

Peet Southern JV Pty Ltd The Village at Wellard, Western Australia

EPBC 2013/6986 Annual Compliance Report 2022

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## 1. Introduction

This report addresses the status and compliance of The Village at Wellard development with the conditions in the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) Approval 2013/6986 (EPBC 2013/6986). This report has been prepared for the purpose of meeting the requirements of condition 6 of this approval, which is to submit annual compliance reports (ACR) within three months of every 12-month anniversary of the commencement of the action for publication on the Proponent's website.

### 1.1 Project background

The Village at Wellard development (the Project) is a joint venture between Peet Limited and the Housing Authority, progressed under the auspices of 'Peet Southern JV Pty Limited' (Peet).

Development of the Project has been underway since 2003. Development from Stage 32 onwards will accommodate additional residential housing and Public Open Space (POS) as part of the completion of the Village at Wellard community.

### **1.2** Environmental approval to implement the project

Stage 32 onwards was referred to the Department of the Environment (DotE; now the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water [DCCEEW]) for assessment under the EPBC Act in July 2013. Approval to implement the action was received from the Minister on 27 June 2014 (EPBC 2013/6986). The action commenced on 10 July 2014 with clearing of vegetation within Stage 33 and 34.

The proposed action is defined as follows:

*To clear native vegetation and construct a residential development on Lots 9035 and 9037, Wellard, Western Australia [see EPBC Act referral 2013/6986].* 

'A variation was submitted to DAWE to extend the period of effect of EPBC 2013/6986. The variation was approved on 16 July 2020 with the new expiration date of 31 July 2025.'

### 1.3 Current status

No clearing undertaken during the reporting period (10 July 2021 to 9 July 2022). Stage 44 and 45 are under construction having been cleared previously.



### 2. Audit Methodology

### 2.1 Audit plan

### 2.1.1 Purpose and scope

This document has been prepared for Peet (the approval holder) to fulfil the requirements of condition 6 of EPBC 2013/6986, which was issued to enable implementation of the Residential Development of The Village of Wellard, Western Australia. Condition 6 requires the proponent to submit an ACR for the previous twelve-month period.

This ACR addresses the twelve-month period from 10 July 2021 to 9 July 2022.

### 2.1.2 Methodology

The assessment was undertaken as a desktop assessment between July-September 2022 with consultation undertaken with appropriate personnel (Table 2.1) and accompanied by review of a variety of documents used to assess and verify compliance.

### Table 2.1: Persons consulted during the audit

Person and position	Organisation	Purpose
Peri Libao, Assistant Development	Peet	To obtain verifiable evidence to assist in determining compliance
Manager		with EPBC 2013/6986

### 2.2 Audit terminology

The "Status" field of the audit tables (refer to Section 3) describes the implementation of actions and compliance with approval. Terminology from the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines (DotE 2014) was applied in this audit (Table 2.2).

Status	Acronym	Description			
Conditions of app	oroval				
Compliant	С	All the conditions of a requirement have been met, including the implementation of management plans or other measures required by those conditions.			
Potentially non- compliant	NC	The requirements of a condition or elements of a condition, including the implementation of management plans and other measures, may not have been met.			
Not applicable	N/A	The requirements of a condition or elements of a condition fall outside of the scope of the current reporting period. For example, a condition which applies to an activity that has not yet commenced			

#### Table 2.2: Action implementation status

Source: adapted from DotE (2014)

#### 2.3 Audit evidence

Documentary evidence used to verify compliance with audit items is referenced within Table 3.1 as a unique code. Documentary evidence has been retained in electronic and/or hard copy format by the auditors. If any items have been determined to be potentially non-compliant, any available associated evidence is attached as an appendix to this report.



### 3. Audit Results

### 3.1 Compliance with conditions

The results of the audit of EPBC 2013/6986 are shown below in Table 3.1. There are eight conditions of EPBC 2013/6986, divided into 21 sub-conditions.

Six sub-conditions were assessed to be "Compliant and the remainder (15) were assessed to be "Not applicable".

### 3.2 Potential non-compliances

No potential non-compliances were identified.

#### Table 3.1: EPBC 2013/6986

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Condition No. / reference	Condition	Timing	Status	Evidence	Comments
1.1	The approval holder must not <b>clear</b> more than 50.3 hectares of Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo and Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo <b>foraging and potential breeding habitat</b> within the <b>project</b> <b>area</b> identified as the 'Site Boundary' at Attachment A.	Ongoing	Compliant	R01 - Wellard 2020 ACR (Rev 0) E01 - PEET Management ACR Advice 8/09/2022	It was confirmed during the 2016 auditing period the This area includes 8.34 ha of already cleared areas le than the 50.3 ha approved to be cleared i.e. within t more habitat than that allowed by the approval. No clearing was undertaken in the reporting period.
2.1	To offset the loss of Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo and Forest Red-tailed <b>Black-Cockatoo foraging</b> habitat and potential breeding habitat, within three (3) months from the date of this approval, the approval holder must provide the Department with written evidence that funds have been provided to the DPAW for the acquisition and management of two (2) environmental offset properties that must be: no less than 290 hectares in size at Lot 190 Clackline-Toodyay Road, Clackline, Western Australia; no less than 37 hectares in size at Lot 1143, Wye Road, Nannup, Western Australia.	By 27 September 2014	Not applicable	R01 - Wellard 2020 ACR (Rev 0)	Condition has been met and assessed as Compliant (
2.2	The written evidence must include a description and map clearly defining the location and boundaries of the <b>offset properties</b> and be accompanied with the <b>offset attributes</b> and a <b>shapefile</b> .	By 27 September 2014	Not applicable	R01 - Wellard 2020 ACR (Rev 0)	Condition has been met and assessed as Compliant (
3.1	To avoid and mitigate impacts to the Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo and the Forest Red-tailed Black- Cockatoo during the breeding season (July – November), within 7 days prior to <b>clearing</b> , the approval holder must investigate <b>potential breeding trees</b> within the <b>project area</b> to detect the presence of Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos or Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoos using hollows.	Within 7 days prior to clearing commencing	Compliant	E01 - PEET Management ACR Advice 8/09/2022	No clearing of potential breeding habitat was under
3.2	The investigation must be undertaken by a <b>suitably qualified and experienced person</b> .	Prior to clearing commencing	Not applicable	Refer to EPBC 3.1.	Refer to EPBC 3.1.
3.3	If a Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo or a Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo is detected using a hollow in a tree or trees, the approval holder must: clearly identify the tree or trees with fencing and signage;	Upon detection of tree hollow use - prior to clearing commencing	Not applicable	Refer to EPBC 3.1.	Refer to EPBC 3.1.
3.4	If a Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo or a Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo is detected using a hollow in a tree or trees, the approval holder must: not clear the tree or trees; and	Following detection of tree hollow use prior to clearing commencing	Not applicable	Refer to EPBC 3.1.	Refer to EPBC 3.1.
3.5	If a Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo or a Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo is detected using a hollow in a tree or trees, the approval holder must: undertake measures to avoid the tree or trees from being cut down, felled, removed, killed, destroyed, poisoned, ring-barked, uprooted or burned until the hollow/s are no longer being used by the Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo or the Forest Red-tailed Black- Cockatoo as determined by a suitably qualified and experienced person.	As informed by fauna specialist	Not applicable	Refer to EPBC 3.1.	Refer to EPBC 3.1.
4.1	Within 30 days after the commencement of the action, the approval holder must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement.	Within 30 days after commencement	Not	R01 - Wellard 2020 ACR (Rev 0)	Condition has been met and assessed as Compliant (
5.1	The approval holder must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, and make them available upon request to the <b>Department</b> .	As required (DAWE decision)	Compliant	E01 - PEET Management ACR Advice 8/09/2022	Peet has provided the auditors with records substan conditions of approval for all applicable conditions. The auditors are not aware of any request for record
5.2	Such records may be subject to audit by the <b>Department</b> or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval.	As required (DAWE decision)	Not applicable		This part of the condition is taken as a note.
5.3	Summaries of audits will be posted on the <b>Department's</b> website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.	As required (DAWE decision)	Not applicable		This part of the condition is taken as a note.
6.1	Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the <b>commencement</b> of the action, the approval holder must publish a report on their website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval over the previous 12 months.	Before 10 October each year	Compliant	C01 - EPBC Submission of ACR	The action commenced on the 10 July 2014, thus con October. The ACR was published on 04 October 2021 and pro-
6.2	Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication must be provided to the <b>Department</b> at the same time as the compliance report is published.	Before 10 October each year	Compliant	Refer to audit item 6.1	Refer to audit item 6.1
6.3	The compliance reports must remain on the website for 12 months from the date of publishing.	For 12 months from the date of publishing	Compliant	G01 – PEET Website Snapshot 08/09/2022	The 2021 Annual Compliance Report remains on the www.peet.com.au/-/media/peet/documents/wa/we
6.4	Potential or actual contraventions of the conditions of the approval must be reported to the <b>Department</b> in writing within 2 business days of the approval holder becoming aware of the actual or potential contravention.	Within 2 business days of being aware of NC/PNC	Not applicable	E01 - PEET Management ACR Advice 8/09/2022	The auditors are unaware of any potential or actual



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Condition No. / reference	Condition	Timing	Status	Evidence	Comments
6.5	All contraventions must also be included in the compliance reports.	As required	Not applicable	R02 - Wellard 2021 ACR (Rev 0)	No potential non-compliances were reported in the 2
7.1	Upon the direction of the <b>Minister</b> , the approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the <b>Minister</b> .	As required (Minister's direction)	Not applicable	E01 - PEET Management ACR Advice 8/09/2022	Peet advised that the Minister has not requested an Project during this reporting period.
7.2	The independent auditor must be approved by the <b>Minister</b> prior to the commencement of the audit.	As required (Minister's direction)	Not applicable	Refer to audit item 7.1	Refer to audit item 7.1
7.3	Audit criteria must be agreed to by the <b>Minister</b> and the audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the <b>Minister</b> .	As required (Minister's direction)	Not applicable	Refer to audit item 7.1	Refer to audit item 7.1
8.1	If, at any time after five (5) years from the date of this approval, the approval holder has not <b>commenced</b> the action, then the approval holder must not <b>commence</b> the action without the written agreement of the <b>Minister</b> .	By 27 June 2019	Not applicable	R01 - Wellard 2020 ACR (Rev 0)	Condition has been met and assessed as Compliant (



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### 5. References

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# Appendix A EPBC Act Approval 2013/9686



### Approval

### Residential Development, Village of Wellard, Western Australia (EPBC 2013/6986)

This decision is made under sections 130(1) and 133 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* 1999.

### Proposed action

person to whom the approval is granted	PEET SOUTHERN JV PTY LIMITED
proponent's ACN	ABN 50 100 853 441
proposed action	To clear native vegetation and construct a residential development on Lots 9035 and 9037, Wellard, Western Australia [See EPBC Act referral 2013/6986].

### **Approval decision**

Controlling Provision	Decision
Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)	Approved

### conditions of approval

This approval is subject to the conditions specified below.

### expiry date of approval

This approval has effect until 31 July 2020.

Decision-maker		
name and position	Dr Simon Banks Assistant Secretary West Assessment Branch	r
signature	Semon Barks	
date of decision	27 June 2014	Ŧ

### Conditions attached to the approval

- 1. The approval holder must not clear more than 50.3 hectares of Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo and Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo foraging and potential breeding habitat within the project area identified as the 'Site Boundary' at <u>Attachment A</u>.
- 2. To offset the loss of Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo and Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo foraging habitat and potential breeding habitat, within three (3) months from the date of this approval, the approval holder must provide the Department with written evidence that funds have been provided to the DPAW for the acquisition and management of two (2) environmental offset properties that must be:
  - i. no less than 290 hectares in size at Lot 190 Clackline-Toodyay Road, Clackline, Western Australia; and
  - ii. no less than 37 hectares in size at Lot 1143, Wye Road, Nannup, Western Australia.

The written evidence must include a description and map clearly defining the location and boundaries of the **offset properties** and be accompanied with the **offset** attributes and a **shapefile**.

3. To avoid and mitigate impacts to the Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo and the Forest Redtailed Black-Cockatoo during the breeding season (July – November), within 7 days prior to clearing, the approval holder must investigate potential breeding trees within the project area to detect the presence of Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos or Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoos using hollows. The investigation must be undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced person.

If a Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo or a Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo is detected using a hollow in a tree or trees, the approval holder must:

- clearly identify the tree or trees with fencing and signage;
- not clear the tree or trees; and
- undertake measures to avoid the tree or trees from being cut down, felled, removed, killed, destroyed, poisoned, ring-barked, uprooted or burned

until the hollow/s are no longer being used by the Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo or the Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo as determined by a suitably qualified and experienced person.

- 4. Within 30 days after the **commencement** of the action, the **approval holder** must advise the **Department** in writing of the actual date of **commencement**.
- 5. The approval holder must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, and make them available upon request to the Department. Such records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservations Act 1999, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the Department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.
- 6. Within three (3) months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of the action, the approval holder must publish a report on their website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval over the previous 12 months. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication must be provided to the Department at

the same time as the compliance report is published. The compliance reports must remain on the website for 12 months from the date of publishing. Potential or actual contraventions of the conditions of the approval must be reported to the **Department** in writing within two (2) business days of the **approval holder** becoming aware of the actual or potential contravention. All contraventions must also be included in the compliance reports.

- 7. Upon the direction of the Minister, the approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the Minister. The independent auditor must be approved by the Minister prior to the commencement of the audit. Audit criteria must be agreed to by the Minister and the audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the Minister.
- If, at any time after five (5) years from the date of this approval, the approval holder has not commenced the action, then the approval holder must not commence the action without the written agreement of the Minister.

#### Definitions

**approval holder** - the person to whom the approval is granted, or to whom the approval is transferred under s145B of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo is the black cockatoo species Calyptorhynchus latirostris.

**clear** or **clearing** - the cutting down, felling, thinning, logging, removing, killing, destroying, poisoning, ring-barking, uprooting or burning of native vegetation.

**commence, commenced** or **commencement** - any preparatory works required to be undertaken including **clearing**, the erection of any fences, signage or on-site temporary structures and the use of construction or excavation equipment on-site for the purpose of breaking the ground for buildings, infrastructure or resource extraction.

**Department** - the Australian Government Department administering the *Environment Protection* and *Biodiversity Conservation Act* 1999.

**DPAW** - the Western Australian Department of Parks and Wildlife or the Western Australian Government department responsible for administering the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*.

foraging and potential breeding habitat - vegetation containing Jarrah (*Eucalyptus marginata*), Marri (*Corymbia calophylla*), Tuart (*E. gomphocephala*), *Banksia menziesii*, *B. attenuata, B. grandis, B. sessilis* and *Allocasuarina fraseriana*.

Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo is the black cockatoo species Calyptorhynchus banksii naso.

**Minister** - the Minister administering the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and includes a delegate of the Minister.

offset attributes - an excel file ('.xls') capturing relevant attributes of the offset properties, including the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* reference ID number, the physical address of the offset site, coordinates of the boundary points in decimal degrees, the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* protected matters that the offset compensates for, any additional *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* protected matters that are benefiting from the offset, and the size of the offset in hectares.

offset properties - an area approximately two hundred and ninety hectares (290 ha) in size, located at Lot 190 Clackline-Toodyay Road, Clackline, Western Australia and an area

approximately thirty-seven hectares (37 ha) in size, within Lot 1143, Wye Road, Nannup, Western Australia (identified as the Offset Area at <u>Attachment B – attached to draft conditions of approval</u>). These areas have been identified as environmental offset properties to be managed for conservation purposes by the **DPAW** on behalf of the **approval holder**.

**potential breeding trees** includes mature *Eucalyptus gomphocephala* (Tuart), *Eucalyptus marginata* (Jarrah) and *Corymbia calophylla* (Marri) trees with a hollow at least 20 cm in diameter and therefore large enough for a **Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo** (*Calyptorhynchus latirostris*) or a **Forest Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo** (*Calyptorhynchus banksii naso*) to nest in.

**project area** - the area at Lot 9035 and 9037, City of Kwinana, Western Australia, identified as 'Site Boundary' at <u>Attachment A – attached to draft conditions of approval</u>.

**shapefile** - an ESRI shapefile containing '.shp', '.shx' and '.dbf' files and other files capturing attributes of the offset area, including the shape, *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* reference ID number and *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* protected matters present at the relevant site. Attributes should also be captured in '.xls' format.

**suitably qualified and experienced person** - a person with relevant tertiary qualifications with experience surveying for black cockatoos.





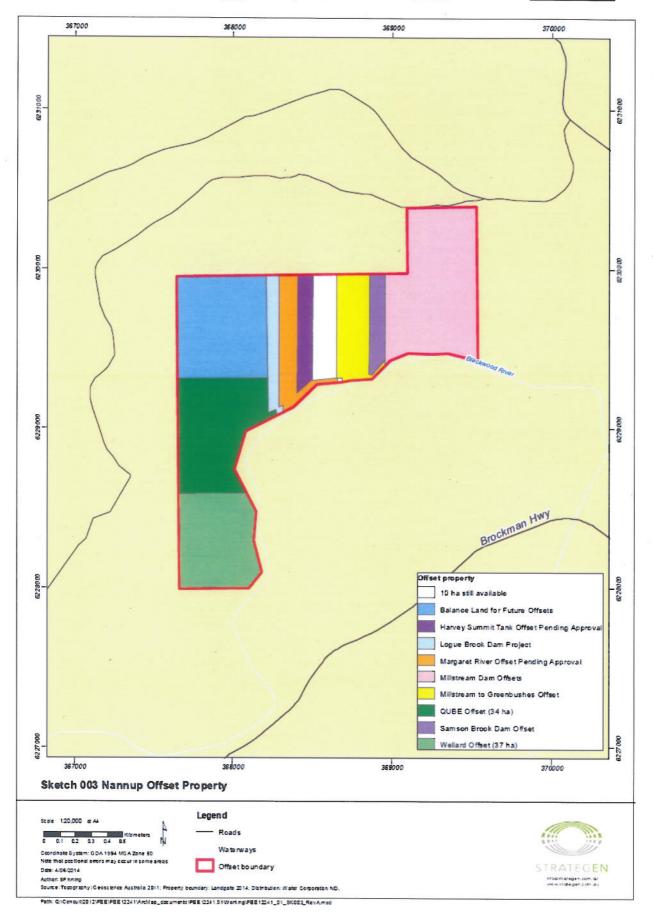
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\* Department of the Environment

Attachment B



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