

<u>Level 1</u> <u>Flora and Vegetation Survey of the</u> <u>Proposed Blue Vein Mine</u> <u>Mt. Holland Operation</u> <u>(Tenement M77/1065)</u>



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1 INTRODUCTION

Convergent Minerals Limited is an Australian gold exploration company, listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX:CVG). CVG has gold projects located in Western Australia and Queensland, with intentions to mine gold from the Mt Holland Project in Western Australia. The Mt Holland Project consists of 12 existing open cut mines and 2 established underground mines, of which CVG is initially concentrating efforts to redevelop the Blue Vein open cut mine for underground mining (Projections of 372,600oz of gold).

The Mount Holland Project is situated approximately 92km northeast of Hyden, and approximately 32km north of the Forrestania Cross Roads (Figure 1).

The total survey area received from CVG covers 89.97ha, within which 32.09ha is existing disturbance comprising a waste landform, open pit, haul roads and access roads. An additional 29.52ha was recently burnt in an intense fire which occurred in April 2014. This report will encompass results of the flora and vegetation survey for the 57.88ha of non-disturbed vegetation within the survey area.

The survey area (L15/346) is located approximately 3km south of the Mt Holland Airstrip and is contained entirely within Mining Tenement M77/1065.

CVG commissioned Native Vegetation Solutions (NVS) to complete a Level 1 Flora and Vegetation Survey of the proposed Blue Vein mine survey area from the 28th to 29th of July 2014, with a follow up survey on 11th August 2014.





Figure 1: Regional map of survey location (Yellow area)



1.1 Objectives

The objective of this report is to document the results of the flora and vegetation component of a Level 1 assessment conducted in accordance with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) "Terrestrial Biological Surveys as an Element of Biodiversity Protection; Position Statement No 3" (EPA 2002) and Guidance Statement No. 51 "Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia (EPA 2004)", for the purpose of mining.

A Level 1 study has two components:

1). Desktop study which includes a literature review and a search of the relevant databases;

and

2). Reconnaissance survey of the survey area to verify the desktop survey, to define vegetation units present in the area, search for species of conservation significance and to determine potential sensitivity to impact.

As part of the reporting for the Level 1 assessment, NVS has conducted a Flora and Vegetation Survey which includes broad-scale vegetation mapping and vegetation condition mapping of the survey area.

Therefore, the scope of work for the Flora and Vegetation Survey was to:

- conduct a desktop study that includes a literature review and search of the relevant databases;
- generally describe the vegetation associations in the survey area;
- prepare an inventory of species occurring in the survey area;
- identify any vegetation or flora of particular conservation significance; and
- provide recommendations, including the management of perceived impacts to flora and vegetation within the survey area.

1.2 Geology and Vegetation

The survey area lies in the Coolgardie (COO) bioregion within the Southern Cross (COO2) subregion which totals over 7 million hectares (CALM, 2002). The COO2 subregion has subdued relief, comprising gently undulating uplands dissected by broad valleys with bands of low greenstone hills. It lies on the 'Southern Cross Terrains' of the Yilgarn Craton. The granite strata of Yilgarn Craton are interrupted by parallel intrusions of Archaean Greenstone with occluded drainage. Valleys have Quaternary duplex and gradational soils, and include chains of saline playa-lakes. Diverse Eucalyptus woodlands (Eucalyptus salmonophloia, E. salubris, E. transcontinentalis and E. longicornis) rich in endemic eucalypts occur around these salt lakes, on the low greenstone hills, valley alluvials and broad plains of calcareous earths. The salt lake surfaces support dwarf shrublands of samphire. The granite basement outcrops at mid-levels in the landscape and supports swards of Borya constricta, with stands of Acacia acuminata and Eucalyptus loxophleba. Upper levels in the landscape are the eroded remnants of a lateritic duricrust yielding yellow sandplains, gravelly sandplains and laterite breakaways. Mallees (Eucalyptus leptopoda, E. platycorys and E. scyphocalyx) and scrub-heaths (Allocasuarina corniculata, Callitris preissii, Melaleuca uncinata and Acacia beauverdiana) occur on these uplands, as well as on sand lunettes associated with playas along the broad valley floors, and sand sheets around the granite outcrops. The scrubs are rich in endemic Wattles and Myrtaceae. (CALM, 2002).

1.3 Climate

The climate of the Coolgardie bioregion is arid to semi-arid Warm Mediterranean climate with 250 - 300 mm of mainly winter rainfall (CALM, 2002). The nearest official meteorological weather station with the most complete and up to date information is Hyden, which is located approximately 92 km southwest of the survey area.



1.3.1 Temperature

Mean annual minimum temperature at Hyden is 9.9°C and mean annual maximum temperature is 25°C. The coldest temperatures are attained in July (mean minimum temperature 4.6°C), the hottest is January (mean maximum temperature 33.7°C) and diurnal temperature variations are relatively consistent throughout the year (Figure 2).

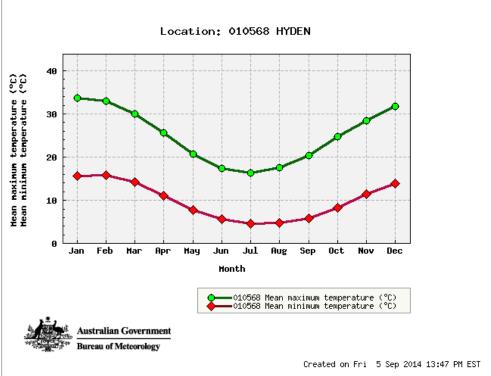


Figure 2: Mean temperature ranges for Hyden weather station

1.3.2 Rainfall

The annual average rainfall at Hyden is 342.3 mm, which falls (>1 mm) on an average of 55.7 rain-days. Larger rainfall events tend to occur between the months of May and September (Figure 3). In 2014 rainfall in April and May greatly exceeded monthly averages, with May receiving almost twice the mean monthly average. February, March, June and August were the only months to receive below average rainfall events.



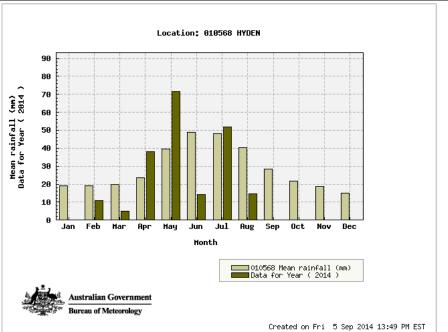


Figure 3: Monthly and mean rainfall for Hyden weather station 2014

2. ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

2.1 Preliminary Desktop Study

A preliminary assessment of the survey area and its potential constraints was undertaken by reviewing a number of government agency managed databases (see Appendix 1) and consulting where necessary. The following sections provide a summary of desktop searches undertaken for the project.

2.1.1 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act Protected Matters

The *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999* Protected Matters Search tool was utilised to provide results for matters of National Environmental Significance within the survey area.

(http://www.environment.gov.au/arcgis-framework/apps/pmst/pmst-coordinate.jsf)

2.1.2 Threatened Flora and Communities

The Species and Communities Branch of the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW) was contacted for a search of their databases containing known populations of threatened flora (Reference: 29-0514FL).

The presence of Threatened and Priority Ecological Communities (TECs & PECs) was determined by examining Geographic Information System (GIS) data supplied by the DPAW upon request (Reference: 19-0514EC).

2.1.3 Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) and Conservation Reserves

The Department of Environment Regulation (DER) Native Vegetation Map Viewer was used to determine the location of any ESAs (<u>http://maps.dec.wa.gov.au/idelve/nv/index.jsp</u>)

The location of any Conservation Reserves was determined by examining GIS data available from the DPAW website and consulting with the local DER office where necessary.



2.1.4 Vegetation Type, Extent and Status

Vegetation extent and status data was sourced from the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) report "Land-Use and Vegetation in Western Australia- National Land and Water Resources Audit Report" and its associated GIS file. This data comprises Beard's Pre-European vegetation groups.

<u>Note:</u> This data was provided to Native Vegetation Solutions via a license agreement with the DAFWA.

2.1.5 Wetlands

The location of wetlands within the project area was determined by examining DAFWA's Wetland Base (<u>http://spatial.agric.wa.gov.au/wetlands/</u>).

2.1.6 Dieback

Dieback is only considered a potential issue for the project if both the mean annual rainfall of the area is >400mm, and if the project area resides below the 26th parallel.

2.2 Site Investigation

A site visit was carried out by Botanist Eren Reid from NVS from the 28th to 29th July 2014 and again on 11th August 2014, to examine the flora and vegetation groups contained within the survey area. A total of 16 hours was spent on site traversing the survey area, by four wheel drive vehicle and on foot.

The survey was conducted in accordance with relevant EPA's Statements and Guidelines (Section 1.1).

EPA's *Position Statement No. 3* (EPA, 2002) provides indicative levels of biological survey in relation to the scale and nature of the impact and the sensitivity of the receiving environment. The EPA uses the Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation of Australia (IBRA) as the largest unit for Environmental Impact Assessment decision making in relation to the conservation of biodiversity. Given the scale and nature of the proposed disturbance as well as the existing disturbance, and that the survey area is located within the Coolgardie IBRA region, a Level 1 flora and vegetation survey was required.

2.2.1 Licenses

Flora was collected for identification under the Scientific Collection License SL010748 held by Mr E. R. Reid with expiry 24/10/2014.

2.3 Personnel and Reporting

The following personnel were involved in the preparation of this report;

- Mr Eren Reid (*BSc- Biological Science*), Principal Botanist, Native Vegetation Solutions, undertook the survey, data collation, preparation and review of the report; and
- Mr Frank Obbens (BSc), Consultant Botanist/Plant Taxonomist, Bushtech Consultancy, undertook identification of unknown specimens collected during fieldwork.



2.4 Limitations

Table 1 lists potential limitations that may have affected the survey. These are based on the listing given in the *Guidance Statement No. 51 Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia* (EPA, 2004). As shown, this survey was only limited by disturbance in the form of fire. The fire scar affected 29.92% of the 89.97ha survey area. The vegetation was burnt however the overstorey and midstorey was still identifiable in patches, and resembled similar vegetation descriptions as that encountered elsewhere within the survey area.

Table 1: List of potential	survey limitations
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Potential Limitations	Constraint (Y/N)	Comment
Competency and experience of the consultants undertaking the survey	Ν	Mr Eren Reid is an experienced botanist who has conducted many flora and vegetation surveys in the Goldfields, Pilbara and South-west regions of WA.
Proportion of flora identified during survey	Ν	As the survey was planned to target species of conservation significance and flora within a small survey area a complete census of the species present was attempted (Approx. 95%). Sufficient identifications were made to allow vegetation descriptions to be made.
Sources of information	Ν	DRF and Priority Flora GIS information was available from DPAW.
Proportion of the task achieved	Ν	All tasks completed
Timing/Season	Ν	The targeted survey was conducted in Late Winter 2014. Due to the above average rainfall in April and May 2014, many species were in flower with emergent annuals present.
Disturbance in survey area	Y/N	Disturbance was present in the form of historic exploration and a recent fire which occurred in April 2014.
Intensity of survey effort	Ν	Transects were walked through the survey area with all parts visited
Resources	Ν	Adequate resources were available
Access problems	Ν	No problems with access
Availability of contextual information on the region	Ν	Information on the Coolgardie Bioregion is readily available.



3. RESULTS

3.1 Preliminary Desktop Assessment

3.1.1 EPBC Act Protected Matters

The EPBC Protected Matters search tool revealed that the survey area is within the Great Western Woodlands, with the possibility of three Threatened species to occur within the area (*Acacia lanuginophylla, Banksia sphaerocarpa* var. *dolichostyla* and *Paragoodia crenulata*). The search also revealed the survey area could possibly be suitable habitat for the weed species *Carrichtera annua* (Wards Weed) (DOTE, 2014).

3.1.2 Threatened Flora and Communities

The DPAW database searches revealed a potential for 1 Presumed Extinct, 6 Threatened and 84 Priority Flora species to occur within a 10km radius of the survey area (DPAW, 2014). No known locations of these Flora occur within the survey area, while the closest location occurs approximately 470m north of the survey area.

Results of the threatened flora database search are included in Appendix 2.

The PEC/TEC search (DPAW, 2014a) revealed that the entire survey area lies within the buffer zone of the Ironcap Hills vegetation complex, Priority 3 PEC. The buffer zone is centred mainly on the Mt Holland, Middle, North and South Ironcap Hills, Digger Rock and Hatter Hill. DPAW (2014b) does not provide a description of this PEC, however, it is inferred that the PEC mainly targets and encompasses the banded ironstone formations within this region.

There are no Banded Ironstone Formations within the survey area, therefore the PEC does not define any vegetation groups within the survey area.

3.1.3 Environmentally Sensitive Areas and Conservation Reserves

No ESA's are located within the survey area (DER, 2014).



3.1.4 Vegetation Type, Extent and Status

Information relating to known vegetation within the survey area has been summarised in Table 2 below. This information has been compiled through both desktop assessments and the site visit.

Factor	Value					
Beard Vegetation Association*	511					
Vegetation Association Description*	Medium woodland; salmon gum & morrel					
	Scale					
Extent (ha)	By Association*	By Association**	By IBRA Region** (Coolgardie- COO)	By IBRA Sub- region** (Southern Cross- COO2)	By Shire** (Shire of Yilgarn)	
	440,916	701,692	464,423	464,423	161,933	
% Pre-European Extent Remaining	51.65%	74.31%	93.70%	93.70%	83.65%	
Surrounding Land Use***	Exploration, Mining					
Weed prevalence***	Low					

Table 2: Summary of information regarding Pre-European and current vegetation extent of Vegetation Association 511 within the survey area

* Source: Shepherd et al. (2002) Appendix 2

**Source: Shepherd et al. (2002) Associated GIS data

***Source: Field assessment

3.1.5 Wetlands

No wetlands which are recorded on the DAFWA WetlandBase occur within the survey area (DAFWA, 2014).

3.1.6 Dieback

The survey area lies south of the 26th parallel, however receives average annual rainfall of 342.3mm, below the 400mm threshold mark. There is no record of *Phytophthora cinnamomi* establishing in natural ecosystems in regions receiving <400mm rainfall per annum (CALM, 2003). Therefore Dieback is not considered an issue for this survey area, however all measures should be taken to prevent any possible soil contamination (seeds of non-native species *etc.*) which poses a risk in the survey area during seasonally favourable conditions.

3.2 Field Assessment

3.2.1 Threatened Flora

No plant taxa located in the survey area are gazetted as DRF pursuant to subsection 2 of Section 23F of the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*. No plant taxa listed as Threatened pursuant to Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* were located in the survey area.

No Priority Flora species were recorded within the survey area.



3.2.2 Vegetation Type, Extent and Status

A total of 19 Families, 34 Genera and 71 Species were recorded within the survey area. Two major vegetation groups were recorded in the survey area, and are considered to range between degraded and Pristine Health condition (using the scale of Keighery 1994, see Appendix 3). Both vegetation groups had been affected by fire and separate encountered flora lists were recorded for these and included into Appendix 5. Maps of the survey area can be seen in Appendix 4.

The vegetation groups are described in more detail below.

3.2.2.1 *Eucalyptus* Mallee woodland over *Melaleuca* shrubland

This vegetation group consisted of 17 Families, 27 Genera and 57 Species. The vegetation group was approximately 26.73 ha which makes up 29.71% of the survey area. The burnt section of this vegetation group recorded positive identification of 7 Families, 11 Genera and 19 Species, which covered 22.6 ha and made up 25.12% of the survey area.

Dominant species were Eucalyptus urna, E. loxophleba subsp. lissophloia, E. platycorys, Melaleuca pauperiflora subsp. pauperiflora, M. eleuterostachya, M. lateriflora, M. cucullata, Phebalium filifolium, and P. tuberculosa.



Figure 4: Eucalyptus Mallee woodland over Melaleuca shrubland within the survey area





Figure 5: Eucalyptus Mallee woodland over Melaleuca shrubland (burnt) within the survey area



3.2.2.2 *Eucalyptus* woodland over *Allocasuarina* shrubland

This vegetation group consisted of 8 Families, 15 Genera and 20 Species. The vegetation group was approximately 4.59 ha which makes up 5.11% of the survey area. The burnt section of this vegetation group recorded positive identification of 5 Families, 9 Genera and 14 Species, which covered 3.96 ha and made up 4.4% of the survey area.

Dominant species were Eucalyptus livida, E. loxophleba subsp. lissophloia, Allocasuarina acutivalvis subsp. acutivalvis, A. campestris, A. huegeliana, Hibbertia rostellata, Calothamnus quadrifidus subsp. semilunaris, Rinzia sessilis, Thryptomene kochii and Persoonia helix.



Figure 6: Eucalyptus woodland over Allocasuarina shrubland within the survey area





Figure 7: Eucalyptus woodland over Allocasuarina shrubland (Burnt) within the survey area



3.2.3 Weeds

No weed species were recorded within the survey area;

3.2.4 Vegetation Condition

Evidence of a fire and exploration was observed during the field assessment.

Overall, the condition of the vegetation was determined to be "Pristine" with areas which were affected by historic exploration, clearing and fire in "Degraded" condition.

A map of the Vegetation Condition can be seen in Appendix 4.



4. DISCUSSION

The field assessment established that the condition of the vegetation in the survey area (excluding existing disturbance of 32.08ha) is overall "Pristine" (approx. 20.71ha), with certain areas affected by exploration clearing and fire in "Degraded" condition (approx. 37.16 ha).

No DRF, TECs or Priority Flora were recorded in the survey area. The PEC/TEC search (DPAW, 2014a) revealed that the entire survey area lies within the buffer zone of the Ironcap Hills vegetation complex, Priority 3 PEC. The buffer zone is centred mainly on the Mt Holland, Middle, North and South Ironcap Hills, Digger Rock and Hatter Hill. DPAW (2014b) does not provide a description of this PEC, however, it is inferred that the PEC mainly targets and encompasses the banded ironstone formations within this region.

There are no Banded Ironstone Formations within the survey area, therefore the PEC does not define any vegetation groups within the survey area.

Any proposed disturbance/clearing of vegetation will result in a loss of species from the proposed project. However, given the size of the area and the extent of the Beard (Shepherd *et al.*, 2002) vegetation associations elsewhere, the impact on the vegetation and its component flora will not affect the conservation values of either, or create fragmentation or patches of remnant vegetation.

The following recommendations arise from the Level 1 flora survey:

- Where possible, the clearing envelope should be aligned with existing clearing or disturbance;
- Clearing should be kept to the minimum size required;
- All clearing should be kept within the bounds of the survey area; and
- Weed control measures should be implemented during and following clearing and operations.



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Appendix 1

Relevant Government Database Search Results





EPBC Act Protected Matters Report

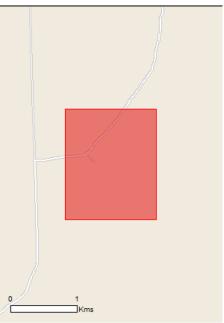
This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected.

Information on the coverage of this report and qualifications on data supporting this report are contained in the caveat at the end of the report.

Information is available about <u>Environment Assessments</u> and the EPBC Act including significance guidelines, forms and application process details.

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Summary

Matters of National Environmental Significance

This part of the report summarises the matters of national environmental significance that may occur in, or may relate to, the area you nominated. Further information is available in the detail part of the report, which can be accessed by scrolling or following the links below. If you are proposing to undertake an activity that may have a significant impact on one or more matters of national environmental significance then you should consider the <u>Administrative Guidelines on Significance</u>.

World Heritage Properties:	None
National Heritage Places:	1
Wetlands of International Importance:	None
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:	None
Commonwealth Marine Areas:	None
Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:	None
Listed Threatened Species:	5
Listed Migratory Species:	4

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

This part of the report summarises other matters protected under the Act that may relate to the area you nominated. Approval may be required for a proposed activity that significantly affects the environment on Commonwealth land, when the action is outside the Commonwealth land, or the environment anywhere when the action is taken on Commonwealth land. Approval may also be required for the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies proposing to take an action that is likely to have a significant impact on the environment anywhere.

The EPBC Act protects the environment on Commonwealth land, the environment from the actions taken on Commonwealth land, and the environment from actions taken by Commonwealth agencies. As <u>heritage values</u> of a place are part of the 'environment', these aspects of the EPBC Act protect the Commonwealth Heritage values of a Commonwealth Heritage place and the heritage values of a place on the Register of the National Estate.

This part of the report summarises other matters protected under the Act that may relate to the area you nominated. Approval may be required for a proposed activity that significantly affects the environment on Commonwealth land, when the action is outside the Commonwealth land, or the environment anywhere when the action is taken on Commonwealth land. Approval may also be required for the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies proposing to take an action that is likely to have a significant impact on the environment anywhere.

A <u>permit</u> may be required for activities in or on a Commonwealth area that may affect a member of a listed threatened species or ecological community, a member of a listed migratory species, whales and other cetaceans, or a member of a listed marine species.

Commonwealth Land:	None
Commonwealth Heritage Places:	None
Listed Marine Species:	4
Whales and Other Cetaceans:	None
Critical Habitats:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:	None
Commonwealth Reserves Marine	None



Extra Information

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

Place on the RNE:	None
State and Territory Reserves:	None
Regional Forest Agreements:	None
Invasive Species:	6
Nationally Important Wetlands:	None
Key Ecological Features (Marine)	None

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

National Heritage Properties		[Resource Information]
Name	State	Status
Natural		
Great Western Woodlands of Western Australia	WA	Nominated place

Listed Threatened Species		[Descurse Information]
Listed Threatened Species		[Resource Information]
Name	Status	Type of Presence
Birds		
<u>Leipoa ocellata</u> Malleefowl [934]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Mammals		
<u>Dasyurus geoffroii</u> Chuditch, Western Quoll [330]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Plants		
Acacia lanuginophylla		
Woolly Wattle [55575]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Banksia sphaerocarpa var. dolichostyla		
Ironcaps Banksia, Ironcap Banksia [10518]	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Paragoodia crenulata		
[86387]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Listed Migratory Species		[Resource Information]
* Species is listed under a different scientific name on t	he EPBC Act - Threatened	
Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Migratory Marine Birds		
Apus pacificus		
Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Migratory Terrestrial Species		

Name <u>Merops ornatus</u> Rainbow Bee-eater [670]

Migratory Wetlands Species

<u>Ardea alba</u> Great Egret, White Egret [59541]

<u>Ardea ibis</u>

Cattle Egret [59542]

Threatened

Type of Presence

Species or species habitat may occur within area

Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Species or species habitat may occur within area

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Listed Marine Species		[Resource Information]
* Species is listed under a different scientific name	e on the EPBC Act - Threa	atened Species list.
Name	Threatened	Type of Presence
Birds		
Apus pacificus		
Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Ardea alba</u>		
Great Egret, White Egret [59541]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Ardea ibis</u>		
Cattle Egret [59542]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Merops ornatus</u>		
Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area

Extra Information

Invasive Species		[Resource Information]
Weeds reported here are the 20 species of natio plants that are considered by the States and Ter biodiversity. The following feral animals are repo and Cane Toad. Maps from Landscape Health P 2001.	ritories to pose a particu rted: Goat, Red Fox, Ca	larly significant threat to t, Rabbit, Pig, Water Buffalo
Name	Status	Type of Presence

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Species or species habitat likely to occur

within area

Name	Status	Type of Presence
Mammals		
<u>Camelus dromedarius</u>		
Dromedary, Camel [7]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Felis catus</u>		
Cat, House Cat, Domestic Cat [19]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Mus musculus</u>		
House Mouse [120]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Oryctolagus cuniculus</u>		
Rabbit, European Rabbit [128]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Vulpes vulpes</u>		
Red Fox, Fox [18]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

Plants

Carrichtera annua Ward's Weed [9511]



Coordinates

-32.137786 119.753912,-32.137786 119.766342,-32.150505 119.766342,-32.150505 119.753912,-32.137786 119.753912

Caveat

The information presented in this report has been provided by a range of data sources as acknowledged at the end of the report.

This report is designed to assist in identifying the locations of places which may be relevant in determining obligations under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. It holds mapped locations of World Heritage and Register of National Estate properties, Wetlands of International Importance, Commonwealth and State/Territory reserves, listed threatened, migratory and marine species and listed threatened ecological communities. Mapping of Commonwealth land is not complete at this stage. Maps have been collated from a range of sources at various resolutions.

Not all species listed under the EPBC Act have been mapped (see below) and therefore a report is a general guide only. Where available data supports mapping, the type of presence that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. People using this information in making a referral may need to consider the qualifications below and may need to seek and consider other information sources.

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are derived from recovery plans, State vegetation maps, remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

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

Only selected species covered by the following provisions of the EPBC Act have been mapped:

- migratory and
- marine

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in reports produced from this database:

- threatened species listed as extinct or considered as vagrants
- some species and ecological communities that have only recently been listed
- some terrestrial species that overfly the Commonwealth marine area
- migratory species that are very widespread, vagrant, or only occur in small numbers

The following groups have been mapped, but may not cover the complete distribution of the species:

- non-threatened seabirds which have only been mapped for recorded breeding sites
- seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent

Such breeding sites may be important for the protection of the Commonwealth Marine environment.



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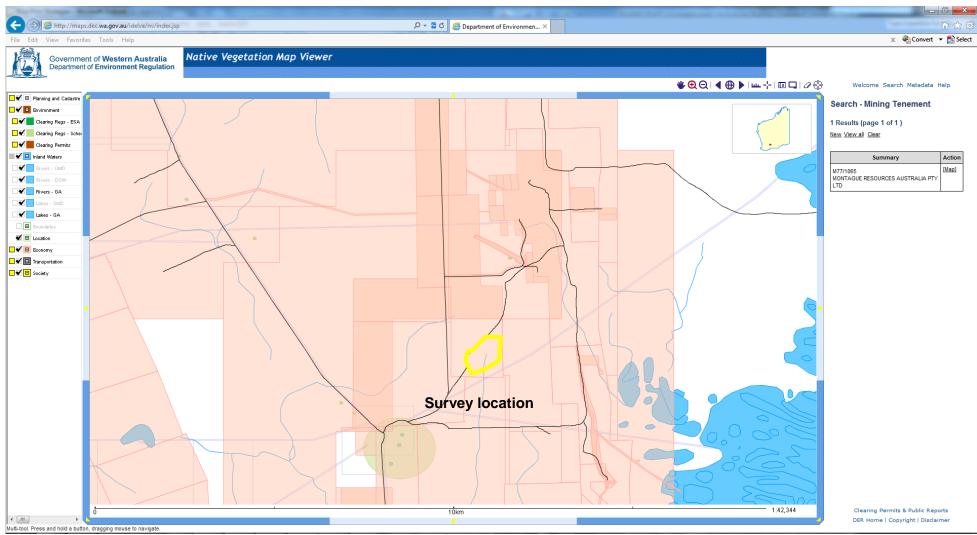
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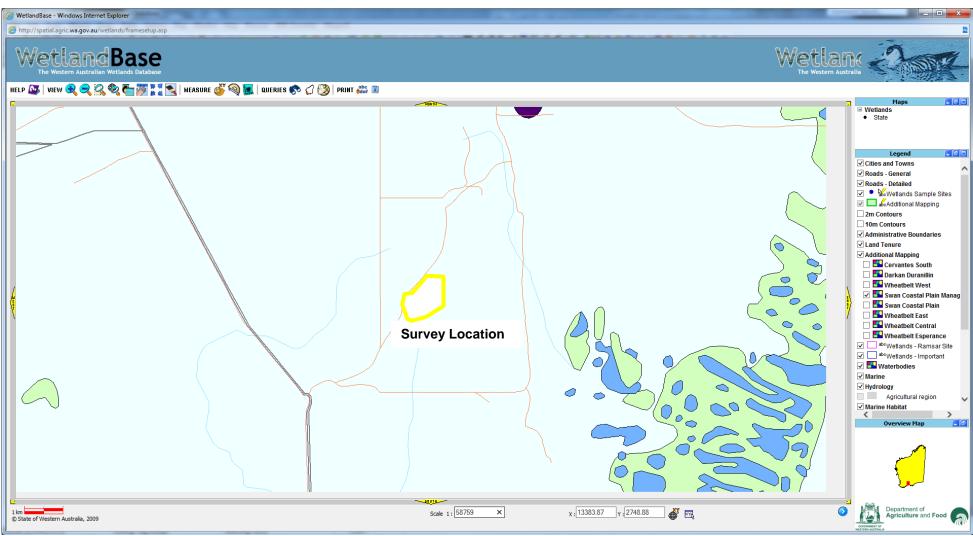
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DER's Native Vegetation Map Viewer showing no ESA's (dark green shaded areas) within the survey area (DER, 2014)





DAFWA Wetland Database showing no wetland areas within the survey area (DAFWA, 2014).



Appendix 2

Threatened Flora Databases Search Results



					Flowering
Taxon	Status	Rank	DEC Region	Distribution	Period
A · · · ·				Frank Hann NP, Marvel Loch,	0
Acacia asepala	2		SCST,WHTB	Lake Cronin, Forrestiana Marvel Loch. Parker Range.	Sep
Acacia concolorans	2		WHTB	Karlgarin	Jul-Sep
Acacia kerryana	2		GOLD,SCST,WHTB	Norseman, Jimberlana Hill, Bremer Range, Lake Cronin, Spargoville	Dec-Feb
				Belka, Lake King, Hyden, Lake Magenta, Tammin,	
				Warralackin, Forrestania,	
Acacia undosa Baeckea grandibracteata subsp. Parker	3		WHTB	Kondinin	Aug-Sep
Range (K. Newbey 9270)	3		WHTB	Parker Range	Oct
Baeckea sp. Blue Haze Mine (P. Armstrong 06/910)	1		WHTB	Forrestania	
Baeckea sp. Crossroads (B.L. Rye & M.E. Trudgen 241186)	1		WHTB	Forrestania	Nov
Baeckea sp. Forrestania (K.R. Newbey 1105)	1		WHTB	Forrestania, Hyden	
Baeckea sp. Lake Cronin (K.R. Newbey					_
9191)	1		WHTB	Lake Cronin Parker Range, Die Hardy	Oct
Baeckea sp. Parker Range (M. Hislop & F. Hort MH 2968)	3		GOLD,WHTB	Range, Johnston Range, North Ironcap	Aug
				Ravensthorpe, Lake King, Frank Hann, Forrestania,	
	~			Hatters Hill, Bodallin,	A
Banksia rufa subsp. flavescens	3		SCST,WHTB	Narembeen Ironcaps, Forrestania, Mt	Aug
Banksia sphaerocarpa var. dolichostyla	т	VU	SCST,WHTB	Hampton, Woolocutty, Bremer Range	Mar-May
				Jerdacuttup, Ravensthorpe, Norseman, Lake King, Frank	
Beyeria sulcata var. truncata	3		SCST,WHTB	Hann N.P.	Oct
Boronia westringioides	2		WHTB	Forrestania, Lake Cronin	Jul-Sep
				Lake King, Salmon Gums, Frank Hann NP, Forrestania,	
Bossiaea flexuosa	3		SCST,WHTB	Bremer Range, Scaddan	Sep-Nov
Brachyloma nguba	1		SCST,WHTB	Forrestania, Dragon Rocks, NW of Munglinup	Apr-May
Brachyloma sp. Forrestania White (M. Hislop				~ .	
& F. Hort MH 2591)	1		<u> WHTB</u>	E of Hyden, Mt Holland,	May
				Forrestania, Lake King, Middle Ironcap, Marvel Loch, North	
Calamphoreus inflatus Chamelaucium sp. Parker Range (B.H. Smith	4		WHTB	Ironcap	Nov-Dec
1255)	1		WHTB	Parker Range	Nov-Dec
				Kau Rock, Pine Hill, Norseman,	
Comesperma calcicola	3		SCST,WHTB	Forrestania, Mount Ragged	
Conospermum sigmoideum	2		SCST,WHTB	Frank Hann NP, Forrestania Tammin, Lake King, Boorabin,	
Cryptandra polyclada subsp. polyclada	3		GOLD,SCST,WHTB	Hyden, Forrestania, Ravensthorpe	Ja-F,M,Au-Oc
oryptandra polyolada Subsp. polyolada	0		0010,0001,000	Hopkins NR, Kulin, Newdegate,	oa i ,ivi,i ta Oc
Daviesia elongata subsp. implexa	3		SWST,WHTB	Lake Grace, Lake Cronin Kulikup, Hyden	
Drummondita wilsonii	1		WHTB	Parker Range	Jun-Jul
					buil bui
Elatine macrocalyx	3		GOLD,WHTB	Lake Cronin, Googarrie, Lake Cohen, Northern Territory	May-Oct
				Lake Cronin, Hyden, Mt Holland, Mt Heywood, Lake	
Eremophila biserrata	4		SCST,WHTB	Liddlelow, Peak Eleanora, Forrestania, North Ironcap	Jul-Oct
				Bruce Rock, Jilbadji, Hunt	
Eremophila caerulea subsp. merrallii	4		GOLD,WHTB	Range, Burra Rock	Aug-Jan
Eremophila lucida	1		SCST,WHTB	Forrestania, Norseman	Jul-Oct
Eremophila racemosa	4		WHTB	E of Hyden, Lake Cronin Mukinbudin, Westonia, W	Oct-Dec
Eremophila virens	Т	EN	SCST,WHTB	Norseman	Aug-Oct
				Lake Cronin, Hyden, Mt Day, Middle Ironcap, Lake Varley,	
				Narembeen, Benari, Moorine	
Eucalyptus exigua	3		GOLD,SCST,WHTB	Rock, Yellowdine, Jaurdi Stn., Mt Holland Hyden, Mt Holland, Lake	



					Solutions
Taxon	Status	Rank	DEC Region	Distribution	Flowering Period
Eucalyptus steedmanii	Т	VU	WHTB	Forrestania	Jan-Mar
Euryomyrtus sp. Parker Range (N. Gibson & M. Lyons 2269)	1		WHTB	Parker Range	Oct
				Hatter Hill, Forrestania, Mt	
Eutaxia acanthoclada	3		SCST,WHTB	Gibbs, Hyden, Westonia Norseman, Salmon Gums, Mt Newmont, Bruce Rock,	-
Eutaxia actinophylla	3		GOLD,SCST,WHTB	Wallaroo Rock, Mt Willgonarinya	Sep-Dec
-				Jilbadji,Mt Holland, Forrestania,	
Eutaxia lasiocalyx	2		GOLD,WHTB	Lake Barker, Parker Range Stirling Range, Gnowangerup,	Sep-Nov
				Borden, Duranillin, Lake Magenta, Murdong, Lake	
Eutaxia nanophylla	3		GOLD,SCST,WHTB	Cronin, Riverina Stn.	Sep-Nov
			GOLD,MWST,SCST,SWAN,WHT		
Frankenia glomerata	3			Springs, Yenyenning Lakes Gibraltar, Boorabbin, Dundas, Ravenshtorpe, North Ironcap, Ora Banda, Lake Cowan,	Mar,Nov
Gnephosis intonsa	3		GOLD,SCST,WHTB	Parker Range	Sep
Goodenia heatheriana	1		WHTB	Parker Range, Marvel Loch	Sep,Oct
Grevillea pilosa subsp. redacta	3		WHTB	Holt Rock, Lake Cronin, Mt Holland	Sep
Grevillea prostrata	4		SCST,WHTB	Newdegate-Lake King, Ravensthorpe, Marvel Loch, Forrestania	Aug-Oct
				Lake King, Cascades North, Forrestania, Ravensthorpe, Pingaring, Mt Ridley, Bandalup	
Gyrostemon ditrigynus	4		SCST,WHTB	Hill	-
				Grass Patch, Lake Lockhart, Lake King, Badja Station, Peak Charles N.P., Lake Grace, Lake Magenta N.R., Lake Lockhart,	
Haegiela tatei	4		GOLD,MWST,SCST,WHTB	Lake Cronin, Jaurdi Stn.	-
Hakea pendens	3		SCST,WHTB	Parker Range, East Forrestania Newdegate, Kulin, Forrestania,	Sep
Hemigenia sp. Newdegate (E. Bishop 75) PN	1		WHTB	Barker Lake	Sep-Oct
Hibbertia pachyphylla	3		GOLD,SCST,WHTB	Frank Hann NP, Forrestania, Victoria Rocks	Sep-Nov
				East of Coujinup Hill, Lake Cronin, Jeramungup, Ravnesthorpe, Eastern States,	
Isolepis australiensis	3		SCST,WHTB	NZ	Jun,Sep
lsopogon robustus	Т	CR	WHTB	Parker Range, Marvel Loch	Sep-Oct
Keraudrenia adenogyna	3		SCST,WHTB	Forrestania, Cairlocup, Frank Hann NP, Mt Holland, Dundas, Gnowangerup	Sep
Lasiopetalum fitzgibbonii	3		GOLD,SCST,WHTB	Jilbadji, Jilakin, Nyabing, Jerramungup, Boxwood Hill, Bendering,Kukerin, Kalgarin, Gnowangerup	Sep-Nov
Lepidosperma amantiferrum	1		WHTB	Forrestania	Gep-110V
Lepidosperma ferriculmen	1		WHTB	Forrestania	July
Lepidosperma sp. Mt Caudan (N. Gibson & M. Lyons 2081)	1		WHTB	Parker Range	Ĺ
Lepidosperma sp. Parker Range (N. Gibson & M. Lyons 2094)	1		WHТВ	Parker Range	
Leucopogon sp. Yellowdine (M. Hislop & F. Hort MH 3194)	1		GOLD,SCST,WHTB	N of Yellowdine, Holleton,Hyden-Norseman Track,	Jan, May, Aug
Leucopogon validus	1		WHTB	Parker Range	Jun-Sep
Melaleuca grieveana	1		WHTB	Cowcowing, Narembeen, Parker Range, Wyalkatchem	
Melaleuca viminea subsp. appressa	2		SCST,WHTB	Mt Burdett, Ongerup, Skeleton Rock	Sep,Oct
Microcorys sp. Forrestania (V. English 2004)	4			Mt Holland, Forrestania	Nov-Jan
				Scaddan, Marvel Loch, Lake Grace, Fraser range, Norseman, Southern Hills Stn, Holt Rock,Marble Rocks,	
Microseris scapigera	3		SCST,WHTB	Pingrup, Woodanilling, Lake Magenta	Sep-Oct



Taxon	Status	Rank	DEC Region	Distribution	Flowering Period
Mirbelia densiflora	3		GOLD,SCST,WHTB	Frank Hann NP, Kumarl, Hatter Hill, Peak Charles, Forrestania, Mt Gibbs, Victoria Rock	Jan
Myriophyllum petraeum	4		GOLD,SCST,WHTB	Sth Cross-Mt Ragged, Narembeen, Mt Madden, Norseman	Aug-Sep
Olearia laciniifolia	2		SCST,WHTB	Lake Grace, Mt Beaumont, Mt Heywood, Peak Charles, Frank Hann N.P., Forrestania	Aug,Sep
Paragoodia crenulata	т	VU	WHТB	Lake Cronin	Jul
Persoonia cymbifolia	3	VO	SCST,WHTB	Grass Patch, Scaddan, Mt BurdettFrank HannN.P., Mt Ridley, Mt Heywood, The Diamonds, Forrestania	501
Philotheca apiculata	2		GOLD,SCST,WHTB	Norseman, Mt Kirk, Widgiemooltha, Holleton	Aug-Sep
Phlegmatospermum eremaeum	3		GOLD,SCST,WHTB	Coolgardie, Norseman, Cocklebiddy, Forrest, Bruce Rock, Helena and Aurora Range, Caiguna Forrestania, Marvel Loch, Jilbadji, Norseman, Southern Cross (Barker Lake),	Aug-Oct
Pityrodia scabra subsp. dendrotricha	3		GOLD,WHTB	Widgiemooltha	Oct,Nov
Prostanthera nanophylla	3		WHTB	Cadoux, Southern Cross, Jilbadji, Hyden, Mt Day, Woolocutty, Marvel Loch	Oct-Nov
Sowerbaea multicaulis	4		GOLD,WHTB	Bullfinch, Karroun Hill, Lake Deborah (Bremer Range - Lake Hope, Lake Cronin)	Nov
Sphaerolobium validum	3		SCST,WHTB	Bremer Bay, Wellstead, Fitzgerald River NP, Ravensthorpe, Broomehill, Cape Riche, Lake Magenta, Forrestania	Sep-Oct
Stylidium validum	1		SCST,WHTB	Forrestania, Bremer Range, Lake Johnson	Sep,Oct
Verticordia gracilis	3		WHТB	Mt Holland Rd, Korbel Siding, Koonadgin Siding, Dragon Rocks, Hyden, Merredin, Forrestania, Burngup	Nov
Verticordia multiflora subsp. solox	2		WHTB	Cockatoo Tank, Mt Holland Road, Lookout Hill, Norpa, Skeleton Rock, Wogarl	Oct
Verticordia pulchella	2		WHTB	Mt Hampton, Nargalyerin Rock, Skeleton Rock	Sep-Oct

GIS information provided in the Search results (Reference: 29-0514FL) also lists the additional species:

Taxon	Conservation Code
Acacia lanuginophylla	Т
Chorizema circinale	1
Dampiera orchardii	2
Daviesia newbeyi	2
Dicrastylis capitellata	1
Eucalyptus myriadena subsp. parviflora	1
Grevillea dissecta	4
Grevillea marriottii	1
Labichea rossii	1
Logania exilis	2
Stenanthemum bremerense	4
Stylidium sejunctum	2
Thomasia gardneri	Х
Verticordia stenopetala	3



Appendix 3

Vegetation Condition Scale (Keighery, 1994)



Pristine (1). Pristine or nearly so, no obvious signs of disturbance.

Excellent (2). Vegetation structure intact, disturbance affecting individual species and weeds are non-aggressive species.

Very Good (3). Vegetation structure altered, obvious signs of disturbance. For example, disturbance to vegetation structure caused by repeating fires, the presence of some more aggressive weeds, dieback, logging and grazing.

Good (4). Vegetation structure significantly altered by very obvious signs of multiple disturbance.

Retains basic vegetation structure or ability to regenerate it.

For example, disturbance to vegetation structure caused by frequent fires, the presence of some very aggressive weeds at high density, partial clearing, dieback and grazing.

Degraded (5). Basic vegetation structure severely impacted by disturbance.

Scope for regeneration but not to a state approaching good condition without intensive management.

For example, disturbance to vegetation structure caused by very frequent fires, the presence of very aggressive weeds, partial clearing, dieback and grazing.

Completely Degraded (6). The structure of the vegetation is no longer intact and the area is completely or almost completely without native species.

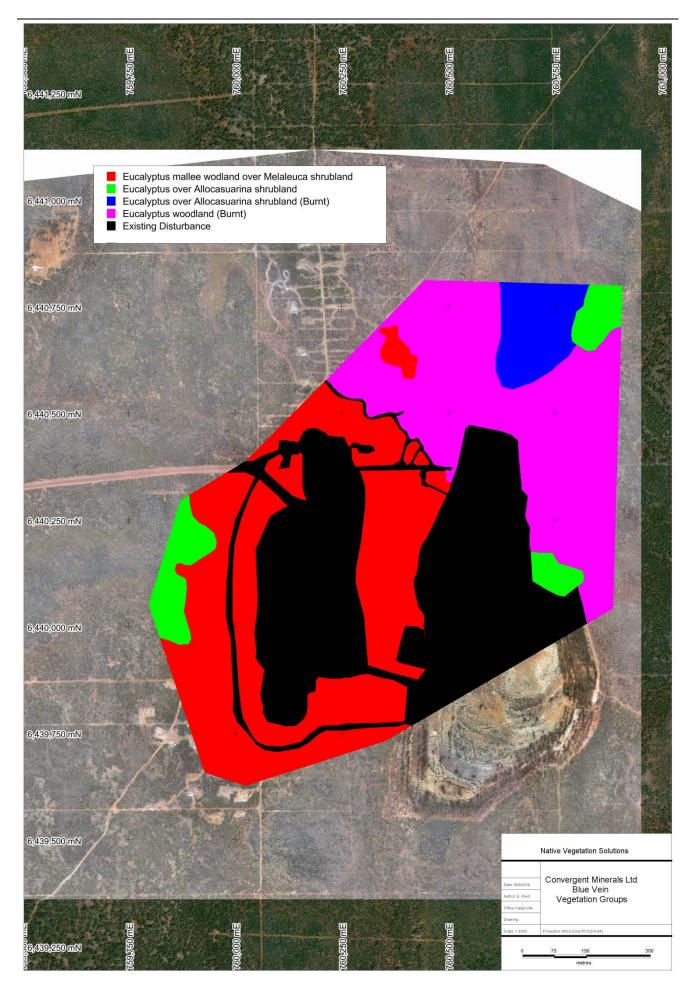
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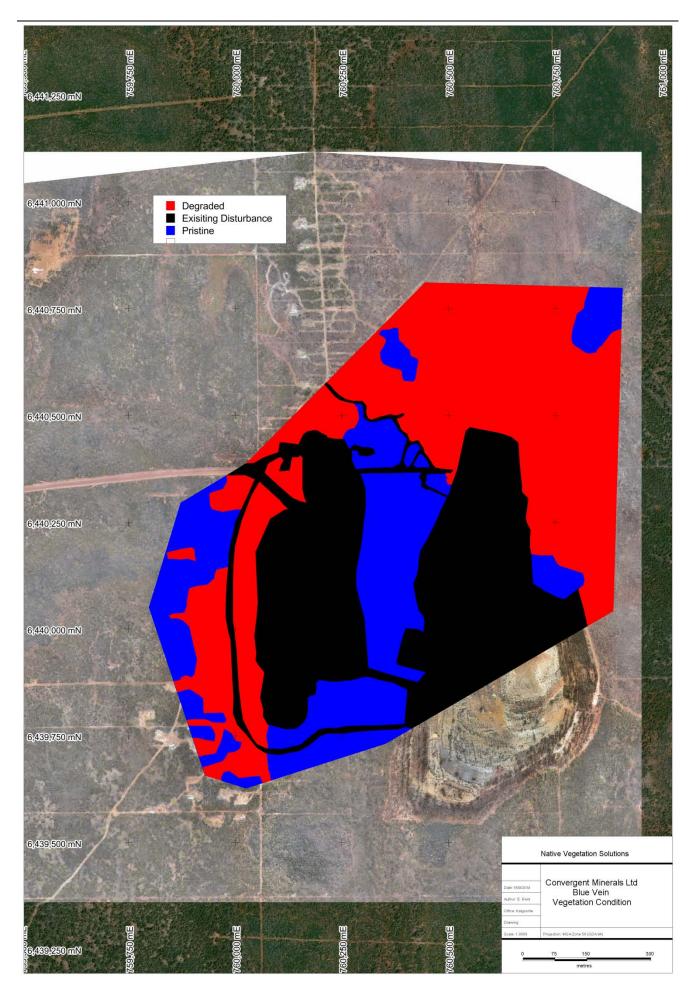


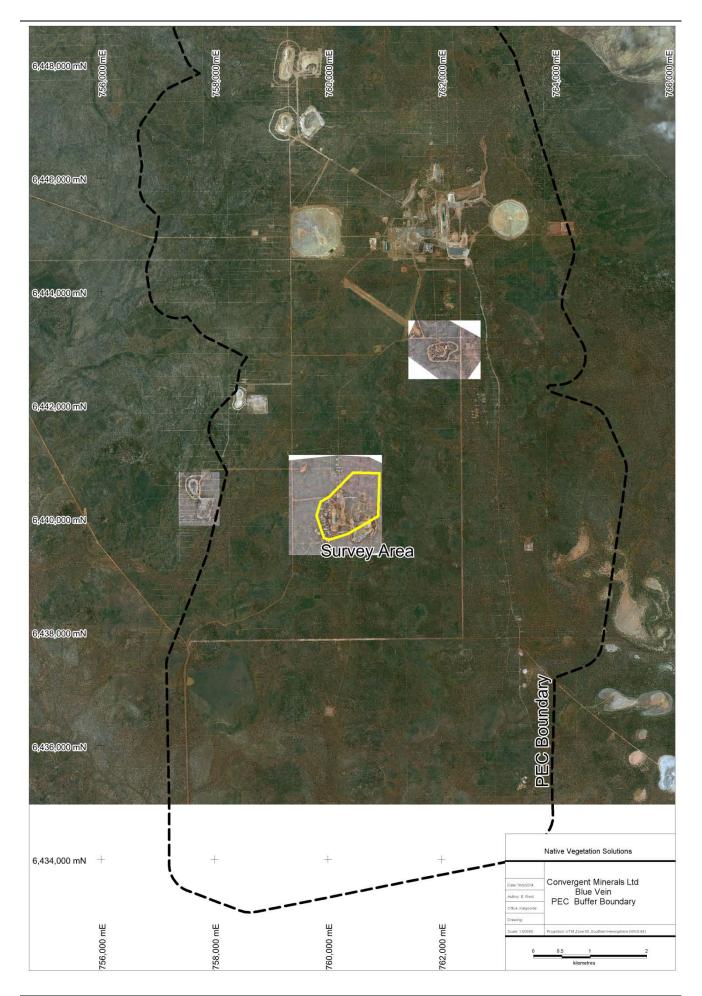
Appendix 4

Vegetation Mapping











Appendix 5

Species List



Family	Comus	Species	<i>Eucalyptus</i> Mallee woodland over <i>Melaleuca</i> shrubland	Eucalyptus Mallee Woodland over Melaleuca shrubland	<i>Eucalyptus</i> over <i>Allocasuarina</i> shrubland	Eucalyptus over Allocasuarina shrubland (Burnt)
Family	Genus	Species		(Burnt)	*	· · ·
Asparagaceae	Thysanotus	manglesianus	*		<u>^</u>	
Asteraceae	Olearia	muelleri	*	*		
Casuarinaceae	Allocasuarina	acutivalvis subsp. acutivalvis	*	*	*	*
Casuarinaceae	Allocasuarina	campestris	*	*	*	*
Casuarinaceae	Allocasuarina	huegeliana	*	*	*	*
Chenopodiaceae	Sclerolaena	diacantha	*			
Chenopodiaceae	Sclerolaena	patenticuspis	*			
Cupressaceae	Callitris	preissii	*	*		
Dilleniaceae	Hibbertia	exasperata	*			
Dilleniaceae	Hibbertia	pungens	*			
Dilleniaceae	Hibbertia	rostellata			*	*
Droseraceae	Drosera	macrantha subsp. macrantha	*	*		*
Ericaceae	Astroloma	serratifolium				
Fabaceae	Acacia	acanthoclada subsp. acanthoclada	*			
Fabaceae	Acacia	camptoclada	*			
Fabaceae	Acacia	erinacea	*			
Fabaceae	Acacia	heteroneura var. jutsonii	*			
Fabaceae	Acacia	hystrix subsp. hystrix	*			
Fabaceae	Acacia	merrallii	*	*		
Fabaceae	Acacia	sphacelata subsp. sphacelata	*			
Fabaceae	Daviesia	benthamii subsp. acanthoclona	*			
Fabaceae	Senna	artemisioides subsp. artemisioides	*			
Goodeniaceae	Coopernookia	strophiolata	*			
Lamiaceae	Microcorys	obovata	*			
Lamiaceae	Westringia	cephalantha	*	*		
Lauraceae	Cassytha	melantha			*	
Lauraceae	Cassytha	nodiflora	*			
Myrtaceae	Beaufortia	orbifolia			*	*
Myrtaceae	Calothamnus	quadrifidus subsp. seminudus			*	*
Myrtaceae	Chamelaucium	ciliatum	*			
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus	calycogona	*			
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus	cylindriflora	*			
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus	eremophila subsp. eremophila	*			
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus	livida			*	*
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus	loxophleba subsp. lissophloia	*		*	*
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus	platycorys	*			
Myrtaceae		salmonophloia	*	*		
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus	salubris	*			
	Eucalyptus		*	*		
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus	urna	*			
Myrtaceae	Leptospermum	erubescens	*			
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca	acuminata subsp. acuminata	*			
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca	adnata	*	*		
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca	cordata	*	^		
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca	cucullata	*	*		
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca	eleuterostachya		*	*	*
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca	elliptica	*			



Family	Genus	Species	<i>Eucalyptus</i> Mallee woodland over <i>Melaleuca</i> shrubland	<i>Eucalyptus</i> Mallee Woodland over <i>Melaleuca</i> shrubland (Burnt)	Eucalyptus over Allocasuarina shrubland	<i>Eucalyptus</i> over <i>Allocasuarina</i> shrubland (Burnt)
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca	lateriflora	*			
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca	laxiflora	*			
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca	pauperiflora subsp. pauperiflora	*	*	*	*
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca	uncinata	*	*		
Myrtaceae	Rinzia	sessilis	*		*	
Myrtaceae	Thryptomene	kochii	*	*	*	
Proteaceae	Grevillea	acacioides	*			
Proteaceae	Grevillea	acuaria	*			
Proteaceae	Grevillea	oncogyne		*		
Proteaceae	Hakea	multilineata		*		
Proteaceae	Hakea	scoparia subsp. scoparia		*		
Proteaceae	Hakea	subsulcata		*		
Proteaceae	Isopogon	gardneri			*	*
Proteaceae	Persoonia	coriacea			*	*
Proteaceae	Persoonia	helix		*	*	*
Rhamnaceae	Cryptandra	nutans	*			
Rutaceae	Boronia	inornata subsp. inornata	*			
Rutaceae	Phebalium	filifolium	*			
Rutaceae	Phebalium	obovatum	*			
Rutaceae	Phebalium	tuberculosum	*			
Santalaceae	Exocarpos	aphyllus	*		*	
Santalaceae	Santalum	acuminatum	*		*	
Sapindaceae	Dodonaea	bursariifolia	*		*	
Sapindaceae	Dodonaea	stenozyga	*			
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila	scoparia	*			