tail-bat:</b> DEWHA (2007b), Hall (2008), Thomson <i>et al.</i> (2002).<br/> <b>Little Pied Bat:</b> Churchill (1998), Duncan <i>et al.</i> (1999), Ford <i>et al.</i> (2008), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b).<br/> <b>Greater Long-eared Bat:</b> Churchill (1998), Duncan <i>et al.</i> (1999), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999b), Turbill <i>et al.</i> (2008).</p> <p><u>Sensitivity to Change (additional references)</u><br/>                     Barrett <i>et al.</i> (2003), Beaumont <i>et al.</i> (2006), Brown (2001), Burnett (1997), Cogger <i>et al.</i> (2003), Covacevich <i>et al.</i> (1998), Dique <i>et al.</i> (2004), Drury (2001), Ford <i>et al.</i> (2001),</p> |                     |                            |                             |

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|   | Garnett (1993), Leach and Recher (1993), Lunney <i>et al.</i> (1997), MacNally and Brown (2001), Martin and McIntyre (2007), McAlpine <i>et al.</i> (2006), McFarland <i>et al.</i> (1999a), McKilligan (2001), Olsen (1998), Reid (2000), Smyth (1997), Taylor (2003), Woinarski and Catterall (2004). |  |  |  |
| Any species that are poorly known but suspected of being rare or threatened.  | Brigalow Belt North Biodiversity Planning Assessment (EPA 2005).  | There is only one non-EVR priority species for the bioregion, Spectacled Hare-wallaby <i>Lagorchestes conspicillatus</i> .   | Inadequate.<br>There are WildNet database records for the inundation area but local status is unknown. | Species specific searches.   |
| The existence of feral or exotic species, including invertebrates of economic or conservation significance.                         | Pest Distribution Map DNRW (2006b).<br>Nebo Shire Pest Management Plan 2005-2009 Nebo Shire Council (2006).   | 4 species listed as Class 2 pest species considered to be common in study area.<br><br>One invertebrate pest, Australian Plague Locust <i>Chortoicetes terminifera</i> possibly present. | Inadequate – no site-specific data.  | Requires systematic habitat assessment within the study area.  |
| An estimate of commonness or rarity for the listed or otherwise significant species.  | No site-specific information available for commonness.<br><br>Statewide and national rarity is reflected in the listing status of species under the NCA and EPBC Act.   | No site-specific information available for commonness.   | Inadequate.  | Site-specific details for commonness of significant species requires systematic vertebrate sampling within the study area. |
| Use of the area by migratory birds.   | WildNet Database EPA (2008).<br>Birds Australia database (2008).<br>Queensland Museum database (2008)<br>Commonwealth EPBC protected matters search tool DEWHA (2008c).   | Current records indicate three migratory listed species found in the study area.   | Limited field based observations. Inadequate.  | Requires additional systematic bird observations within the study area throughout year.                                    |
| Identify measures to mitigate the identified impacts including details of the methodologies that would be used to avoid injuries to | Fauna Sensitive Road Design DMR (2000)<br>Nature Conservation (Koala) Conservation Plan and Management Program 2006-2016 EPA (2006)   | Provide some guidance for mitigation measures primarily in broad terms, with some sources  | Limited in terms of the project and species present.   | Follow-up monitoring of the impacts of pipeline projects on fauna need to be published.                                    |



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| livestock and native fauna as a result of the Project's construction and operational works.  | Bennett <i>et al.</i> (2000).<br>Kanowski <i>et al.</i> (2004).<br>Longcore and Rich (2004).<br>Trombulak and Frissell (2000). | targeting project types or species.   |                            |   |
| How well any affected communities or species are represented and protected elsewhere in the region where the Project occurs or in the State. | Regional Ecosystem Mapping, Queensland Herbarium EPA (2008)  | Provides assessment of inclusion of regional ecosystems in protected areas. | Adequate.                  | Determination of regional ecosystems in which significant fauna species are most likely to occur. |

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**Appendix 1:  
Queensland Museum Database Search Results –  
Inundation Area and Surrounds**

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| <b>Taxa</b> | <b>Family</b>  | <b>Genus</b>         | <b>Species</b>     |
|-------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Frogs       | Myobatrachidae | <i>Limnodynastes</i> | <i>ornatus</i>     |
| Frogs       | Myobatrachidae | <i>Limnodynastes</i> | <i>peronii</i>     |
| Frogs       | Hylidae        | <i>Litoria</i>       | <i>inermis</i>     |
| Frogs       | Hylidae        | <i>Litoria</i>       | <i>nasuta</i>      |
| Frogs       | Hylidae        | <i>Litoria</i>       | <i>wilcoxii</i>    |
| Reptiles    | Scincidae      | <i>Carlia</i>        | <i>foliorum</i>    |
| Reptiles    | Scincidae      | <i>Eremiascincus</i> | <i>fasciolatus</i> |
| Reptiles    | Scincidae      | <i>Eulamprus</i>     | <i>tenuis</i>      |
| Reptiles    | Scincidae      | <i>Lampropholis</i>  | <i>delicata</i>    |

**Appendix 2:  
Birds Australia Database Search Results – Inundation  
Area and Surrounds**

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| <b>Genus</b>            | <b>Species</b>        | <b>Common Name</b>          |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Acanthiza</i>        | <i>pusilla</i>        | Brown Thornbill             |
| <i>Alectura</i>         | <i>lathamii</i>       | Australian Brush Turkey     |
| <i>Anas</i>             | <i>supercilliosa</i>  | Pacific Black Duck          |
| <i>Anhinga</i>          | <i>melanogaster</i>   | Darter                      |
| <i>Ardea</i>            | <i>alba</i>           | Great Egret                 |
| <i>Ardeotis</i>         | <i>australis</i>      | Australian Bustard          |
| <i>Aythya</i>           | <i>australis</i>      | Hardhead                    |
| <i>Cacatua</i>          | <i>galerita</i>       | Sulphur-crested Cockatoo    |
| <i>Cacomantis</i>       | <i>flabelliformis</i> | Fan-tailed Cuckoo           |
| <i>Calyptorhynchus</i>  | <i>banksii</i>        | Red-tailed Black Cockatoo   |
| <i>Chenonetta</i>       | <i>jubata</i>         | Australian Wood Duck        |
| <i>Chlamydera</i>       | <i>nuchalis</i>       | Great Bowerbird             |
| <i>Colluricincla</i>    | <i>megarhyncha</i>    | Little Shrike-thrush        |
| <i>Coracina</i>         | <i>novaeollandiae</i> | Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike   |
| <i>Coracina</i>         | <i>papuensis</i>      | White-bellied Cuckoo-Shrike |
| <i>Corcorax</i>         | <i>melanorhamphos</i> | White-winged Chough         |
| <i>Corvus</i>           | <i>orru</i>           | Torresian Crow              |
| <i>Dacelo</i>           | <i>leachii</i>        | Blue-winged Kookaburra      |
| <i>Dacelo</i>           | <i>novaequineae</i>   | Laughing Kookaburra         |
| <i>Daphoenositta</i>    | <i>chrysoptera</i>    | Varied Sittella             |
| <i>Dicrurus</i>         | <i>hottentottus</i>   | Spangled Drongo             |
| <i>Entomyzon</i>        | <i>cyanotis</i>       | Blue-faced Honeyeater       |
| <i>Ephippiorhynchus</i> | <i>asiaticus</i>      | Black-necked Stork          |
| <i>Falco</i>            | <i>cenchroides</i>    | Nankeen Kestrel             |
| <i>Fulica</i>           | <i>atra</i>           | Eurasian Coot               |
| <i>Gallinula</i>        | <i>tenebrosa</i>      | Dusky Moorhen               |
| <i>Geopelia</i>         | <i>striata</i>        | Peaceful Dove               |
| <i>Gerygone</i>         | <i>olivacea</i>       | White-throated Gerygone     |
| <i>Grallina</i>         | <i>cyanoleuca</i>     | Magpie-lark                 |
| <i>Haliastur</i>        | <i>indus</i>          | Brahminy Kite               |
| <i>Haliastur</i>        | <i>sphenurus</i>      | Whistling Kite              |
| <i>Hirundo</i>          | <i>nigrescens</i>     | Tree Martin                 |
| <i>Lalage</i>           | <i>leucomela</i>      | Varied Triller              |
| <i>Lichenostomus</i>    | <i>flavus</i>         | Yellow Honeyeater           |
| <i>Lichenostomus</i>    | <i>fuscus</i>         | Fuscous Honeyeater          |
| <i>Macropygia</i>       | <i>amboinensis</i>    | Brown Cuckoo-Dove           |
| <i>Malurus</i>          | <i>melanocephalus</i> | Red-backed Fairy-wren       |
| <i>Manorina</i>         | <i>melanocephalus</i> | Noisy Miner                 |
| <i>Meliphaga</i>        | <i>lewinii</i>        | Lewin's honeyeater          |
| <i>Melithreptus</i>     | <i>albogularis</i>    | White-throated Honeyeater   |
| <i>Merops</i>           | <i>ornatus</i>        | Rainbow Bee-eater           |
| <i>Monarcha</i>         | <i>trivirgatus</i>    | Spectacled Monarch          |
| <i>Myiagra</i>          | <i>rubecula</i>       | Leaden Flycatcher           |
| <i>Myzomela</i>         | <i>sanguinolenta</i>  | Scarlet Honeyeater          |
| <i>Neochmia</i>         | <i>temporalis</i>     | Red-browed Finch            |
| <i>Pachycephala</i>     | <i>rufiventris</i>    | Rufous Whistler             |
| <i>Pandion</i>          | <i>haliaetus</i>      | Osprey                      |
| <i>Pardalotus</i>       | <i>striatus</i>       | Striated Pardalote          |
| <i>Phalacrocorax</i>    | <i>melanoleucos</i>   | Little Pied Cormorant       |

| <b>Genus</b>         | <b>Species</b>         | <b>Common Name</b>      |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Pitta</i>         | <i>versicolor</i>      | Noisy Pitta             |
| <i>Platycercus</i>   | <i>adscitus</i>        | Pale-headed Rosella     |
| <i>Pomatostomus</i>  | <i>temporalis</i>      | Grey-crowned Babbler    |
| <i>Psophodes</i>     | <i>olivaceus</i>       | Eastern Whipbird        |
| <i>Rhipidura</i>     | <i>fuliginosa</i>      | Grey fantail            |
| <i>Rhipidura</i>     | <i>leucophrys</i>      | Willie Wagtail          |
| <i>Smicrornis</i>    | <i>brevirostris</i>    | Weebill                 |
| <i>Sphecotheres</i>  | <i>viridis</i>         | Figbird                 |
| <i>Strepera</i>      | <i>graculina</i>       | Pied Currawong          |
| <i>Tachybaptus</i>   | <i>novaehollandiae</i> | Australasian Grebe      |
| <i>Trichoglossus</i> | <i>chlorolepidotus</i> | Scaly-breasted Lorikeet |
| <i>Trichoglossus</i> | <i>haematodus</i>      | Rainbow Lorikeet        |

**Appendix 3**

**EPA WildNet Fauna Database Search  
Results – Inundation Area and  
Surrounds**

| Class      | Family         | Scientific Name                 | Common Name                | NCA |
|------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Amphibians | Bufo           | <i>Bufo marinus</i>             | Cane Toad                  | I   |
| Amphibians | Myobatrachidae | <i>Limnodynastes peronii</i>    | Striped Marsh Frog         | C   |
| Amphibians | Hylidae        | <i>Litoria caerulea</i>         | Common Green Treefrog      | C   |
| Amphibians | Hylidae        | <i>Litoria fallax</i>           | Eastern Sedgefrog          | C   |
| Amphibians | Hylidae        | <i>Litoria nasuta</i>           | Striped Rocketfrog         | C   |
| Amphibians | Hylidae        | <i>Litoria rubella</i>          | Ruddy Treefrog             | C   |
| Birds      | Anatidae       | <i>Anas superciliosa</i>        | Pacific Black Duck         | C   |
| Birds      | Motacillidae   | <i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i>   | Richard's Pipit            | C   |
| Birds      | Accipitridae   | <i>Aquila audax</i>             | Wedge-tailed Eagle         | C   |
| Birds      | Otididae       | <i>Ardeotis australis</i>       | Australian Bustard         | C   |
| Birds      | Artamidae      | <i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>    | White-breasted Woodswallow | C   |
| Birds      | Cacatuidae     | <i>Cacatua galerita</i>         | Sulphur-crested Cockatoo   | C   |
| Birds      | Cacatuidae     | <i>Cacatua roseicapilla</i>     | Galah                      | C   |
| Birds      | Centropodidae  | <i>Centropus phasianinus</i>    | Pheasant Coucal            | C   |
| Birds      | Anatidae       | <i>Chenonetta jubata</i>        | Australian Wood Duck       | C   |
| Birds      | Ptilorynchidae | <i>Chlamydera nuchalis</i>      | Great Bowerbird            | C   |
| Birds      | Campephagidae  | <i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i> | Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike  | C   |
| Birds      | Campephagidae  | <i>Coracina tenuirostris</i>    | Cicadabird                 | C   |
| Birds      | Corvidae       | <i>Corvus orru</i>              | Torresian Crow             | C   |
| Birds      | Artamidae      | <i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>   | Pied butcherbird           | C   |
| Birds      | Artamidae      | <i>Cracticus torquatus</i>      | Grey butcherbird           | C   |
| Birds      | Halcyonidae    | <i>Dacelo leachii</i>           | Blue-winged Kookaburra     | C   |
| Birds      | Halcyonidae    | <i>Dacelo novaehollandiae</i>   | Laughing Kookaburra        | C   |
| Birds      | Dicaeidae      | <i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i>    | Mistletoebird              | C   |
| Birds      | Dicruridae     | <i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>      | Spangled Drongo            | C   |
| Birds      | Casuariidae    | <i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i> | Emu                        | C   |
| Birds      | Ardeidae       | <i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>  | White-faced Heron          | C   |
| Birds      | Meliphagidae   | <i>Entomyzon cyanotis</i>       | Blue-faced Honeyeater      | C   |
| Birds      | Cuculidae      | <i>Eudynamis scolopacea</i>     | Common Koel                | C   |
| Birds      | Coraciidae     | <i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>    | Dollarbird                 | C   |
| Birds      | Falconidae     | <i>Falco berigora</i>           | Brown Falcon               | C   |
| Birds      | Falconidae     | <i>Falco cenchroides</i>        | Nankeen Kestrel            | C   |
| Birds      | Rallidae       | <i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>      | Dusky Moorhen              | C   |
| Birds      | Columbidae     | <i>Geopelia striata</i>         | Peaceful Dove              | C   |
| Birds      | Columbidae     | <i>Geophaps scripta</i>         | Squatter Pigeon            | C   |
| Birds      | Pardalotidae   | <i>Gerygone olivacea</i>        | White-throated Gerygone    | C   |
| Birds      | Pardalotidae   | <i>Gerygone palpebrosa</i>      | Fairy Gerygone             | C   |
| Birds      | Dicruridae     | <i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>      | Magpie-lark                | C   |
| Birds      | Gruidae        | <i>Grus rubicunda</i>           | Brolga                     | C   |
| Birds      | Artamidae      | <i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>       | Australian magpie          | C   |
| Birds      | Accipitridae   | <i>Haliastur indus</i>          | Brahminy Kite              | C   |
| Birds      | Accipitridae   | <i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>      | Whistling Kite             | C   |
| Birds      | Hirundinidae   | <i>Hirundo neoxena</i>          | Welcome Swallow            | C   |
| Birds      | Hirundinidae   | <i>Hirundo nigricans</i>        | Tree martin                | C   |
| Birds      | Campephagidae  | <i>Lalage leucomela</i>         | Varied triller             | C   |
| Birds      | Meliphagidae   | <i>Meliphaga lewinii</i>        | Lewin's Honeyeater         | C   |
| Birds      | Meliphagidae   | <i>Melithreptus albogularis</i> | White-throated Honeyeater  | C   |
| Birds      | Meropidae      | <i>Merops ornatus</i>           | Rainbow Bee-eater          | C   |
| Birds      | Petroicidae    | <i>Microeca fascinans</i>       | Jacky Winter               | C   |
| Birds      | Accipitridae   | <i>Milvus migrans</i>           | Black Kite                 | C   |
| Birds      | Alaudidae      | <i>Mirafra javanica</i>         | Singing Bushlark           | C   |
| Birds      | Dicruridae     | <i>Myiagra rubecula</i>         | Leaden Flycatcher          | C   |

| Class    | Family            | Scientific Name                       | Common Name                          | NCA |
|----------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Birds    | Strigidae         | <i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>          | Southern Boobook                     | C   |
| Birds    | Oriolidae         | <i>Oriolus sagittatus</i>             | Olive-backed Oriole                  | C   |
| Birds    | Accipitridae      | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>              | Osprey                               | C   |
| Birds    | Meliphagidae      | <i>Philemon citreogularis</i>         | Little Friarbird                     | C   |
| Birds    | Meliphagidae      | <i>Philemon corniculatus</i>          | Noisy Friarbird                      | C   |
| Birds    | Psittacidae       | <i>Platycercus adscitus</i>           | Pale-headed Rosella                  | C   |
| Birds    | Podargidae        | <i>Podargus strigoides</i>            | Tawny Frogmouth                      | C   |
| Birds    | Dicruridae        | <i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>           | Willie Wagtail                       | C   |
| Birds    | Cuculidae         | <i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>      | Channel-billed Cuckoo                | C   |
| Birds    | Pardalotidae      | <i>Sericornis frontalis</i>           | White-browed Scrubwren               | C   |
| Birds    | Pardalotidae      | <i>Smicrornis brevirostris</i>        | Weebill                              | C   |
| Birds    | Oriolidae         | <i>Sphecotheres viridis</i>           | Figbird                              | C   |
| Birds    | Artamidae         | <i>Strepera graculina</i>             | Pied Currawong                       | C   |
| Birds    | Psittacidae       | <i>Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus</i>  | Scaly-breasted Lorikeet              | C   |
| Birds    | Psittacidae       | <i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>       | Rainbow Lorikeet                     | C   |
| Birds    | Charadriidae      | <i>Vanellus miles novaehollandiae</i> | Masked Lapwing (southern subspecies) | C   |
| Birds    | Zosteropidae      | <i>Zosterops lateralis</i>            | Silvereye                            | C   |
| Mammals  | Acrobatidae       | <i>Acrobates pygmaeus</i>             | Feathertail Glider                   | C   |
| Mammals  | Felidae           | <i>Felis catus</i>                    | Cat                                  | I   |
| Mammals  | Macropodidae      | <i>Macropus giganteus</i>             | Eastern Grey Kangaroo                | C   |
| Mammals  | Muridae           | <i>Mus musculus</i>                   | House Mouse                          | I   |
| Mammals  | Ornithorhynchidae | <i>Ornithorhynchus anatinus</i>       | Platypus                             | C   |
| Mammals  | Phascolarctidae   | <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>         | Koala                                | C   |
| Mammals  | Dasyuridae        | <i>Planigale maculata</i>             | Common Planigale                     | C   |
| Mammals  | Suidae            | <i>Sus scrofa</i>                     | Pig                                  | I   |
| Reptiles | Scincidae         | <i>Carlia foliorum</i>                |                                      | C   |
| Reptiles | Scincidae         | <i>Carlia munda</i>                   |                                      | C   |
| Reptiles | Scincidae         | <i>Egernia striolata</i>              | Tree Skink                           | C   |
| Reptiles | Scincidae         | <i>Eulamprus tenuis</i>               |                                      | C   |
| Reptiles | Gekkonidae        | <i>Gehyra catenata</i>                |                                      | C   |
| Reptiles | Gekkonidae        | <i>Gehyra dubia</i>                   |                                      | C   |
| Reptiles | Gekkonidae        | <i>Heteronotia binoei</i>             | Bynoe's Gecko                        | C   |
| Reptiles | Scincidae         | <i>Lampropholis adonis</i>            |                                      | C   |
| Reptiles | Scincidae         | <i>Morethia taeniopleura</i>          | Fire-tailed Skink                    | C   |
| Reptiles | Gekkonidae        | <i>Oedura monilis</i>                 |                                      | C   |
| Reptiles | Agamidae          | <i>Physignathus lesueurii</i>         | Eastern Water Dragon                 | C   |

Notes: I = Introduced Species, C = Least Concern (Common) NCA 1992.



**Appendix 4:  
Commonwealth EPBC Online Protected Matters Search  
Tool Results – Inundation Area and Surrounds**

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**Report on:** World Heritage Properties, National Heritage Places, Wetlands of International Significance (Ramsar Sites), Commonwealth Marine Areas, Threatened Ecological Communities, Threatened Species and Migratory Species.

Search type: Area

Coordinates used: -21.8427, 148.9471, -22.2115, 148.9471, -22.2115, 149.3952, -21.842, 149.3952

**World Heritage Properties**

0

**National Heritage Places**

0

**Ramsar Sites**

1

**Commonwealth Marine Areas**

0

**Threatened Ecological Communities**

2

**Threatened Species**

14

**Migratory Species**

17

**Threatened Terrestrial and Aquatic Fauna Species**

| Class    | Scientific Name                                     | Common Name                                 | Type of Presence                           | Status |
|----------|---|---|--|--------|
| Reptiles | <i>Denisonia maculata</i>                           | Ornamental Snake                            | Species or species habitat likely to occur | V      |
| Reptiles | <i>Egernia rugosa</i>                               | Yakka Skink                                 | Species or species habitat likely to occur | V      |
| Reptiles | <i>Rheodytes leukops</i>                            | Fitzroy Tortoise                            | Species or species habitat may occur       | V      |
| Birds    | <i>Erythrotriorchis radiatus</i>                    | Red Goshawk                                 | Species or species habitat likely to occur | V      |
| Birds    | <i>Geophaps scripta scripta</i>                     | Squatter Pigeon (southern)                  | Species or species habitat likely to occur | V      |
| Birds    | <i>Neochmia ruficauda ruficauda</i>                 | Star Finch (eastern), Star Finch (southern) | Species or species habitat likely to occur | E      |
| Birds    | <i>Rostratula australis</i>                         | Australian Painted Snipe                    | Species or species habitat may occur       | V      |
| Mammals  | <i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i>                          | Northern Quoll                              | Species or species habitat may occur       | E      |
| Mammals  | <i>Nyctophilus timoriensis (south-eastern form)</i> | Eastern Long-eared Bat                      | Species or species habitat may occur       | V      |
| Mammals  | <i>Pteropus conspicillatus</i>                      | Spectacled Flying Fox                       | Species or species habitat may occur       | V      |

**Terrestrial Fauna Species Covered by Migratory Provisions of the EPBC Act, 1999**

| Class | Scientific Name               | Common Name             | Type of Presence                           |
|-------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Birds | <i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i> | White-bellied Sea-Eagle | Species or species habitat likely to occur |

|       |                              |                           |  |
|-------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Birds | <i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i> | White-throated Needletail | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Birds | <i>Hirundo rustica</i>       | Barn Swallow              | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Birds | <i>Merops ornatus</i>        | Rainbow Bee-eater         | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Birds | <i>Monarcha melanopsis</i>   | Black-faced Monarch       | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Birds | <i>Monarcha trivirgatus</i>  | Spectacled Monarch        | Breeding likely to occur                   |
| Birds | <i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i>    | Satin Flycatcher          | Species or species habitat likely to occur |

#### Wetland Fauna Species Covered by Migratory Provisions of the EPBC Act, 1999

| Class | Scientific Name                            | Common Name                   | Type of Presence                     |
|-------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Birds | <i>Ardea alba</i>                          | Great Egret                   | Species or species habitat may occur |
| Birds | <i>Ardea ibis</i>                          | Cattle Egret                  | Species or species habitat may occur |
| Birds | <i>Gallinago hardwickii</i>                | Latham's Snipe                | Species or species habitat may occur |
| Birds | <i>Nettapus coromandelianus albipennis</i> | Australian Cotton Pygmy-goose | Species or species habitat may occur |
| Birds | <i>Numenius minutus</i>                    | Little Curlew                 | Species or species habitat may occur |
| Birds | <i>Rostratula benghalensis s. lat.</i>     | Painted Snipe                 | Species or species habitat may occur |

#### Marine Fauna Species Covered by Migratory Provisions of the EPBC Act, 1999

| Class    | Scientific Name           | Common Name         | Type of Presence                           |
|----------|---------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Birds    | <i>Apus pacificus</i>     | Fork-tailed Swift   | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Birds    | <i>Ardea alba</i>         | Great Egret         | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Birds    | <i>Ardea ibis</i>         | Cattle Egret        | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Reptiles | <i>Crocodylus porosus</i> | Estuarine Crocodile | Species or species habitat likely to occur |

#### Other matters (listed overfly marine areas) protected by the EPBC Act, 1999

| Class | Scientific Name                            | Common Name                   | Type of Presence                           |
|-------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Birds | <i>Anseranas semipalmata</i>               | Maggie Goose                  | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Birds | <i>Apus pacificus</i>                      | Fork-tailed Swift             | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Birds | <i>Ardea alba</i>                          | Great Egret                   | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Birds | <i>Ardea ibis</i>                          | Cattle Egret                  | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Birds | <i>Gallinago hardwickii</i>                | Latham's Snipe                | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Birds | <i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>               | White-throated Needletail     | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Birds | <i>Hirundo rustica</i>                     | Barn Swallow                  | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Birds | <i>Merops ornatus</i>                      | Rainbow Bee-eater             | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Birds | <i>Monarcha melanopsis</i>                 | Black-faced Monarch           | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Birds | <i>Monarcha trivirgatus</i>                | Spectacled Flycatcher         | Breeding likely to occur in the area       |
| Birds | <i>Myiagra cyanoleuca</i>                  | Satin Flycatcher              | Species or species habitat likely to occur |
| Birds | <i>Nettapus coromandelianus albipennis</i> | Australian Cotton Pygmy-goose | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Birds | <i>Numenius minutus</i>                    | Little Curlew                 | Species or species habitat may occur       |
| Birds | <i>Rostratula benghalensis s. lat.</i>     | Painted Snipe                 | Species or species habitat may occur       |

#### Other matters (listed marine species) protected by the EPBC Act, 1999

| Class    | Scientific Name               | Common Name             | Type of Presence                           |
|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Birds    | <i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i> | White-bellied Sea-Eagle | Species or species habitat likely to occur |
| Reptiles | <i>Crocodylus porosus</i>     | Estuarine Crocodile     | Species or species habitat likely to occur |

**Appendix 5:  
Queensland Museum Database Search Results – Pipeline  
Route and Surrounds**

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**Appendix 6:  
Birds Australia Database Search Results – Pipeline Route  
and Surrounds**

| <b>Genus</b>           | <b>Species</b>          | <b>Common Name</b>          |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Acanthagenys</i>    | <i>rufogularis</i>      | Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater    |
| <i>Accipiter</i>       | <i>cirrhocephalus</i>   | Collared Sparrowhawk        |
| <i>Acrocephalus</i>    | <i>stentoreus</i>       | Clamorous Reed-Warbler      |
| <i>Aegotheles</i>      | <i>cristatus</i>        | Australian Owlet-nightjar   |
| <i>Alectura</i>        | <i>lathamii</i>         | Australian Brush-turkey     |
| <i>Anas</i>            | <i>gracilis</i>         | Grey Teal                   |
| <i>Anas</i>            | <i>platyrhynchos</i>    | Mallard                     |
| <i>Anas</i>            | <i>superciliosa</i>     | Pacific Black Duck          |
| <i>Anhinga</i>         | <i>melanogaster</i>     | Darter                      |
| <i>Anthus</i>          | <i>novaeeseelandiae</i> | Richard's Pipit             |
| <i>Aprosmictus</i>     | <i>erythropterus</i>    | Red-winged Parrot           |
| <i>Aquila</i>          | <i>audax</i>            | Wedge-tailed Eagle          |
| <i>Ardea</i>           | <i>alba</i>             | Great Egret                 |
| <i>Ardea</i>           | <i>intermedia</i>       | Intermediate Egret          |
| <i>Ardea</i>           | <i>pacifica</i>         | White-necked Heron          |
| <i>Ardeotis</i>        | <i>australis</i>        | Australian Bustard          |
| <i>Artamus</i>         | <i>cinereus</i>         | Black-faced Woodswallow     |
| <i>Artamus</i>         | <i>leucorhynchus</i>    | White-breasted Woodswallow  |
| <i>Aviceda</i>         | <i>subcristata</i>      | Pacific Baza                |
| <i>Aythya</i>          | <i>australis</i>        | Hardhead                    |
| <i>Burhinus</i>        | <i>magnirostris</i>     | Bush Stone-curlew           |
| <i>Cacatua</i>         | <i>galerita</i>         | Sulphur-crested Cockatoo    |
| <i>Cacatua</i>         | <i>roseicapilla</i>     | Galah                       |
| <i>Cacomantis</i>      | <i>flabelliformis</i>   | Fan-tailed Cuckoo           |
| <i>Calidris</i>        | <i>acuminata</i>        | Sharp-tailed Sandpiper      |
| <i>Calyptorhynchus</i> | <i>banksii</i>          | Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo   |
| <i>Centropus</i>       | <i>phasianinus</i>      | Pheasant Coucal             |
| <i>Chenonetta</i>      | <i>jubata</i>           | Australian Wood Duck        |
| <i>Chlamydera</i>      | <i>maculata</i>         | Spotted Bowerbird           |
| <i>Chlamydera</i>      | <i>nuchalis</i>         | Great Bowerbird             |
| <i>Chlidonias</i>      | <i>hybridus</i>         | Whiskered Tern              |
| <i>Chrysococcyx</i>    | <i>lucidus</i>          | Shining Bronze-Cuckoo       |
| <i>Cisticola</i>       | <i>exilis</i>           | Golden-headed Cisticola     |
| <i>Colluricincla</i>   | <i>harmonica</i>        | Grey Shrike-thrush          |
| <i>Coracina</i>        | <i>maxima</i>           | Ground Cuckoo-Shrike        |
| <i>Coracina</i>        | <i>novaeahollandiae</i> | Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike   |
| <i>Coracina</i>        | <i>papuensis</i>        | White-bellied Cuckoo-Shrike |
| <i>Coracina</i>        | <i>tenuirostris</i>     | Cicadabird                  |
| <i>Corcorax</i>        | <i>melanorhamphos</i>   | White-winged Chough         |
| <i>Corvus</i>          | <i>bennetti</i>         | Little Crow                 |
| <i>Corvus</i>          | <i>coronoides</i>       | Australian Raven            |
| <i>Corvus</i>          | <i>orru</i>             | Torresian Crow              |
| <i>Coturnix</i>        | <i>ypsilophora</i>      | Brown Quail                 |
| <i>Cracticus</i>       | <i>nigrogularis</i>     | Pied Butcherbird            |
| <i>Cracticus</i>       | <i>torquatus</i>        | Grey Butcherbird            |
| <i>Cuculus</i>         | <i>pallidus</i>         | Pallid Cuckoo               |
| <i>Cygnus</i>          | <i>atratus</i>          | Black Swan                  |
| <i>Dacelo</i>          | <i>leachii</i>          | Blue-winged Kookaburra      |
| <i>Dacelo</i>          | <i>novaeaguineae</i>    | Laughing Kookaburra         |
| <i>Daphoenositta</i>   | <i>chrysoptera</i>      | Varied Sittella             |

| <b>Genus</b>            | <b>Species</b>         | <b>Common Name</b>         |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Dendrocygna</i>      | <i>arcuata</i>         | Wandering Whistling-Duck   |
| <i>Dendrocygna</i>      | <i>eytoni</i>          | Plumed Whistling-Duck      |
| <i>Dicaeum</i>          | <i>hirundinaceum</i>   | Mistletoebird              |
| <i>Dicrurus</i>         | <i>hottentottus</i>    | Spangled Drongo            |
| <i>Dromaius</i>         | <i>novaehollandiae</i> | Emu                        |
| <i>Egretta</i>          | <i>garzetta</i>        | Little Egret               |
| <i>Egretta</i>          | <i>novaehollandiae</i> | White-faced Heron          |
| <i>Elanus</i>           | <i>notatus</i>         | Black-shouldered Kite      |
| <i>Elseyornis</i>       | <i>melanops</i>        | Black-fronted Dotterel     |
| <i>Entomyzon</i>        | <i>cyanotis</i>        | Blue-faced Honeyeater      |
| <i>Ephippiorhynchus</i> | <i>asiaticus</i>       | Black-necked Stork         |
| <i>Eudynamys</i>        | <i>scolopacea</i>      | Common Koel                |
| <i>Eurystomus</i>       | <i>orientalis</i>      | Dollarbird                 |
| <i>Falco</i>            | <i>berigora</i>        | Brown Falcon               |
| <i>Falco</i>            | <i>cenchroides</i>     | Nankeen Kestrel            |
| <i>Falco</i>            | <i>longipennis</i>     | Australian Hobby           |
| <i>Fulica</i>           | <i>atra</i>            | Eurasian Coot              |
| <i>Gallinula</i>        | <i>tenebrosa</i>       | Dusky Moorhen              |
| <i>Geopelia</i>         | <i>cuneata</i>         | Diamond Dove               |
| <i>Geopelia</i>         | <i>humeralis</i>       | Bar-shouldered Dove        |
| <i>Geopelia</i>         | <i>striata</i>         | Peaceful Dove              |
| <i>Geophaps</i>         | <i>scripta</i>         | Squatter Pigeon            |
| <i>Gerygone</i>         | <i>olivacea</i>        | White-throated Gerygone    |
| <i>Grallina</i>         | <i>cyanoleuca</i>      | Magpie-Lark                |
| <i>Grus</i>             | <i>rubicunda</i>       | Brolga                     |
| <i>Gymnorhina</i>       | <i>tibicen</i>         | Australian Magpie          |
| <i>Haliaeetus</i>       | <i>leucogaster</i>     | White-bellied Sea-Eagle    |
| <i>Haliastur</i>        | <i>indus</i>           | Brahminy Kite              |
| <i>Haliastur</i>        | <i>sphenurus</i>       | Whistling Kite             |
| <i>Himantopus</i>       | <i>himantopus</i>      | Black-winged Stilt         |
| <i>Hirundo</i>          | <i>ariel</i>           | Fairy Martin               |
| <i>Hirundo</i>          | <i>neoxena</i>         | Welcome Swallow            |
| <i>Hirundo</i>          | <i>nigricans</i>       | Tree Martin                |
| <i>Lalage</i>           | <i>sueurii</i>         | White-winged Triller       |
| <i>Larus</i>            | <i>novaehollandiae</i> | Silver Gull                |
| <i>Lichenostomus</i>    | <i>flavus</i>          | Yellow Honeyeater          |
| <i>Lichenostomus</i>    | <i>fuscus</i>          | Fuscous Honeyeater         |
| <i>Lichenostomus</i>    | <i>virescens</i>       | Singing Honeyeater         |
| <i>Lichmera</i>         | <i>indistincta</i>     | Brown Honeyeater           |
| <i>Lonchura</i>         | <i>castaneothorax</i>  | Chestnut-breasted Mannikin |
| <i>Malurus</i>          | <i>lamberti</i>        | Variiegated Fairy-wren     |
| <i>Malurus</i>          | <i>melanocephalus</i>  | Red-backed Fairy-wren      |
| <i>Manorina</i>         | <i>flavigula</i>       | Yellow-throated Miner      |
| <i>Manorina</i>         | <i>melanocephala</i>   | Noisy Miner                |
| <i>Meliphaga</i>        | <i>lewinii</i>         | Lewin's Honeyeater         |
| <i>Melithreptus</i>     | <i>albogularis</i>     | White-throated Honeyeater  |
| <i>Melithreptus</i>     | <i>gularis</i>         | Black-chinned Honeyeater   |
| <i>Merops</i>           | <i>ornatus</i>         | Rainbow Bee-eater          |
| <i>Microeca</i>         | <i>leucophaea</i>      | Jacky Winter               |
| <i>Milvus</i>           | <i>migrans</i>         | Black Kite                 |



| <b>Genus</b>         | <b>Species</b>         | <b>Common Name</b>      |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Mirafr</i>        | <i>javanica</i>        | Singing Bushlark        |
| <i>Monarcha</i>      | <i>melanopsis</i>      | Black-faced Monarch     |
| <i>Myiagra</i>       | <i>inquieta</i>        | Restless Flycatcher     |
| <i>Myiagra</i>       | <i>rubecula</i>        | Leaden Flycatcher       |
| <i>Myzomela</i>      | <i>obscura</i>         | Dusky Honeyeater        |
| <i>Nettapus</i>      | <i>coromandelianus</i> | Cotton Pygmy-goose      |
| <i>Nettapus</i>      | <i>pulchellus</i>      | Green Pygmy-goose       |
| <i>Ninox</i>         | <i>connivens</i>       | Barking Owl             |
| <i>Ninox</i>         | <i>novaeseelandiae</i> | Southern Boobook        |
| <i>Nycticorax</i>    | <i>caledonicus</i>     | Nankeen Night Heron     |
| <i>Ocyphaps</i>      | <i>hollandicus</i>     | Cockatiel               |
| <i>Oriolus</i>       | <i>lophotes</i>        | Crested Pigeon          |
| <i>Pachycephala</i>  | <i>sagittatus</i>      | Olive-backed Oriole     |
| <i>Pandion</i>       | <i>rufiventris</i>     | Rufous Whistler         |
| <i>Pardalotus</i>    | <i>haliaetus</i>       | Osprey                  |
| <i>Passer</i>        | <i>striatus</i>        | Striated Pardalote      |
| <i>Pelecanus</i>     | <i>domesticus</i>      | House Sparrow           |
| <i>Phalacrocorax</i> | <i>conspicillatus</i>  | Australian Pelican      |
| <i>Phalacrocorax</i> | <i>carbo</i>           | Great Cormorant         |
| <i>Phalacrocorax</i> | <i>melanoleucos</i>    | Little Pied Cormorant   |
| <i>Phalacrocorax</i> | <i>sulcirostris</i>    | Little Black Cormorant  |
| <i>Phaps</i>         | <i>varius</i>          | Pied Cormorant          |
| <i>Philemon</i>      | <i>chalcoptera</i>     | Common Bronzewing       |
| <i>Philemon</i>      | <i>citreogularis</i>   | Little Friarbird        |
| <i>Platalea</i>      | <i>corniculatus</i>    | Noisy Friarbird         |
| <i>Platalea</i>      | <i>flavipes</i>        | Yellow-billed Spoonbill |
| <i>Platycercus</i>   | <i>regia</i>           | Royal Spoonbill         |
| <i>Plectorhyncha</i> | <i>adscitus</i>        | Pale-headed Rosella     |
| <i>Podargus</i>      | <i>lanceolata</i>      | Striped Honeyeater      |
| <i>Podiceps</i>      | <i>strigoides</i>      | Tawny Frogmouth         |
| <i>Pomatostomus</i>  | <i>cristatus</i>       | Great Crested Grebe     |
| <i>Porphyrio</i>     | <i>temporalis</i>      | Grey-crowned Babbler    |
| <i>Rhipidura</i>     | <i>porphyrio</i>       | Purple Swamphen         |
| <i>Rhipidura</i>     | <i>fuliginosa</i>      | Grey Fantail            |
| <i>Rhipidura</i>     | <i>leucophrys</i>      | Willie Wagtail          |
| <i>Scythrops</i>     | <i>novaehollandiae</i> | Channel-billed Cuckoo   |
| <i>Sericornis</i>    | <i>frontalis</i>       | White-browed Scrubwren  |
| <i>Smicrornis</i>    | <i>brevirostris</i>    | Weebill                 |
| <i>Sphecotheres</i>  | <i>viridis</i>         | Figbird                 |
| <i>Sterna</i>        | <i>nilotica</i>        | Gull-billed Tern        |
| <i>Strepera</i>      | <i>graculina</i>       | Pied Currawong          |
| <i>Struthidea</i>    | <i>cinerea</i>         | Apostlebird             |
| <i>Tachybaptus</i>   | <i>novaehollandiae</i> | Australasian Grebe      |
| <i>Taeniopygia</i>   | <i>bichenovii</i>      | Double-barred Finch     |
| <i>Threskiornis</i>  | <i>molucca</i>         | Australian White Ibis   |
| <i>Threskiornis</i>  | <i>spinicollis</i>     | Straw-necked Ibis       |
| <i>Todiramphus</i>   | <i>macleayii</i>       | Forest Kingfisher       |
| <i>Todiramphus</i>   | <i>pyrrhopygia</i>     | Red-backed Kingfisher   |
| <i>Todiramphus</i>   | <i>sanctus</i>         | Sacred Kingfisher       |
| <i>Trichoglossus</i> | <i>chlorolepidotus</i> | Scaly-breasted Lorikeet |

| <b>Genus</b>         | <b>Species</b>     | <b>Common Name</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Trichoglossus</i> | <i>haematodus</i>  | Rainbow Lorikeet   |
| <i>Tringa</i>        | <i>nebularia</i>   | Common Greenshank  |
| <i>Tringa</i>        | <i>stagnatilis</i> | Marsh Sandpiper    |
| <i>Vanellus</i>      | <i>miles</i>       | Masked Lapwing     |

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## **Appendix 7**

### **EPA WildNet Fauna Database Search Results – Pipeline Route and Surrounds**

| Class      | Family          | Scientific Name                            | Common Name                | NCA | EPBC |
|------------|-----------------|--|----------------------------|-----|------|
| amphibians | Hylidae         | <i>Cyclorana alboguttata</i>               | greenstripe frog           | C   |      |
| amphibians | Hylidae         | <i>Cyclorana cultripes</i>                 | grassland collared frog    | C   |      |
| amphibians | Hylidae         | <i>Cyclorana novaehollandiae</i>           | eastern snapping frog      | C   |      |
| amphibians | Limnodynastidae | <i>Limnodynastes peronii</i>               | striped marshfrog          | C   |      |
| amphibians | Limnodynastidae | <i>Limnodynastes tasmaniensis</i>          | spotted grassfrog          | C   |      |
| amphibians | Hylidae         | <i>Litoria caerulea</i>                    | common green treefrog      | C   |      |
| amphibians | Hylidae         | <i>Litoria fallax</i>                      | eastern sedgefrog          | C   |      |
| amphibians | Hylidae         | <i>Litoria inermis</i>                     | bumpy rocketfrog           | C   |      |
| amphibians | Hylidae         | <i>Litoria latopalmata</i>                 | broad palmed rocketfrog    | C   |      |
| amphibians | Hylidae         | <i>Litoria nasuta</i>                      | striped rocketfrog         | C   |      |
| amphibians | Hylidae         | <i>Litoria rothii</i>                      | northern laughing treefrog | C   |      |
| amphibians | Hylidae         | <i>Litoria rubella</i>                     | ruddy treefrog             | C   |      |
| amphibians | Limnodynastidae | <i>Opisthodon ornatus</i>                  | ornate burrowing frog      | C   |      |
| amphibians | Bufo            | <i>Rhinella marina</i>                     | cane toad                  | Y   |      |
| reptiles   | Agamidae        | <i>Amphibolurus burnsi</i>                 |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Boidae          | <i>Antaresia maculosa</i>                  |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Boidae          | <i>Aspidites melanocephalus</i>            | black-headed python        | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Colubridae      | <i>Boiga irregularis</i>                   | brown tree snake           | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Carlia foliorum</i>                     |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Carlia munda</i>                        |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Carlia pectoralis</i>                   |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Agamidae        | <i>Chlamydosaurus kingii</i>               | frilled lizard             | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Cryptoblepharus metallicus</i>          | metallic snake-eyed skink  | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Cryptoblepharus pannosus</i>            | ragged snake-eyed skink    | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Cryptoblepharus virgatus sensu lato</i> |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Ctenotus robustus</i>                   |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Ctenotus strauchii</i>                  |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Ctenotus taeniolatus</i>                | copper-tailed skink        | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Elapidae        | <i>Demansia psammophis</i>                 | yellow-faced whip snake    | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Colubridae      | <i>Dendrelaphis punctulata</i>             | common tree snake          | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Elapidae        | <i>Denisonia maculata</i>                  | ornamental snake           | V   | V    |
| reptiles   | Gekkonidae      | <i>Diplodactylus conspicillatus</i>        | fat-tailed diplodactylus   | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Gekkonidae      | <i>Diplodactylus vittatus</i>              | wood gecko                 | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Agamidae        | <i>Diporiphora australis</i>               |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Egernia striolata</i>                   | tree skink                 | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Chelidae        | <i>Eiseya albagula</i>                     | southern snapping turtle   | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Chelidae        | <i>Emydura macquarii krefftii</i>          | Krefft's river turtle      | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Eremiascincus fasciolatus</i>           | narrow-banded sand swimmer | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Eulamprus brachysoma</i>                |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Eulamprus martini</i>                   |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Eulamprus tenuis</i>                    |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Gekkonidae      | <i>Gehyra catenata</i>                     |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Gekkonidae      | <i>Gehyra dubia</i>                        |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Glaphyromorphus punctulatus</i>         |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Gekkonidae      | <i>Heteronotia binoei</i>                  | Bynoe's gecko              | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Elapidae        | <i>Hoplocephalus bitorquatus</i>           | pale-headed snake          | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Lampropholis adonis</i>                 |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Lerista fragilis</i>                    |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Lerista punctatovittata</i>             |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Pygopodidae     | <i>Lialis burtonis</i>                     | Burton's legless lizard    | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Gekkonidae      | <i>Lucasium steindachneri</i>              | Steindachner's gecko       | C   |      |
| reptiles   | Scincidae       | <i>Menetia greyii</i>                      |                            | C   |      |

| Class    | Family         | Scientific Name                       | Common Name                | NCA | EPBC |
|----------|----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|------|
| reptiles | Scincidae      | <i>Menetia timlowi</i>                |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles | Boidae         | <i>Morelia spilota</i>                | carpet python              | C   |      |
| reptiles | Scincidae      | <i>Morethia boulengeri</i>            |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles | Scincidae      | <i>Morethia taeniopleura</i>          | fire-tailed skink          | C   |      |
| reptiles | Gekkonidae     | <i>Nephurus asper</i>                 | spiny knob-tailed gecko    | C   |      |
| reptiles | Gekkonidae     | <i>Oedura monilis</i>                 |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles | Elapidae       | <i>Oxyuranus scutellatus</i>          | coastal taipan             | C   |      |
| reptiles | Pygopodidae    | <i>Paradelma orientalis</i>           | brigalow scaly-foot        | V   | V    |
| reptiles | Agamidae       | <i>Physignathus lesueurii</i>         | eastern water dragon       | C   |      |
| reptiles | Agamidae       | <i>Pogona barbata</i>                 | bearded dragon             | C   |      |
| reptiles | Elapidae       | <i>Pseudonaja textilis</i>            | eastern brown snake        | C   |      |
| reptiles | Typhlopidae    | <i>Ramphotyphlops affinis</i>         |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles | Typhlopidae    | <i>Ramphotyphlops ligatus</i>         |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles | Typhlopidae    | <i>Ramphotyphlops unguirostris</i>    |                            | C   |      |
| reptiles | Chelidae       | <i>Rheodytes leukops</i>              | Fitzroy River turtle       | V   | V    |
| reptiles | Elapidae       | <i>Rhinoplocephalus boschmai</i>      | Carpentaria whip snake     | C   |      |
| reptiles | Elapidae       | <i>Rhinoplocephalus nigrescens</i>    | eastern small-eyed snake   | C   |      |
| reptiles | Elapidae       | <i>Rhinoplocephalus nigrostriatus</i> | black-striped snake        | C   |      |
| reptiles | Elapidae       | <i>Simoselaps australis</i>           | coral snake                | C   |      |
| reptiles | Gekkonidae     | <i>Strophurus williamsi</i>           | soft-spined gecko          | C   |      |
| reptiles | Elapidae       | <i>Suta suta</i>                      | myall snake                | C   |      |
| reptiles | Colubridae     | <i>Tropidonophis mairii</i>           | freshwater snake           | C   |      |
| reptiles | Varanidae      | <i>Varanus tristis</i>                | black-tailed monitor       | C   |      |
| reptiles | Varanidae      | <i>Varanus varius</i>                 | lace monitor               | C   |      |
| reptiles | Elapidae       | <i>Vermicella annulata</i>            | bandy-bandy                | C   |      |
| birds    | Meliphagidae   | <i>Acanthagenys rufogularis</i>       | spiny-cheeked honeyeater   | C   |      |
| birds    | Acanthizidae   | <i>Acanthiza apicalis</i>             | inland thornbill           | C   |      |
| birds    | Acanthizidae   | <i>Acanthiza nana</i>                 | yellow thornbill           | C   |      |
| birds    | Acanthizidae   | <i>Acanthiza reguloides</i>           | buff-rumped thornbill      | C   |      |
| birds    | Accipitridae   | <i>Accipiter cirrocephalus</i>        | collared sparrowhawk       | C   |      |
| birds    | Accipitridae   | <i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>            | brown goshawk              | C   |      |
| birds    | Accipitridae   | <i>Accipiter novaehollandiae</i>      | grey goshawk               | R   |      |
| birds    | Acrocephalidae | <i>Acrocephalus australis</i>         | clamorous reed-warbler     | C   | M    |
| birds    | Aegothelidae   | <i>Aegotheles cristatus</i>           | Australian owl-nightjar    | C   |      |
| birds    | Megapodiidae   | <i>Alectura lathamii</i>              | Australian brush-turkey    | C   |      |
| birds    | Anatidae       | <i>Anas gracilis</i>                  | grey teal                  | C   |      |
| birds    | Anatidae       | <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>             | mallard                    | I   |      |
| birds    | Anatidae       | <i>Anas superciliosa</i>              | Pacific black duck         | C   |      |
| birds    | Anhingidae     | <i>Anhinga novaehollandiae</i>        | darther                    | C   |      |
| birds    | Motacillidae   | <i>Anthus novaeseelandiae</i>         | Richard's pipit            | C   |      |
| birds    | Psittacidae    | <i>Aprosmictus erythropterus</i>      | red-winged parrot          | C   |      |
| birds    | Accipitridae   | <i>Aquila audax</i>                   | wedge-tailed eagle         | C   |      |
| birds    | Ardeidae       | <i>Ardea intermedia</i>               | intermediate egret         | C   |      |
| birds    | Ardeidae       | <i>Ardea modesta</i>                  | great egret                | C   | M    |
| birds    | Ardeidae       | <i>Ardea pacifica</i>                 | white-necked heron         | C   |      |
| birds    | Otididae       | <i>Ardeotis australis</i>             | Australian bustard         | C   |      |
| birds    | Artamidae      | <i>Artamus cinereus</i>               | black-faced woodswallow    | C   |      |
| birds    | Artamidae      | <i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>          | white-breasted woodswallow | C   |      |
| birds    | Artamidae      | <i>Artamus personatus</i>             | masked woodswallow         | C   |      |
| birds    | Artamidae      | <i>Artamus superciliosus</i>          | white-browed woodswallow   | C   |      |
| birds    | Accipitridae   | <i>Aviceda subcristata</i>            | Pacific baza               | C   |      |
| birds    | Anatidae       | <i>Aythya australis</i>               | hardhead                   | C   |      |

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| birds | Burhinidae      | <i>Burhinus grallarius</i>             | bush stone-curlew            | C   |      |
| birds | Cacatuidae      | <i>Cacatua galerita</i>                | sulphur-crested cockatoo     | C   |      |
| birds | Cuculidae       | <i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>       | fan-tailed cuckoo            | C   |      |
| birds | Cuculidae       | <i>Cacomantis pallidus</i>             | pallid cuckoo                | C   |      |
| birds | Scolopacidae    | <i>Calidris acuminata</i>              | sharp-tailed sandpiper       | C   | M    |
| birds | Cacatuidae      | <i>Calyptorhynchus banksii</i>         | red-tailed black-cockatoo    | C   |      |
| birds | Cacatuidae      | <i>Calyptorhynchus funereus</i>        | yellow-tailed black-cockatoo | C   |      |
| birds | Cacatuidae      | <i>Calyptorhynchus lathami</i>         | glossy black-cockatoo        | V   |      |
| birds | Cuculidae       | <i>Centropus phasianinus</i>           | pheasant coucal              | C   |      |
| birds | Alcedinidae     | <i>Ceyx azureus</i>                    | azure kingfisher             | C   |      |
| birds | Cuculidae       | <i>Chalcites basalis</i>               | Horsfield's bronze-cuckoo    | C   |      |
| birds | Cuculidae       | <i>Chalcites lucidus</i>               | shining bronze-cuckoo        | C   |      |
| birds | Cuculidae       | <i>Chalcites minutillus minutillus</i> | little bronze-cuckoo         | C   |      |
| birds | Anatidae        | <i>Chenonetta jubata</i>               | Australian wood duck         | C   |      |
| birds | Laridae         | <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>              | whiskered tern               | C   |      |
| birds | Laridae         | <i>Chroicocephalus novaehollandiae</i> | silver gull                  | C   |      |
| birds | Acanthizidae    | <i>Chthonicola sagittata</i>           | speckled warbler             | C   |      |
| birds | Megaluridae     | <i>Cincloramphus mathewsi</i>          | rufous songlark              | C   |      |
| birds | Cisticolidae    | <i>Cisticola exilis</i>                | golden-headed cisticola      | C   |      |
| birds | Pachycephalidae | <i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>         | grey shrike-thrush           | C   |      |
| birds | Campephagidae   | <i>Coracina maxima</i>                 | ground cuckoo-shrike         | C   |      |
| birds | Campephagidae   | <i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>        | black-faced cuckoo-shrike    | C   |      |
| birds | Campephagidae   | <i>Coracina papuensis</i>              | white-bellied cuckoo-shrike  | C   |      |
| birds | Campephagidae   | <i>Coracina tenuirostris</i>           | cicadabird                   | C   |      |
| birds | Corcoracidae    | <i>Corcorax melanorhamphos</i>         | white-winged chough          | C   |      |
| birds | Corvidae        | <i>Corvus bennetti</i>                 | little crow                  | C   |      |
| birds | Corvidae        | <i>Corvus coronoides</i>               | Australian raven             | C   |      |
| birds | Corvidae        | <i>Corvus orru</i>                     | Torresian crow               | C   |      |
| birds | Phasianidae     | <i>Coturnix pectoralis</i>             | stubble quail                | C   |      |
| birds | Phasianidae     | <i>Coturnix ypsilophora</i>            | brown quail                  | C   |      |
| birds | Artamidae       | <i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>          | pie'd butcherbird            | C   |      |
| birds | Artamidae       | <i>Cracticus tibicen</i>               | Australian magpie            | C   |      |
| birds | Artamidae       | <i>Cracticus torquatus</i>             | grey butcherbird             | C   |      |
| birds | Anatidae        | <i>Cygnus atratus</i>                  | black swan                   | C   |      |
| birds | Halcyonidae     | <i>Dacelo leachii</i>                  | blue-winged kookaburra       | C   |      |
| birds | Halcyonidae     | <i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>             | laughing kookaburra          | C   |      |
| birds | Neosittidae     | <i>Daphoenositta chrysoptera</i>       | varied sittella              | C   |      |
| birds | Anatidae        | <i>Dendrocygna arcuata</i>             | wandering whistling-duck     | C   |      |
| birds | Anatidae        | <i>Dendrocygna eytoni</i>              | plumed whistling-duck        | C   |      |
| birds | Nectariniidae   | <i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i>           | mistletoebird                | C   |      |
| birds | Dicruridae      | <i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>             | spangled drongo              | C   |      |
| birds | Casuariidae     | <i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>        | emu                          | C   |      |
| birds | Ardeidae        | <i>Egretta garzetta</i>                | little egret                 | C   |      |
| birds | Ardeidae        | <i>Egretta novaehollandiae</i>         | white-faced heron            | C   |      |
| birds | Accipitridae    | <i>Elanus axillaris</i>                | black-shouldered kite        | C   |      |
| birds | Charadriidae    | <i>Euseyonis melanops</i>              | black-fronted dotterel       | C   |      |
| birds | Meliphagidae    | <i>Entomyzon cyanotis</i>              | blue-faced honeyeater        | C   |      |
| birds | Cacatuidae      | <i>Eolophus roseicapillus</i>          | galah                        | C   |      |
| birds | Petroicidae     | <i>Eopsaltria australis</i>            | eastern yellow robin         | C   |      |
| birds | Ciconiidae      | <i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>      | black-necked stork           | R   |      |
| birds | Accipitridae    | <i>Erythroriorchis radiatus</i>        | red goshawk                  | E   | V    |
| birds | Cuculidae       | <i>Eudynamis orientalis</i>            | common koel                  | C   |      |

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| birds | Eurostopodidae    | <i>Eurostopodus mystacalis</i>    | white-throated nightjar               | C   |      |
| birds | Coraciidae        | <i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>      | dollarbird                            | C   |      |
| birds | Falconidae        | <i>Falco berigora</i>             | brown falcon                          | C   |      |
| birds | Falconidae        | <i>Falco cenchroides</i>          | nankeen kestrel                       | C   |      |
| birds | Falconidae        | <i>Falco longipennis</i>          | Australian hobby                      | C   |      |
| birds | Rallidae          | <i>Fulica atra</i>                | Eurasian coot                         | C   |      |
| birds | Rallidae          | <i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i>        | dusky moorhen                         | C   |      |
| birds | Laridae           | <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>      | gull-billed tern                      | C   |      |
| birds | Columbidae        | <i>Geopelia cuneata</i>           | diamond dove                          | C   |      |
| birds | Columbidae        | <i>Geopelia humeralis</i>         | bar-shouldered dove                   | C   |      |
| birds | Columbidae        | <i>Geopelia striata</i>           | peaceful dove                         | C   |      |
| birds | Columbidae        | <i>Geophaps scripta scripta</i>   | squatter pigeon (southern subspecies) | V   | V    |
| birds | Acanthizidae      | <i>Gerygone albobularis</i>       | white-throated gerygone               | C   |      |
| birds | Acanthizidae      | <i>Gerygone palpebrosa</i>        | fairy gerygone                        |     |      |
| birds | Monarchidae       | <i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>        | magpie-lark                           | C   |      |
| birds | Gruidae           | <i>Grus rubicunda</i>             | brolga                                | C   |      |
| birds | Accipitridae      | <i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>     | white-bellied sea-eagle               | C   | M    |
| birds | Accipitridae      | <i>Haliastur indus</i>            | brahminy kite                         | C   |      |
| birds | Accipitridae      | <i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>        | whistling kite                        | C   |      |
| birds | Accipitridae      | <i>Hieraetus morphnoides</i>      | little eagle                          | C   |      |
| birds | Recurvirostridae  | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>      | black-winged stilt                    | C   |      |
| birds | Hirundinidae      | <i>Hirundo neoxena</i>            | welcome swallow                       | C   |      |
| birds | Ardeidae          | <i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>     | black bittern                         | C   |      |
| birds | Campephagidae     | <i>Lalage leucomela</i>           | varied triller                        | C   |      |
| birds | Campephagidae     | <i>Lalage sueurii</i>             | white-winged triller                  | C   |      |
| birds | Meliphagidae      | <i>Lichenostomus flavus</i>       | yellow honeyeater                     | C   |      |
| birds | Meliphagidae      | <i>Lichenostomus fuscus</i>       | fuscous honeyeater                    | C   |      |
| birds | Meliphagidae      | <i>Lichenostomus penicillatus</i> | white-plumed honeyeater               | C   |      |
| birds | Meliphagidae      | <i>Lichenostomus virescens</i>    | singing honeyeater                    | C   |      |
| birds | Meliphagidae      | <i>Lichmera indistincta</i>       | brown honeyeater                      | C   |      |
| birds | Estrildidae       | <i>Lonchura castaneothorax</i>    | chestnut-breasted mannikin            | C   |      |
| birds | Accipitridae      | <i>Lophoictinia isura</i>         | square-tailed kite                    | C   |      |
| birds | Maluridae         | <i>Malurus cyaneus</i>            | superb fairy-wren                     | C   |      |
| birds | Maluridae         | <i>Malurus lamberti</i>           | variegated fairy-wren                 | C   |      |
| birds | Maluridae         | <i>Malurus melanocephalus</i>     | red-backed fairy-wren                 | C   |      |
| birds | Meliphagidae      | <i>Manorina flavigula</i>         | yellow-throated miner                 | C   |      |
| birds | Meliphagidae      | <i>Manorina melanocephala</i>     | noisy miner                           | C   |      |
| birds | Meliphagidae      | <i>Meliphaga lewinii</i>          | Lewin's honeyeater                    | C   |      |
| birds | Meliphagidae      | <i>Melithreptus albobularis</i>   | white-throated honeyeater             | C   |      |
| birds | Meliphagidae      | <i>Melithreptus gularis</i>       | black-chinned honeyeater              | R   |      |
| birds | Psittacidae       | <i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>    | budgerigar                            | C   |      |
| birds | Meropidae         | <i>Merops ornatus</i>             | rainbow bee-eater                     | C   | M    |
| birds | Phalacrocoracidae | <i>Microcarbo melanoleucos</i>    | little pied cormorant                 | C   |      |
| birds | Petroicidae       | <i>Microeca fascinans</i>         | jacky winter                          | C   |      |
| birds | Accipitridae      | <i>Milvus migrans</i>             | black kite                            | C   |      |
| birds | Alaudidae         | <i>Mirafra javanica</i>           | singing bushlark                      | C   |      |
| birds | Monarchidae       | <i>Monarcha melanopsis</i>        | black-faced monarch                   | C   | M    |
| birds | Monarchidae       | <i>Myiagra inquieta</i>           | restless flycatcher                   | C   |      |
| birds | Monarchidae       | <i>Myiagra rubecula</i>           | leaden flycatcher                     | C   |      |
| birds | Meliphagidae      | <i>Myzomela obscura</i>           | dusky honeyeater                      | C   |      |
| birds | Meliphagidae      | <i>Myzomela sanguinolenta</i>     | scarlet honeyeater                    | C   |      |
| birds | Estrildidae       | <i>Neochmia modesta</i>           | plum-headed finch                     | C   |      |

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| birds | Estrildidae       | <i>Neochmia phaeton</i>               | crimson finch                       | V   |      |
| birds | Estrildidae       | <i>Neochmia ruficauda ruficauda</i>   | star finch (eastern subspecies)     | E   | E    |
| birds | Estrildidae       | <i>Neochmia temporalis</i>            | red-browed finch                    | C   |      |
| birds | Anatidae          | <i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>       | cotton pygmy-goose                  | R   | M    |
| birds | Anatidae          | <i>Nettapus pulchellus</i>            | green pygmy-goose                   | C   |      |
| birds | Strigidae         | <i>Ninox connivens</i>                | barking owl                         | C   |      |
| birds | Strigidae         | <i>Ninox novaeseelandiae</i>          | southern boobook                    | C   |      |
| birds | Strigidae         | <i>Ninox rufa queenslandica</i>       | rufous owl (southern subspecies)    | V   |      |
| birds | Ardeidae          | <i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>         | nankeen night heron                 | C   |      |
| birds | Cacatuidae        | <i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>          | cockatiel                           | C   |      |
| birds | Columbidae        | <i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>              | crested pigeon                      | C   |      |
| birds | Oriolidae         | <i>Oriolus sagittatus</i>             | olive-backed oriole                 | C   |      |
| birds | Pachycephalidae   | <i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>        | golden whistler                     | C   |      |
| birds | Pachycephalidae   | <i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>       | rufous whistler                     | C   |      |
| birds | Accipitridae      | <i>Pandion cristatus</i>              | osprey                              | C   | M    |
| birds | Pardalotidae      | <i>Pardalotus striatus</i>            | striated pardalote                  | C   |      |
| birds | Passeridae        | <i>Passer domesticus</i>              | house sparrow                       | Y   |      |
| birds | Pelecanidae       | <i>Pelecanus conspicillatus</i>       | Australian pelican                  | C   |      |
| birds | Hirundinidae      | <i>Petrochelidon ariel</i>            | fairy martin                        | C   |      |
| birds | Hirundinidae      | <i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>        | tree martin                         | C   |      |
| birds | Phalacrocoracidae | <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>            | great cormorant                     | C   |      |
| birds | Phalacrocoracidae | <i>Phalacrocorax sulcirostris</i>     | little black cormorant              | C   |      |
| birds | Phalacrocoracidae | <i>Phalacrocorax varius</i>           | piebald cormorant                   | C   |      |
| birds | Columbidae        | <i>Phaps chalcoptera</i>              | common bronzewing                   | C   |      |
| birds | Meliphagidae      | <i>Philemon citreogularis</i>         | little friarbird                    | C   |      |
| birds | Meliphagidae      | <i>Philemon corniculatus</i>          | noisy friarbird                     | C   |      |
| birds | Threskiornithidae | <i>Platalea flavipes</i>              | yellow-billed spoonbill             | C   |      |
| birds | Threskiornithidae | <i>Platalea regia</i>                 | royal spoonbill                     | C   |      |
| birds | Psittacidae       | <i>Platycercus adscitus</i>           | pale-headed rosella                 | C   |      |
| birds | Psittacidae       | <i>Platycercus adscitus palliceps</i> | pale-headed rosella (southern form) | C   |      |
| birds | Meliphagidae      | <i>Plectorhyncha lanceolata</i>       | striped honeyeater                  | C   |      |
| birds | Podargidae        | <i>Podargus strigoides</i>            | tawny frogmouth                     | C   |      |
| birds | Podicipedidae     | <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>             | great crested grebe                 | C   |      |
| birds | Pomatostomidae    | <i>Pomatostomus temporalis</i>        | grey-crowned babbler                | C   |      |
| birds | Rallidae          | <i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>            | purple swamphen                     | C   |      |
| birds | Ptilonorhynchidae | <i>Ptilonorhynchus maculatus</i>      | spotted bowerbird                   | C   |      |
| birds | Ptilonorhynchidae | <i>Ptilonorhynchus nuchalis</i>       | great bowerbird                     | C   |      |
| birds | Rhipiduridae      | <i>Rhipidura albiscapa</i>            | grey fantail                        | C   |      |
| birds | Rhipiduridae      | <i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>           | willie wagtail                      | C   |      |
| birds | Rhipiduridae      | <i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i>            | rufous fantail                      | C   | M    |
| birds | Cuculidae         | <i>Scythrops novaehollandiae</i>      | channel-billed cuckoo               | C   |      |
| birds | Acanthizidae      | <i>Sericornis frontalis</i>           | white-browed scrubwren              | C   |      |
| birds | Ptilonorhynchidae | <i>Sericulus chrysocephalus</i>       | regent bowerbird                    | C   |      |
| birds | Acanthizidae      | <i>Smicronis brevirostris</i>         | weebill                             | C   |      |
| birds | Oriolidae         | <i>Sphecotheres vieilloti</i>         | figbird                             | C   |      |
| birds | Artamidae         | <i>Strepera graculina</i>             | piebald currawong                   | C   |      |
| birds | Corcoracidae      | <i>Struthidea cinerea</i>             | apostlebird                         | C   |      |
| birds | Monarchidae       | <i>Symposiarchus trivirgatus</i>      | spectacled monarch                  | C   | M    |
| birds | Podicipedidae     | <i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>    | Australasian grebe                  | C   |      |
| birds | Estrildidae       | <i>Taeniopygia bichenovii</i>         | double-barred finch                 | C   |      |
| birds | Estrildidae       | <i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>            | zebra finch                         | C   |      |



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| birds   | Threskiornithidae | <i>Threskiornis molucca</i>                | Australian white ibis                | C   |      |
| birds   | Threskiornithidae | <i>Threskiornis spinicollis</i>            | straw-necked ibis                    | C   |      |
| birds   | Halcyonidae       | <i>Todiramphus macleayii</i>               | forest kingfisher                    | C   |      |
| birds   | Halcyonidae       | <i>Todiramphus pyrrhopygius</i>            | red-backed kingfisher                | C   |      |
| birds   | Halcyonidae       | <i>Todiramphus sanctus</i>                 | sacred kingfisher                    | C   |      |
| birds   | Psittacidae       | <i>Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus</i>       | scaly-breasted lorikeet              | C   |      |
| birds   | Psittacidae       | <i>Trichoglossus haematodus moluccanus</i> | rainbow lorikeet                     | C   |      |
| birds   | Scolopacidae      | <i>Tringa nebularia</i>                    | common greenshank                    | C   | M    |
| birds   | Scolopacidae      | <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>                  | marsh sandpiper                      | C   | M    |
| birds   | Turnicidae        | <i>Turnix varius</i>                       | painted button-quail                 | C   |      |
| birds   | Tytonidae         | <i>Tyto javanica</i>                       | barn owl                             | C   |      |
| birds   | Charadriidae      | <i>Vanellus miles</i>                      | masked lapwing                       | C   |      |
| birds   | Charadriidae      | <i>Vanellus miles miles</i>                | masked lapwing (northern subspecies) | C   |      |
| birds   | Charadriidae      | <i>Vanellus tricolor</i>                   | banded lapwing                       | C   |      |
| birds   | Timaliidae        | <i>Zosterops lateralis</i>                 | silveryeye                           | C   |      |
| mammals | Potoroidae        | <i>Aepyprymnus rufescens</i>               | rufous bettong                       | C   |      |
| mammals | Canidae           | <i>Canis lupus dingo</i>                   | dingo                                |     |      |
| mammals | Molossidae        | <i>Chaerephon jobensis</i>                 | northern freetail bat                | C   |      |
| mammals | Vespertilionidae  | <i>Chalinolobus gouldii</i>                | Gould's wattled bat                  | C   |      |
| mammals | Vespertilionidae  | <i>Chalinolobus morio</i>                  | chocolate wattled bat                | C   |      |
| mammals | Vespertilionidae  | <i>Chalinolobus nigrogriseus</i>           | hoary wattled bat                    | C   |      |
| mammals | Vespertilionidae  | <i>Chalinolobus picatus</i>                | little pied bat                      | R   |      |
| mammals | Dasyuridae        | <i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i>                 | northern quoll                       | C   | E    |
| mammals | Equidae           | <i>Equus caballus</i>                      | horse                                | I   |      |
| mammals | Felidae           | <i>Felis catus</i>                         | cat                                  | I   |      |
| mammals | Muridae           | <i>Hydromys chrysogaster</i>               | water rat                            | C   |      |
| mammals | Macropodidae      | <i>Lagorchestes conspicillatus</i>         | spectacled hare-wallaby              | C   |      |
| mammals | Macropodidae      | <i>Macropus dorsalis</i>                   | black-striped wallaby                | C   |      |
| mammals | Macropodidae      | <i>Macropus giganteus</i>                  | eastern grey kangaroo                | C   |      |
| mammals | Macropodidae      | <i>Macropus robustus</i>                   | common wallaroo                      | C   |      |
| mammals | Macropodidae      | <i>Macropus rufus</i>                      | red kangaroo                         | C   |      |
| mammals | Vespertilionidae  | <i>Miniopterus australis</i>               | little bent-wing bat                 | C   |      |
| mammals | Molossidae        | <i>Mormopterus beccarii</i>                | Beccari's freetail bat               | C   |      |
| mammals | Molossidae        | <i>Mormopterus sp. 2</i>                   | eastern freetail bat                 | C   |      |
| mammals | Muridae           | <i>Mus musculus</i>                        | house mouse                          | Y   |      |
| mammals | Vespertilionidae  | <i>Nyctophilus gouldi</i>                  | Gould's long-eared bat               | C   |      |
| mammals | Ornithorhynchidae | <i>Ornithorhynchus anatinus</i>            | platypus                             | C   |      |
| mammals | Leporidae         | <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>               | rabbit                               | I   |      |
| mammals | Pseudocheiridae   | <i>Petauroides volans</i>                  | greater glider                       | C   |      |
| mammals | Petauridae        | <i>Petaurus breviceps</i>                  | sugar glider                         | C   |      |
| mammals | Petauridae        | <i>Petaurus norfolcensis</i>               | squirrel glider                      | C   |      |
| mammals | Phascolarctidae   | <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>              | koala                                | C   |      |
| mammals | Dasyuridae        | <i>Planigale ingrami</i>                   | long-tailed planigale                | C   |      |
| mammals | Dasyuridae        | <i>Planigale maculata</i>                  | common planigale                     | C   |      |
| mammals | Muridae           | <i>Pseudomys delicatulus</i>               | delicate mouse                       | C   |      |
| mammals | Pteropodidae      | <i>Pteropus scapulatus</i>                 | little red flying-fox                | C   |      |
| mammals | Emballonuridae    | <i>Saccolaimus flaviventris</i>            | yellow-bellied sheath-tail bat       | C   |      |
| mammals | Vespertilionidae  | <i>Scotorepens balstoni</i>                | inland broad-nosed bat               | C   |      |
| mammals | Vespertilionidae  | <i>Scotorepens greyii</i>                  | little broad-nosed bat               | C   |      |
| mammals | Dasyuridae        | <i>Sminthopsis crassicaudata</i>           | fat-tailed dunnart                   | C   |      |
| mammals | Dasyuridae        | <i>Sminthopsis macroura</i>                | stripe-faced dunnart                 | C   |      |

| Class   | Family           | Scientific Name               | Common Name                 | NCA | EPBC |
|---------|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|------|
| mammals | Suidae           | <i>Sus scrofa</i>             | pig                         | I   |      |
| mammals | Tachyglossidae   | <i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i> | short-beaked echidna        | C   |      |
| mammals | Emballonuridae   | <i>Taphozous troughtoni</i>   | Troughton's sheath-tail bat | E   |      |
| mammals | Phalangeridae    | <i>Trichosurus vulpecula</i>  | common brushtail possum     | C   |      |
| mammals | Vespertilionidae | <i>Vespadelus baverstocki</i> | inland forest bat           | C   |      |
| mammals | Vespertilionidae | <i>Vespadelus troughtoni</i>  | eastern cave bat            | C   |      |
| mammals | Macropodidae     | <i>Wallabia bicolor</i>       | swamp wallaby               | C   |      |

Status: Queensland's Nature Conservation Act 1992 (NCA): E = Endangered, V = Vulnerable, R = Rare, C = Least Concern (Common) wildlife, I = Introduced.

Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC): E = Endangered, V = Vulnerable, M = Migratory Species.

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**Appendix 8:  
Commonwealth EPBC Online Protected Matters Search  
Tool Results – Pipeline Route and Surrounds**

**Appendix 9:  
Brigalow Belt North Biodiversity Planning Assessment  
Results – Inundation Area**

**Appendix 10:  
Brigalow Belt North  
Biodiversity Planning Assessment Results  
– Pipeline Route**

**Appendix 11:  
BAAM Pty Ltd proposed terrestrial vertebrate study  
methodology to supplement existing data and meet the  
Preliminary Terms of Reference for the EIS  
– Inundation Area**

**Appendix 12:  
BAAM Pty Ltd proposed terrestrial vertebrate study  
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Route**