



Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

WILDLIFE ACT 1975 MANAGEMENT AUTHORISATION

Pursuant to the provisions of the **Wildlife Act 1975**, permission is hereby granted to:

Mr Andrew Taylor
Ecology and Heritage Partners
230 Latrobe Terrace
Geelong West 3218

And Chad Browning and staff under the direct supervision of the permit holder in order to

- i) live capture and relocate **threatened** native fauna, Striped Legless Lizard (*Delma impar*) to the nearest remnant habitat suitable for that species **within** the same site as per conditions 4 and 5 at Bannockburn for the purposes of construction of the Bannockburn Gas Pipeline Project.

Permission is given subject to the following particular conditions:

1. All capture activities provided for under this permit must be undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist.
2. **The researchers are required to notify the local Biodiversity officer of their proposed activities at least three days in advance. He/she is to be advised, in advance, of each visit made in connection with the provisions of this permit. Contact the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Customer Service Centre on 136 186 and ask for the contact number for the Biodiversity officer of the nearest DELWP office where the research is to be undertaken.**
3. All non-threatened fauna captured should be relocated to adjacent suitable habitat for that species.
4. **The permit only authorises the relocation of threatened fauna where habitat impact is minimal and / or temporary, and animals are translocated immediately to a suitable location within the same habitat patch, no more than 100 m from the site of capture.**
5. If habitat destruction is unavoidable, then threatened fauna that are found during work, or before work begins, should be carefully extracted from that immediate area, using appropriate hygiene protocols. Collected fauna should be moved as short a distance as possible to a maximum of 100 m. However a distance in the order of < 10 m is preferable. This would help to keep fauna in similar habitat and familiar home range, and minimise potential movement of pathogens from the immediate area.
6. If threatened fauna cannot be relocated to within 100m, then the applicant is required to obtain approval from the Translocation Evaluation Panel **prior** to any relocation beyond this **distance or to another site**.
7. Hygiene protocols intended to minimise the risk of introduction and spread of Amphibian Chytrid Fungus must be complied with for all people / machinery / activities. DEPI recommends that you follow the guidelines in Murray et al. (2011)*.

*Murray, K., Skerratt, L., Marantelli, G., Berger, L., Hunter, D., Mahony, M. and Hines, H. 2011. Hygiene protocols for the control of diseases in Australian frogs. A report for the Australian Government Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities.
8. This authorisation gives no approval for marking of live wildlife
9. Any injured wildlife should be taken to the nearest appropriate veterinary surgeon.
10. A clear label is to be fixed to every trap used in connection with this permit, showing "Flora and Fauna permit number 10007474".
11. Any dead animal or any animal with injuries serious enough to warrant its humane dispatch is to be properly preserved, labelled, and lodged with Museum Victoria within 30 days of its capture.
12. All specimens, whether entire animals or prepared tissues, remain the property of the Government of Victoria.

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13. The appointed consultant/zoologist will provide a summary report of the translocation of any EPBC listed fauna species to DELWP.
14. The provisions of the **Wildlife Act 1975**, the Wildlife Regulations 2013 and the *Australian code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes* are to be observed.
15. Before any attempt is made to capture or collect wildlife, the approval of the managing authority of the land involved must be obtained.
16. The direction of any authorised officer of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, in relation to this permit, must be followed.
17. Where any rare or threatened species, as listed in the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*, or listed on the DELWP website advisory lists (www.delwp.vic.gov.au), are identified, the exact location should be noted and reported to biodiversity.info@delwp.vic.gov.au, as well as the relevant Biodiversity Officer of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, at the earliest possible convenience.
18. The data must be entered into the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas (VBA). Your data may remain in the system as 'Draft' for up to 12 months from the date of expiration of this permit, at which point it must be submitted for expert review and subsequent publication. There are mandatory fields required to make a VBA record. Information about how to enter data into the VBA can be obtained from the DELWP website, Biodiversity pages at: <http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/environment-and-wildlife/biodiversity/victorian-biodiversity-atlas>
19. The publication of any results in connection with these specimens must refer to the fact that they were collected or obtained under the terms of this permit.
20. The permit holder must provide specific reports and data identified and requested by the Environment and Natural Resources Regional Manager, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, within 7 working days of the request in both hard copy and electronic format.
21. A copy of any research paper, report, thesis or published article resulting from work conducted under this permit is to be lodged with the Environmental Research Co-ordinator within four calendar months of publication.
22. **The permit must be carried by the permit holder** whilst undertaking any work in any area named on the permit and shown on demand to any Authorised Officer of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.
23. Failure to comply with any condition of this permit may result in its cancellation, at the discretion of the Environment and Natural Resource, Regional Manager.
24. **Requests for the renewal of a research permit will be considered only after all permit requirements are met.**

This permit shall, unless revoked, remain in force until **31 December 2015**.



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Date of issue:

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I, the permit holder (as named above) have read and fully understand the conditions of this permit.

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Permit holder

Date of signature:

**** This permit is only valid when signed and dated by the permit holder**



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Dear Andrew

I refer to your application for a management authorisation under the **Wildlife Act 1975**. Approval has been granted and the necessary permit (number **10007474**, expiry date – **31 December 2015**) is enclosed. If the project is to continue beyond this date please write to me at the address below, at least one month in advance, requesting a renewal. You are required to submit a copy of your final report.

Careful attention must be given to each of the conditions under which the permit is issued. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in the suspension or cancellation of this permit.

In particular you should ensure that you discuss your management authorisation with the relevant Biodiversity Officer **before** beginning any field-work. This will allow DELWP staff to inform you of any local issues that may impact on your work, and also allows them to offer you assistance.

Please note this permit is only valid when signed and dated by the permit holder (see final page of permit).

Should you require further information, please email environmental.research@delwp.vic.gov.au or telephone 9450 8746. Please quote the file number and permit number in all correspondence relating to this permit.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Sue Hadden
Environmental Research Co-ordinator

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