

Approval

Manzeene Village residential/commercial subdivision and associated infrastructure, Lara, Victoria (EPBC 2013/6771)

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	DACLAND Capital Limited				
proponent's ACN	141 161 533				
proposed action	To develop a 60 hectare residential and commercial subdivision, including associated roads, sewerage, power, water and drainage infrastructure, located north-west of Lara, 15 kilometres north of Geelong and approximately 56 kilometres south-west of Melbourne, Victoria [See EPBC Act referral 2013/6771].				

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 21 July 2040.

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name and position

Victoria Press

Acting Assistant Secretary

Assessments (Qld, Vic and Tas) and Policy Implementation Branch

signature

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date of decision

25 Sept 2015

Conditions attached to the approval

To minimise impacts of the action on listed threatened species and ecological communities (sections 18 & 18A):

- 1. The approval holder must ensure the action does not occur outside of the project area and drainage outfall (Option 2) as illustrated at <u>Annex 1</u> and <u>Annex 2</u>.
- 2. Prior to commencement of construction of a specific development stage, the approval holder must secure a Natural Temperate Grassland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain (NTGVVP) Offset at the Warrambeen Estate Property to compensate for the complete loss of NTGVVP within that specific development stage:
 - a. Prior to the commencement of construction of Stage 1, at least 4.9 ha of NTGVVP Offset must be secured;
 - b. Prior to the commencement of construction of Stage 2, at least 11.6 ha of NTGVVP Offset must be secured; and
 - c. Prior to the commencement of construction of Stage 3, at least 13.5 ha of NTGVVP Offset must be secured.
- 3. Prior to commencement of construction for each development stage, the approval holder must enter into an Agreement under section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987(Vic) to secure the corresponding NTGVVP Offset for that stage as set out in condition 2 at the Warrambeen Estate Property, as identified in Annex 4; and
 - Within 30 days of all parties signing the Agreement, ensure the Agreement is lodged at the Titles Office and registered on the title on which the NTGVVP Offset is located; and
 - b. Within 2 weeks of lodgement at the Titles Office:
 - provide the **Department** with the **offset attributes**, **shapefile** and map(s) clearly defining the location and boundaries of the **NTGVVP Offset**;
 - ii. Provide the **Department** with a signed copy of the **Agreement** and documentary evidence of lodgement with the **Titles Office**.
- 4. The approval holder must ensure each NTGVVP Offset is managed in accordance with the NTGVVP Offset Management Plan for a period of at least 10 years from the day the corresponding Agreement is entered into. The NTGVVP Offset Management Plan must be implemented.

Administrative conditions

- Within 7 calendar days after the commencement of the action or of each development stage, the approval holder must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement.
- 6. The approval holder must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement management plans 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 EPBC Act, 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.

- 7. Within 3 months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement of construction, the approval holder must publish an annual report on their website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval over the previous 12 months, including implementation of any management plans as specified in the conditions. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval must be provided to the Department at the same time as the annual report of compliance is published. The approval holder must continue to publish the annual report until such time as agreed in writing by the Minister.
- 8. 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.
- 9. If the approval holder wishes to carry out any activity otherwise than in accordance with management plans as specified in the conditions, the approval holder must submit to the Department for the Minister's written approval a revised version of that management plan. The varied activity shall not commence until the Minister has approved the varied management plan in writing. The Minister will not approve a varied management plan unless the revised management plan would result in an equivalent or improved environmental outcome over time. If the Minister approves the revised management plan, that management plan must be implemented in place of the management plan originally approved.
- 10. If the Minister believes it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of listed threatened species and ecological communities, the Minister may request that the approval holder make specified revisions to the management plans specified in the conditions and submit the revised management plans for the Minister's written approval. The approval holder must comply with any such request. The revised approved management plans must be implemented. Unless the Minister has approved the revised management plans then the approval holder must continue to implement the management plans originally approved, as specified in the conditions.
- 11. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish a copy of each approved management plan referred to in these conditions of approval on their website within 1 month of approval of the management plan by the Minister. Each management plan must be accessible to general members of the public on the approval holder's website for a period of at least 10 years from the date of approval of the management plan. Any variations to management plans must be published on the website within 1 month of the variation being approved by the Minister.
- 12. If, at any time after 5 years from the date of this approval, the approval holder has not substantially commenced Stage 1, then the approval holder must not substantially commence Stage 1 without the written agreement of the Minister.

Definitions

Agreement - the executed agreement between the **approval holder** and the relevant landowner, to secure the **NTGVVP Offset** in perpetuity.

Approval holder - the person to whom the approval is granted, or to whom the approval is transferred under s145B of the **EPBC Act**.

Commencement of construction - the date that preparatory works are first undertaken, including but not limited to the clearing of vegetation, the erection of any onsite temporary structures and the use of heavy duty equipment for the purpose of breaking the ground for fencing, buildings or infrastructure.

Department - the Australian Government Department administering the EPBC Act.

Development stage - as illustrated in Annex 3.

Drainage outfall (Option 2) - as illustrated in Annex 2.

EPBC Act - the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Commonwealth).

Minister - the Minister administering the EPBC Act and includes a delegate of the Minister.

NTGVVP - the ecological community Natural Temperate Grassland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain protected under the **EPBC Act**.

NTGVVP Offset - an area of land secured in perpetuity to compensate for impacts on NTGVVP as a result of the action.

NTGVVP Offset Management Plan - the document entitled *Manzeene Avenue, Lara: Offset Management Plan* (April 2015), which details the long-term management of NTGVVP at the NTGVVP Offset.

Offset attributes - an '.xls' file capturing relevant attributes of the offset site, including the EPBC Act reference ID number, the physical address of the offset site, coordinates of the boundary points in decimal degrees, the EPBC Act protected matters that the offset compensates for, any additional EPBC Act protected matters that are benefiting from the offset, and the size of the offset in hectares.

Offsets Policy - the document entitled *EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy* (2012), which details the suitability of offset proposals considered by the **Department**.

Project area - the footprint area where the proposed action will occur, as illustrated at **Annex 1** and **Annex 2**.

Stage 1 - as illustrated in Annex 3 and contains NTGVVP patches B, G, E, F and I.

Stage 2 - as illustrated in Annex 3 and contains NTGVVP patches L, N and O.

Stage 3 - as illustrated in Annex 3 and contains NTGVVP patches M, X, R, V and Y.

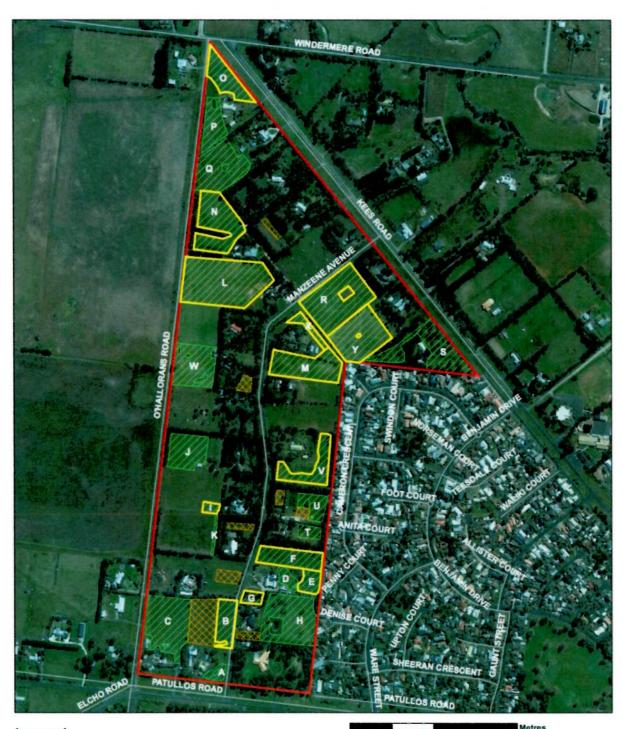
Shapefile - an ESRI Shapefile containing '.shp', '.shx' and '.dbf' files and other files capturing attributes including at least the **EPBC Act** reference ID number and **EPBC Act** protected matters present at the relevant site. Attributes should also be captured in '.xls' format.

Substantially commence(d) – the date that preparatory works are undertaken, including earthworks and/or clearing for the purpose of installing amenities infrastructure (i.e. sewerage, power, water, stormwater) associated with the development.

Titles Office - the relevant authority responsible for registering land title transaction.

Warrambeen Estate Property - the offset site within the property 'Warrambeen Estate', 1372 Rokewood-Shelford Road, Shelford, Victoria, as illustrated at **Annex 4**.

ANNEX 1: Project Location



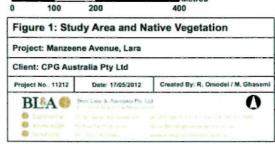




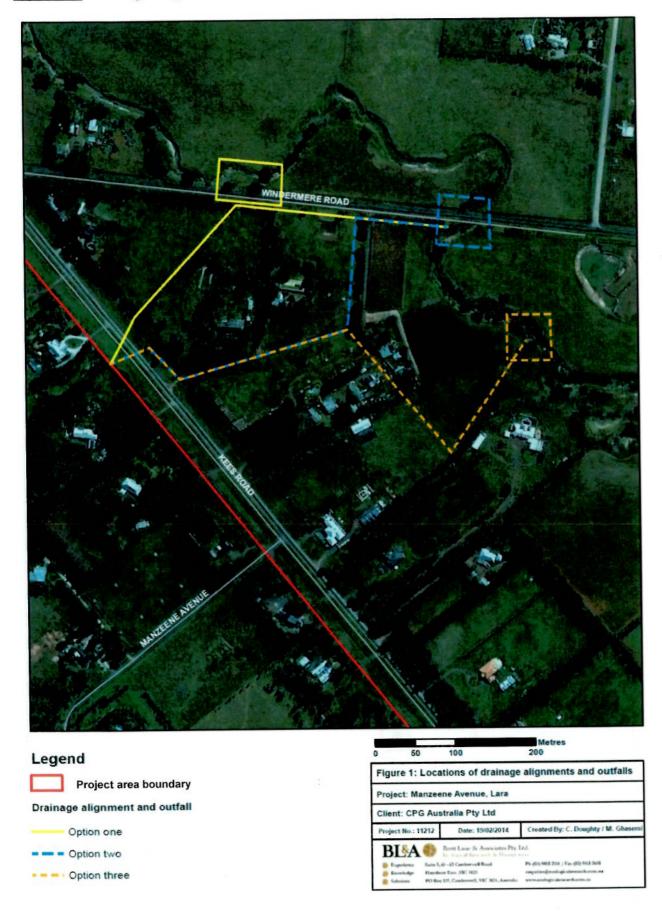
Native Vegetation

Low-rainfall Plains Grassland (EVC 132_63)

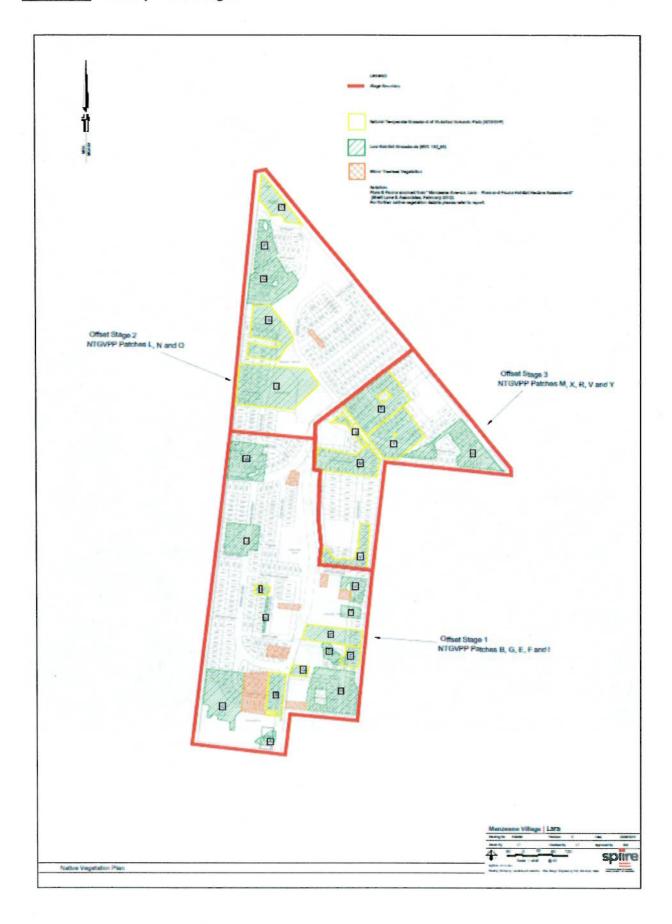
Minor Treeless Vegetation



ANNEX 2: Drainage Alignment and Outfall (Option 2)



ANNEX 3: Development Stages



ANNEX 4: Warrambeen Estate Offset Site

