

Our Ref: 16001 EPBC 2011-5898 Annual Compliance 2016-17
 Via: email

Date: 24 May 2017

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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: HUNTLEE NEW TOWN, BRANXTON EPBC (2011/5898) ANNUAL COMPLIANCE 2016-17

MJD Environmental has been commissioned by Huntlee Pty Ltd to prepare an annual compliance report for the 2016 -17 period 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 17th February 2014 and 27th May 2015). 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 24-5-2017)

| Condition | Status | Comment |
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| 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. <i>Personia pauciflora</i> individuals planted into Personia Park include plants sourced from the Northern Population are being monitored for translocation success. |
| 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). |

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| 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 |
| 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 - Stage 1 | Pre-clearance surveys completed within the entire Stage 1 development areas. No new <i>Persoonia pauciflora</i> individuals (dead or alive) recorded. Via email from [REDACTED] 16-6-2015 No further action required |
| | Note | Future pre-clearance surveys to be undertaken for the remaining Huntlee development areas outside Stage 1. |
| 14. | Approved - Stage 1 | Satisfied for Stage 1 via Condition 13. No further action required. |
| | Note | Future pre-clearance surveys to be undertaken for the remaining Huntlee development areas outside Stage 1. |
| 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 Variation to Condition 17 & 18 of the EPBC Act approved via letter from Shane Gaddes 27-5-2015 Revised Huntlee Conservation Coordinator Contractual Arrangements and Work Plan approved via letter from Shane Gaddes 8-9-2015 |
| 18.(a) | Approved | Satisfied via Condition 17. |
| (b) | | |
| (c) | | |

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| 19. | Approved | <p>Variation to Condition 19 of the EPBC Act approved via letter from Shane Gaddes 17-2-2014</p> <p>First payment of \$100,000 made 14-7-2014</p> <p>Second payment of \$141,700 made 14-7-2015</p> <p>Third payment of \$100,000 made 14-7-2016</p> <p>Payment of \$341,700 completed in accordance with Condition 19. No future action required.</p> |
| 20. | Approved | <p>Via letter from Shane Gaddes 14-1-2015.</p> <p>Conservation land transferred to NSW Government. Land now being managed by NSW NPWS.</p> <p>Note: Ongoing discussions with DoE Officers current and additional documentation being prepared in response to DoE Compliance Monitoring Inspection report issued 17-3-2017.</p> |
| 21.(a) | Approved | Via letter from Shane Gaddes 14-1-2015 |
| (b) | | Note: Ongoing discussions with DoE Officers current and additional documentation being prepared in response to DoE Compliance Monitoring Inspection report issued 17-3-2017. |
| (c) | | |
| 22 | Note | <p>No action required at this time.</p> <p>Compliance monitoring inspection of Condition 11 completed by DoE Officers [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] 10-9-2015. DoE officers issued advice on 12-10-2015 stating, the Department is satisfied that the action is being undertaken in accordance with the conditions of approval.</p> <p>Compliance monitoring inspection of completed by DoE Officers [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] 4-11-2016. DoE officers issued advice on 17-3-2017 discussing the provision of additional documentation relating to Condition 20 and secondly a recommendation to revise management plans required under Conditions 11 and 15 to reflect current project status including dedication of conservation lands to the NSW Government. The revision is to be achieved via a variation to the EPBC approval conditions relating to conditions 11 and 15. These items are currently being actioned by Huntlee.</p> |
| 23. | Approved | <p>Commencement of Action 24 February 2014</p> <p>Via email from [REDACTED] 26-2-2014</p> |
| 24. | Approved | <p>Previous Annual reports available online - https://www.lwppropertygroup.com.au/our-communities/huntlee/caring-for-the-environment</p> |

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| | Pending | 2016-17 compliance monitoring report (this report) submitted 24-5-2017. Report to be published online following DoE approval. |
| 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 | Satisfied via Condition 23 Commencement of Action 24 February 2014 Via email from [REDACTED] 26-2-2014 |
| 29. | Note | No action required at this time. |
| 30. | Approved | Management Plans have been published and made available on the Huntlee website (https://www.lwppropertygroup.com.au/our-communities/huntlee/caring-for-the-environment http://www.lwppropertygroup.com.au/our-communities/huntlee/epbc-approved-management-plans). Via email from [REDACTED] 14-2-2014. |

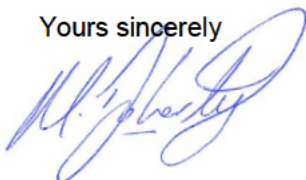
The EPBC approval required the preparation, approval and implementation of two management plans as follows:

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** and **Attachment 2** respectively. DoE officers issued advice on 17-3-2017 discussing a recommendation to revise management plans required under Conditions 11 and 15 to reflect current project status including dedication of conservation lands to the NSW Government. The revision is to be achieved via a variation to the EPBC approval conditions relating to conditions 11 and 15. These items are currently being investigated by Huntlee.

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

Yours sincerely



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MJD Environmental Pty Limited

Encl: Attachment 1 – HCMP Status
Attachment 2 – PPPMP Status



Attachment 1 – HCMP Status

| Sect. | Item | Timing / Trigger | Status | Progress Commentary |
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| 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. An induction register and separate sign-in register has been maintained. Note: NPWS (now land manager on behalf of NSW Government post land transfer) also maintain access protocol. |
| 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. Future works will be conducted in collaboration with the NSW NPWS following transfer of conservation lands the NSW Government. |
| 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. |

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| 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 NPWS, baiting/trapping for feral dogs occurred in 2014-2015 period as this was deemed a priority by NSW NPWS. Population assessments are now ongoing. Collaborative baiting program currently being organised by Local Land Services between local land owners. Huntlee will be undertaking baiting as part of this program. NPWS will be undertaking baiting program concurrently. |
| 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 NSW NPWS. Collaborative baiting program currently being organised by Local Land Services between local land owners. Huntlee will be undertaking baiting as part of this program. NPWS will be undertaking baiting program concurrently. Future works will be conducted in collaboration with the NSW NPWS following transfer of conservation lands the NSW Government. |
| 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 ongoing. Collaborative baiting program currently being organised by Local Land Services between local land owners. Huntlee will be undertaking baiting as part of this program. NPWS will be undertaking baiting program concurrently. Future works will be conducted in collaboration with the NSW NPWS following transfer of conservation lands the NSW Government. |
| s8 | Grazing Prevention: Fence Inspection & Programme | Within 3 months of HCO commencement | Complied No further action required | Fencing audit completed. |

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| 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. Minor incursions from neighbouring properties to be dealt with on an as needs basis and in collaboration with NSW NPWS. |
| 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. Ongoing fencing maintenance occurring as needs and in collaboration with the NSW NPWS. Current priority is the fencing along the northern boundary of Conservation Area 1. Following conservation land dedication to the NSW NPWS, a program of internal fence line removal has been identified by the Park Ranger. |
| 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 as required. |
| s10 | Pathogen Control: Baseline | Ongoing | Active In progress | Sampling has been undertaken around the Northern Population, Conservation Area 1 and Persoonia Park. The soils tests returned a negative result for Phytophthora from each sample location. |
| s10 | Pathogen Control: Protocols | Ongoing | Active In Progress | Protocols have been developed. Hygiene kits have been set up and are actively being used by site personnel and visitors. |

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| s11 | Revegetation | Within 10 years of commencement | Active In Progress | An audit of areas identified for revegetation has been scheduled to determine state of natural rehabilitation post removal of grazing pressure. Follow up monitoring of areas previously mulched (with mulch from native vegetation cleared off the development site) to aid in weed suppression and assist natural regeneration is ongoing. Monitoring of natural regeneration ongoing. |
| s13 | Monitoring | Ongoing | Open For Noting | Monitoring programme prepared by HCO. |
| s14 | Reporting | Ongoing | Active In Progress | Reporting and maintenance of records is ongoing in accordance with the annual reporting requirements of the EPBC Approval. |

Attachment 2 – PPPMP Status

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| 3.1 | <p>Measures to protect and conserve <i>P. pauciflora</i></p> <p>Huntlee to develop a range of programmes to protect <i>P. pauciflora</i>, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - protection from stock - habitat restoration - pathogen control - propagation trials | Various timing triggers | <p>Active</p> <p>Ongoing</p> | Programmes have been developed that cover both the HCMP and PPMP. All implementation measures will fall under one or more of the programmes. All programmes are currently being implemented. |
| 3.2 | Unauthorised access deterrence | Various timing triggers | <p>Active</p> <p>In Progress</p> | Being completed as part of ongoing fencing works outlined in HCMP table. |
| 3.3 | <p>Community Engagement: Fact Sheet</p> <p>Prepare a fact sheet about <i>P. pauciflora</i>.</p> | Within 3 months of commencement | <p>Complied</p> <p>Ongoing</p> | <p>The fact sheet has been prepared and is hosted on the Huntlee website (https://www.lwppropertygroup.com.au/our-communities/huntlee/caring-for-the-environment).</p> <p>The fact sheet is also freely available in print at the Huntlee Sales & Project Office.</p> <p>The fact sheet may be updated from time to time to provide updates and additional information as required.</p> |
| 3.3 | <p>Community Engagement: Microsite</p> <p>Microsite for <i>P. pauciflora</i> to be hosted on proponent website and is to include information, links and progress reports.</p> | Within 6 months of commencement | <p>Complied</p> <p>Ongoing</p> | <p>Both the PPMP and HCMP are hosted on the Huntlee website. A dedicated environmental page with information, links and compliance reports has been established and can be found at the following link - https://www.lwppropertygroup.com.au/our-communities/huntlee/caring-for-the-environment.</p> <p>The microsite will be updated from maintained to provide updates and additional information as required.</p> |
| 3.3 | <p>Community Engagement: Signage</p> <p>Provide information signage and conservation signage around / near the conservation areas.</p> | Various timing triggers – with nearby construction works. | <p>Active</p> <p>In Progress</p> | Conservation signs have been prepared for conservation boundaries and shall be deployed as part of ongoing works. Signs have been updated by NPWS. |

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| 3.3 | <p>Community Engagement: Interaction Programme</p> <p>Prepare a <i>P. pauciflora</i> PowerPoint presentation and provide updates on compliance through the website.</p> | Within 6 months of commencement and ongoing | <p>Complied</p> <p>Ongoing</p> | Presentation has been completed. Presentation is available on Huntlee Environment microsite as a component of available community education material. |
| 3.3 | <p>Community Engagement: Evaluation</p> <p>Formal assessment of the success of community education to be done at key milestones.</p> | Various timing triggers – with annual report following first residents (community) living at Huntlee | <p>Open</p> <p>Future Action</p> | With the arrival of new residents forming the growing Huntlee community, regular updates, bulletins and announcements are being posted on the My-Huntlee Residents Facebook page by the Huntlee Community Development Manger (https://www.facebook.com/myhuntlee/?fref=nf). |
| 4.0 | Monitoring | Various timing triggers | <p>Active</p> <p>In progress</p> | <p>Ongoing monitoring of all known <i>P. pauciflora</i> has occurred during the reporting period.</p> <p>Camera traps were not deployed during the monitoring period as no Macropod fauna thoroughfares have been installed as part of ongoing fencing works. Regular observations have been made of Macropods within the conservation and development areas throughout the reporting period.</p> <p>The compliance report provides the required AMR for the 2016-17 period.</p> |