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**Date:** 4 June 2015

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**Via:** Post

Dear [REDACTED]

**RE: HUNTLEE NEW TOWN EPBC (2011/5898) ANNUAL COMPLIANCE 2014-15**

RPS has been commissioned by Huntlee Pty Ltd to prepare an annual compliance report for the period 2014-2015 detailing the measures undertaken to address approval conditions granted under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for the Huntlee New Town at Branxton (EPBC No. 2011/5898) on the 15 October 2013 (with variations approved on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014). This report includes an overview of all works undertaken to comply with conditions to date.

The current status of each condition of approval is summarised in **Table 1** below.

**Table 1: EPBC Approval 2011/5898 Condition Tracking (at 22-5-2015)**

Condition	Status	Comment
1.	Approved	Via email from [REDACTED] 2-12-2013
2.	Approved	Via email from [REDACTED] 2-12-2013
3.	Note	No action required at this time. Independent scientific expert approved via letter from Shane Gaddes 30-5-2014.
4.	Approved	Via email from [REDACTED] 21-1-2014
5. (a)	Approved	Via letter from Shane Gaddes 14-1-2015
(b)		
(c)		
6.	Approved	Via email from [REDACTED] 11-12-2013
7.	Approved	Via email from [REDACTED] 11-12-2013
8.	Note	Condition 8 satisfied via the implementation of Condition 15(a).
9.	Approved	Via letter from Shane Gaddes 14-1-2015
10. (a)	Approved	Via letter from Shane Gaddes 14-1-2015
(b)		
(c)		
11.(a – k)	Approved	Via letter from Shane Gaddes 14-1-2014

Condition	Status	Comment
12.	Approved	Independent scientific expert approved via letter from Shane Gaddes 8-11-2013. Independent expert approval for <i>Persoonia pauciflora</i> population Management Plan 10-1-2014
13.	Approved/ Ongoing for Stage 1 and future	Pre-clearance surveys within the Stage 1 development areas to date have not discovered any new plants (dead or alive).
14.	Note	No action required at this time.
15.(a-o)	Approved	Via letter from Shane Gaddes 14-1-2014
16.	Approved	Independent scientific expert approved via letter from Shane Gaddes 8-11-2013. Independent expert approval for Huntlee Conservation Management Plan 9-1-2014
17.	Approved	Via letter from Shane Gaddes 5-12-2013
18.(a)	Approved via Condition 17	Via letter from Shane Gaddes 5-12-2013
(b)		
(c)		
19.	Approved	Variation to Condition 19 of the EPBC Act approved via letter from Shane Gaddes 17-2-2014 First payment of \$100,000 made 14-7-2014 <i>Future payments due:</i> 14-7-2015 of \$141,700 14-7-2016 of \$100,000
20.	Approved	Via letter from Shane Gaddes 14-1-2015
21.(a)	Approved	Via letter from Shane Gaddes 14-1-2015
(b)		
(c)		
22	Note	No action required at this time.
23.	Approved	<b>Commencement of Action 24 February 2014</b> Via email from [REDACTED] 26-2-2014
24.	Approved	First compliance monitoring report submitted 22-5-2015 (this report). Report approved by DoE via email from [REDACTED] 4-6-2015 and instructed to publish This Annual Compliance report will be published on the Huntlee website ( <a href="http://www.lwppropertygroup.com.au/our-communities/huntlee/home">http://www.lwppropertygroup.com.au/our-communities/huntlee/home</a> )
25.	Note	No action required at this time.
26.	Note	No action required at this time.
27.	Note	No action required at this time.
28.	Approved via Condition 23	<b>Commencement of Action 24 February 2014</b> Via email from [REDACTED] 26-2-2014

Condition	Status	Comment
29.	Note	No action required at this time.
30.	Approved	Management Plans have been published and made available on the Huntlee website ( <a href="http://www.lwppropertygroup.com.au/our-communities/huntlee/epbc-approved-management-plans">http://www.lwppropertygroup.com.au/our-communities/huntlee/epbc-approved-management-plans</a> ). Via email from [REDACTED] 14-2-2014.

The EPBC approval required the preparation, approval and implementation of two management plans as follows:

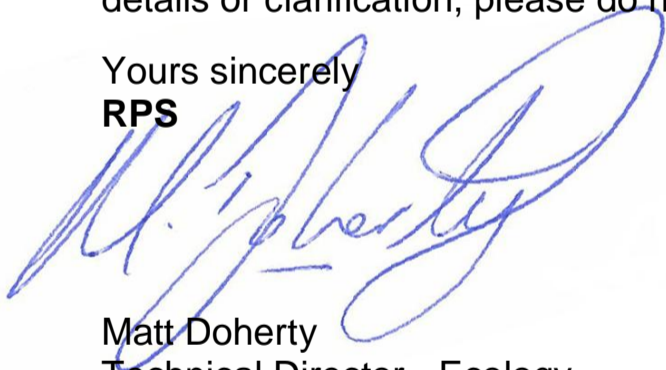
1. Condition 11 – *Persoonia pauciflora* Population Management Plan (PPPMP)
2. Condition 15 – Huntlee Conservation Management Plan (HCMP)

The current status of required actions as listed within the PPPMP and HCMP is provided in **Attachment 1**. All required actions are considered to be on track to achieve the management plan outcomes.

A review of previous and ongoing works conducted to comply with the EBPC approval conditions (and associated Management Plans) for the Huntlee New Town at Branxton has determined that the conditions are being complied with at this stage and no breeches to the EPBC approval have occurred during the past 12 months. Ongoing works are scheduled to occur as required under the approval and management plans to maintain compliance and meet management plan outcomes.

We trust this information is sufficient for your purposes, however should you require any further details or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the writer by telephone.

Yours sincerely  
RPS



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Encl: Attachment 1 – Table of Management Plan Actions



This report provides an update of the various commitments described in the approved Huntlee Conservation Management Plan. For questions, comments, or further information, please contact Huntlee on 02-4938-3910 or email [environment@lwpproperty.com.au](mailto:environment@lwpproperty.com.au). For a copy of the plan visit [www.huntlee.com.au](http://www.huntlee.com.au)

## Huntlee Conservation Management Plan

Sect.	Item	Timing / Trigger	Status	Progress Commentary
s4.1	Communication: Training & Awareness All contractors to undergo environmental induction with the induction to be developed by the Huntlee Conservation Officer.	Upon commencement	Active Ongoing	Induction programme has been developed and is being implemented.
s4.2	Communication: Sign-In Protocol All persons entering the conservation areas are to sign-in with details recorded on the sign in sheet.	Upon commencement and ongoing	Active Ongoing	This protocol was established by the HCO and is being implemented in conjunction with 4.1 above by the Huntlee Academy who currently have an active management role over the conservation lands.
s6	Weed Control: Primary Phase Target: Weed cover of large infestations to be reduced in first 2 years. Performance targets to be developed during the 2 years of active works.	Reduced within two years of commencement	Active For Action	An audit has commenced by the HCO in conjunction with the Huntlee Academy. Weed management has commenced with large infestations prioritised for treatment.
s6	Weed Control: Secondary Phase Target: No large infestations remain, only active management at least twice per year for former large sites and medium sites.	Within three years of commencement and then yearly	Dormant Future Action	To commence following Primary Weed Control Phase.
s6	Weed Control: Maintenance Phase Target: Weeds kept under control through annual control programme.	Ongoing	Dormant Future Action	To commence following Secondary Weed Control Phase.

s7	Pest Control: Animal Population Assessment Carry out an assessment of the impact and estimated population of feral and/or domestic animals.	Within the first year of commencement	Open For Action	In conjunction with NSW Parks & Wildlife, baiting/trapping for feral dogs occurred in 2014-2015 period as this was deemed a priority by NSWPW. Population assessments will now occur during 2015-2016 period.
s7	Pest Control: Animal Control Implement control measures based on annual monitoring.	As required	Open In progress	In conjunction with NSW Parks & Wildlife, baiting/trapping for feral dogs occurred in 2014-2015 period as this was deemed a priority by NSWPW.
s7	Pest Control: Animal Monitoring Carry out annual pest monitoring.	Annual	Open For Action	Baiting programme for feral dogs conducted in 2014-2015 period. Monitoring to occur following assessment during 2015-2016 period.
s8	Grazing Prevention: Fence Inspection & Programme	Within 3 months of HCO commencement	Complied No further action required	Fencing audit completed.
s8	Grazing Prevention: Stock Removal Remove stock from the Conservation Lands.	Within 3 months of fences being determined as adequate	Complied No further action	All stock has been removed from the Conservation Lands.
s8	Grazing Prevention: Monitoring Monitor for domestic grazing.	Weekly for the first month and then ongoing	Active In Progress	Monthly inspections occurring. To date, no evidence of further grazing in the conservation lands has been identified.
s9	Fencing: Fencing Works Conduct an audit of the fencing to Conservation Areas 1, 2 and 3 and implement repairs or new fencing and signage as required. Persoonia Park is also to be fenced in conjunction with the development front.	Within 24 months of commencement	Active In Progress	Fencing audit has been completed. Planning has commenced for the repair, replacement and installation of new fencing.
s9	Fencing: Macropod Thoroughfares Construct macropod thoroughfares and install temporary monitoring points.	Ongoing	Open Future Action	Fencing audit has been completed. Planning has commenced for the repair, replacement and installation of new fencing and introduction of Macropod thoroughfares.
s10	Pathogen Control: Baseline	Ongoing	Active In progress	Sampling to be conducted. Locations to be stratified and associated with Persoonia works.
s10	Pathogen Control: Protocols	Ongoing	Active In Progress	Protocols have been developed. Hygiene kits have been set up.

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s11	Revegetation	Within 10 years of commencement	Active In Progress	A revegetation plan is being prepared, and work on the first areas of revegetation has commenced.
s13	Monitoring	Ongoing	Open For Noting	Monitoring programme prepared by HCO.
s14	Reporting	Ongoing	Active In Progress	Reporting of actions is underway in accordance with the annual reporting requirements of the EBPC Approval.

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# PPPMP Progress Report

EPBC Approval 2011/5898  
21-May-15

This report provides an update of the various commitments described in the *Persoonia pauciflora* Population Management Plan. For questions, comments, or further information, please contact Huntlee on 02-4938-3910 or email [environment@lwpproperty.com.au](mailto:environment@lwpproperty.com.au). For a copy of the plan visit [www.huntlee.com.au](http://www.huntlee.com.au)

## Persoonia pauciflora Population Management Plan

Sect.	Item	Timing / Trigger	Status	Progress Commentary
3.1	Measures to protect and conserve <i>P. pauciflora</i> Huntlee to develop a range of programmes to protect <i>P. pauciflora</i> , including: - protection from stock - habitat restoration - pathogen control - propagation trials	Various timing triggers	Open	Seven programmes have been developed that cover both the HCMP and PPMP. All implementation measures will fall under one or more of the 7 distinct programmes. All programmes are currently being implemented.
3.2	Unauthorised access deterrence	Various timing triggers	Active In Progress	Being completed as part of programme 1. Fencing outlined in HCMP table.
3.3	Community Engagement: Fact Sheet Prepare a fact sheet about <i>P. pauciflora</i> .	Within 3 months of commencement	Complied Ongoing	The fact sheet has been prepared and is hosted on the Huntlee website ( <a href="http://www.Huntlee.com.au">www.Huntlee.com.au</a> ). The fact sheet is also freely available in print at the Huntlee Sales & Project Office.  The fact sheet may be updated from time to time to provide updates and additional information as required.



3.3	Community Engagement: Microsite Microsite for <i>P. pauciflora</i> to be hosted on <a href="http://www.huntlee.com.au">www.huntlee.com.au</a> and is to include information, links and progress reports.	Within 6 months of commencement	Complied Ongoing	Both the PPMP and HCMP are hosted on the Huntlee website. A dedicated environmental page with information, links and compliance reports will be live during the first half of 2015.  The microsite will be updated from maintained to provide updates and additional information as required.
3.3	Community Engagement: Signage Provide information signage and conservation signage around / near the conservation areas.	Various timing triggers – with nearby construction works.	Active In Progress	Signage works to be completed as part of dedicated programme 1. Fencing outlined in HCMP table.
3.3	Community Engagement: Interaction Programme Prepare a <i>P. pauciflora</i> PowerPoint presentation and provide updates on compliance through the website.	Within 6 months of commencement and ongoing	Complied Ongoing	Presentation has been completed. Presentation will be available on microsite as a component of available community education material.
3.3	Community Engagement: Evaluation Formal assessment of the success of community education to be done at key milestones.	Various timing triggers – with annual report following first residents (community) living at Huntlee	Open Future Action	Key milestones will be developed initially upon first residents living at Huntlee.



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4.0	Monitoring	Various timing triggers	Active In progress	<p>A survey of known <i>P. pauciflora</i> was undertaken during November/ December 2014 and January 2015. This survey recorded important information about individual plant health, status of flowering and fruiting including measurements of plant size. Incidental observations were recorded relating to notable habitat features or affects to the individual plant.</p> <p>A wider census of <i>P. pauciflora</i> was undertaken across the Huntlee conservation lands to identify any new individuals. New individuals were identified in Conservation Area 1 and 57 Washery Road. Each new plant status was recorded and will be resurveyed during the annual survey of known individuals in the 2015-2016 reporting period.</p> <p>Camera traps were not deployed during the 2014-2015 survey period as no Macropod fauna thoroughfares have been installed under programme 1. Fencing as the programme is in its infancy where fence line audits and works priorities have been a focal point.</p> <p>The compliance report provides the required AMR for the 2014-2015 period.</p>
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