

APPENDIX 1

FLORA AND FAUNA DATA

Table 1.1: Threatened species (flora and terrestrial fauna) recorded within 10 kilometres of the subject site and their likelihood to occur. OEH Wildlife Atlas database, October 2016.

Kingdom	Class	Family	Species	Status		Habitat requirements	Number of records	Potential habitat on site	Likelihood to occur	Further consideration
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Animalia	Amphibia	Myobatrachidae	<i>Crinia timula</i> Wallum Froglet	Vulnerable	-	Found only in acid paperbark swamps and sedge swamps.	39	No suitable habitat on site.	Low to none.	Not required.
Animalia	Amphibia	Hylidae	<i>Litoria brevipalmata</i> Green-thighed Frog	Vulnerable	-	Occurs in range of forested habitats where surface water gathers after rain.	2	No suitable habitat on site.	Low to none.	Not required.
Animalia	Amphibia	Hylidae	<i>Litoria olongurensis</i> Olongourra Frog	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	An 'acid' frog confined to coastal sandplain wallum swamps.	20	No suitable habitat on site.	Low to none.	Not required.
Animalia	Reptilia	Cheloniidae	<i>Caretta caretta</i> Loggerhead Turtle	Endangered	Endangered	Terrestrial habitat restricted to tropical beaches.	5	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Reptilia	Cheloniidae	<i>Chelonia mydas</i> Green Turtle	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	Terrestrial habitat restricted to marine beaches.	14	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Reptilia	Cheloniidae	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> Hawksbill Turtle	-	Vulnerable	Terrestrial habitat restricted to marine beaches.	3	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Reptilia	Elapidae	<i>Cacophis harriettae</i> White-crowned Snake	Vulnerable	-	Occurs near coastal areas on low to mid elevations of dry eucalypt forest and woodland. Found particularly in areas with a well-developed litter layer and fallen timber to forage for their prey.	3	Marginally suitable habitat on site.	Records are few and all south of the Clarence River. Low.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Casuariidae	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i> Emu	Endangered Population	-	Occurs in predominantly open lowland habitats, including grassland, heathland, shrubland, woodland, forest, swamp and sedge communities, plantations, open farmland and occasionally littoral rainforest.	267	Suitable habitat on site.	Scats observed on site.	Further impact assessment required.
Animalia	Aves	Phaethontidae	<i>Phaethon lepturus</i> White-tailed Tropicbird	-	Migratory	Migratory species found over pelagic waters feeding on small fish.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	Low to none.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Phaethontidae	<i>Phaethon rubricauda</i> Red-tailed Tropicbird	Vulnerable	Migratory	Terrestrial habitat confined to oceanic islands.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	Low to none.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Apodidae	<i>Apus pacificus</i> Fork-tailed Swift	-	Migratory	Almost exclusively aerial, flying over most habitat types. Arrive from Siberia in spring and depart in autumn. Feed on edge of low pressure systems. Threats to this species in Australia are negligible.	5	No suitable habitat on site.	Low to none.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Apodidae	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i> White-throated Needletail	-	Migratory	Non-breeding population migrates from Asia in spring and departs autumn along either side of Great Dividing Range. Most of its time spent feeding on the wing, high along storm fronts. Roosts infrequently in terrestrial habitats and terrestrial habitat largely irrelevant.	31	Suitable habitat on site.	Observed flying overhead during survey. Low likelihood to use terrestrial habitats of the subject site.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Diomedidae	<i>Thalasarche melanophris</i> Black-browed Albatross	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	Terrestrial habitat confined to offshore islands.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Procellariidae	<i>Ardeana carneipes</i> Flesh-footed Shearwater	Vulnerable	Migratory	Terrestrial habitat confined to Lord Howe Island.	6	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Procellariidae	<i>Ardeana pacificus</i> Wedge-tailed Shearwater	-	Migratory	Breeds on offshore islands along NSW coast. Absent from NSW from May to August.	10	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Procellariidae	<i>Ardeana tenuirostris</i> Short-tailed Shearwater	-	Migratory	Winters in the North Pacific and migrates in very large flocks south to establish massive breeding colonies off the southern and south-eastern coasts of Australia.	4	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.

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Animalia	Aves	Procellariidae	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i> Southern Giant Petrel	Endangered	Endangered	Terrestrial habitat confined to offshore islands just north of the Antarctic circle.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Fregatidae	<i>Fregata ariel</i> Lesser Frigatebird	-	Migratory	A migratory species found on remote islands and breeds in bushes, mangroves and on the ground.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Fregatidae	<i>Fregata minor</i> Great Frigatebird	-	Migratory	A migratory species found in tropical waters and breeding in mangroves and bushes.	3	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Ciconiidae	<i>Epiphiophrhynchus asiaticus</i> Black-necked Stork	Endangered	-	Inhabits permanent freshwater wetlands	89	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Ardeidae	<i>Ardea ibis</i> Cattle Egret	-	Migratory	Widespread, common and expanding. Occurs in grasslands, wooded lands and wetlands. Most commonly found foraging with livestock. Roosts in trees in or near lakes and swamps. Breeds in colonies in wooded swamps.	14	No suitable habitat on site.	Recorded in the local area in suitable habitat during survey. Low to no likelihood to occur.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Ardeidae	<i>Egretta sacra</i> Eastern Reef Egret	-	Migratory	Lives on exposed reefs, rocky shores, beaches, mudflats, islands. Roosts and nests in woodland, scrub adjacent to beaches.	2	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Ardeidae	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i> Black Bittern	Vulnerable	-	Occurs in freshwater and estuarine wetlands.	4	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Threskiornithidae	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> Glossy Ibis	-	Migratory	Frequents swamps and lakes throughout much of the Australian mainland. Breeds in colonies with other waterbirds; nests in trees or shrubs growing in water.	7	No suitable habitat on site.	Low to none.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Accipitridae	<i>Circus assimilis</i> Spotted Harrier	Vulnerable	-	Found in tropical and temperate open wooded country, particularly in arid and semi-arid areas. Partly nomadic, in response to local conditions. Hunts low over the ground, favoured prey are ground birds; will also take mice, rats, rabbits and lizards.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	Low.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Accipitridae	<i>Erythratriorhynchus radiates</i> Red Goshawk	Critically Endangered	Vulnerable	Inhabit open woodland and forest, preferring a mosaic of vegetation types, a large population of birds as a source of food, and permanent water, and are often found in riparian habitats along or near watercourses or wetlands. In NSW, preferred habitats include mixed subtropical rainforest, Melaleuca swamp forest and riparian Eucalyptus forest of coastal rivers. Breeding habitat within 1km of permanent water, often adjacent to rivers or clearings. Usually one of the tallest trees is selected for the nest location.	1	Suitable potential habitat on site.	Only 1 record from the broader study area, dating from 1987, 5 km west of Iluka. Low likelihood to occur.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Accipitridae	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i> White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Vulnerable (preliminary determination)	Migratory	Most commonly seen foraging over water bodies or near coastal waters; will occasionally forage over open country for carrion. Highly mobile and travels long distances. Nests and roosts high in trees in well-timbered country.	125	Marginally suitable potential nesting habitat on site.	Large number of records (>120) in the broader study area. Observed nesting in golf course to the north of the subject site. Moderate likelihood to occur on the subject site.	Further impact assessment required.
Animalia	Aves	Accipitridae	<i>Hamiastra melanosternon</i> Black-breasted Buzzard	Vulnerable	-	Lives in a range of inland habitats, especially along timbered watercourses and in areas	1	Marginally suitable potential foraging habitat on site.	Only 1 record from the broader study area, dating from 1981, in Iluka township.	Not required.

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						with less than 500mm of rainfall. Specializes in eating large eggs, including emu eggs.			Low likelihood to occur.	
Animalia	Aves	Accipitridae	<i>Lophoictinia isura</i> Square-tailed Kite	Vulnerable	-	Found in timbered habitats with a particular preference for timbered watercourses.	6	Suitable potential habitat on site.	Only 6 records were identified with the closest being 3km north east of the subject site in 1984 and the most recent being 8km west of the subject site in 1991. This species was observed nearby during survey. High likelihood to occur.	Further impact assessment required.
Animalia	Aves	Accipitridae	<i>Pandion cristatus</i> Eastern Osprey	Vulnerable	-	Favours coastal areas and requires an extensive area of open fresh, brackish or saline water for foraging.	311	No suitable habitat on site.	Recorded in the local area in suitable habitat during survey. Observed nesting in artificial breeding sites erected in the township and along the Clarence River. No likelihood to occur on site.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Gruidae	<i>Grus rubicunda</i> Brolga	Vulnerable	-	Abundant in the northern tropics, but very sparse across the southern part of its range. Often forage in dry grassland, ploughed paddocks or desert claypans but dependent on wetlands, especially shallow swamps.	12	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Burhinidae	<i>Burhinus grallarius</i> Bush Stone-curlew	Endangered	-	Inhabits open forests and woodlands with a sparse grassy ground layer and fallen timber	7	Marginally suitable potential habitat on site: dense weed infestations probably alienated habitat for this species.	Few records but regularly sighted in suitable open and estuary edge habitat. The closest is from the golf course to the north (2009) and the most recent is from the township (2010). Low likelihood to occur.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Burhinidae	<i>Esacus magnirostris</i> Beach Stone-curlew	Critically Endangered	-	Occurs on open, undisturbed beaches and estuaries	70	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Haematopodidae	<i>Haematopus fuliginosus</i> Sooty Oystercatcher	Vulnerable	-	Occurs on rocky headlands and exposed reefs, beaches and muddy estuaries	63	Observed in the local area during survey. No likelihood to occur on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Haematopodidae	<i>Haematopus longirostris</i> Pied Oystercatcher	Endangered	-	Favours intertidal flats of inlets and bays, open beaches and sandbanks	197	Observed in the local area during survey. No likelihood to occur on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Charadriidae	<i>Charadrius leschenaultia</i> Greater Sand-plover	Vulnerable	Vulnerable, Migratory	Occurs mainly on sheltered sandy, shelly or muddy beaches or estuaries with large intertidal mudflats or sandbanks.	25	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Charadriidae	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i> Lesser Sand-plover	Vulnerable	Endangered, Migratory	Occurs on beaches, harbours and estuaries with large intertidal sand flats or mudflats.	47	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Charadriidae	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i> Pacific Golden Plover	-	Migratory	Widespread in non-breeding season in coastal Australasia, Melanesia and Polynesia. Usually in coastal habitats (beaches, mudflats, sandflats, mangroves, saltmarsh, seagrass), though occasionally in inland wetlands.	45	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Charadriidae	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> Grey Plover	-	Migratory	Occurs along coastal areas except for breeding sites which occur in tundra, often in drier areas.	6	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.

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Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> Common Sandpiper	-	Migratory	Found on muddy edges or rocky shores of coastal or inland wetlands, saline or fresh. Breeds in Eurasia and part of the population overwinters in Australia.	12	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Arenaria interpres</i> Ruddy Turnstone	-	Migratory	Tidal reefs and pools, weed-covered rocks washed by surf, pebbly shores, mudflats, occasionally inland shallow waters, sewage farms or bare open ground near coast. Winters in southern hemisphere.	62	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Calidris acuminata</i> Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	-	Migratory	Summer migrant to Australia from the Arctic. Prefers grassy edges of shallow inland freshwater wetlands. Found also on sewage farms, flooded fields, mudflats, mangroves, beaches and rocky shores.	43	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Calidris alba</i> Sanderling	Vulnerable	Migratory	Found in coastal areas on low beaches of firm sand, near reefs and inlets, along tidal mudflats and bare open coastal lagoons; individuals are rarely recorded in near-coastal wetlands.	5	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Calidris canutus</i> Red Knot	-	Migratory	Breeds in the Arctic and flies non-stop to Australia. Feed in large flocks on the coast in sandy estuaries with tidal mudflats.	33	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i> Curlew Sandpiper	Endangered	Critically Endangered, Migratory	Breeds in Siberia and migrates to Australia in warmer months. Forages in shallow water of intertidal mudflats of sheltered coasts. Roosts on beaches, spits/islets, saltmarsh or on rocky shore.	21	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Calidris melanotos</i> Pectoral Sandpiper	-	Migratory	Prefer shallow fresh to saline wetlands. Found near the coast.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i> Red-necked Stint	-	Migratory	Tidal mudflats, saltmarsh, sandspits, sandy or shell-grit beaches, shallow margins of salt or freshwater lakes often far inland, sewage farms. Winters in southern hemisphere.	79	No suitable habitat on site.	Observed in the local area during survey. No likelihood to occur on site.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i> Great Knot	Vulnerable	Critically Endangered, Migratory	Occurs in sheltered, coastal habitats with large, intertidal mudflats / sandflats. Often on sandy beaches with mudflats nearby, sandy spits and islets; sometimes on exposed reefs or rock platforms. Migrates to Australia from late Aug to early Sep.	44	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Gallinago hardwickii</i> Latham's Snipe	-	Migratory	Non-breeding migrant to Australia in the warmer months. Found in dense cover in any vegetation around wetlands, also saltmarsh and creek edges when migrating.	10	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i> Broad-billed Sandpiper	Vulnerable	Migratory	Favours sheltered parts of coast (estuarine sandflats, mudflats, harbours, lagoons, saltmarshes, reefs) for feeding / roosting. Occasionally seen in sewage farms or shallow freshwater lagoons. Roosts on banks on sheltered sand, shell or shingle beaches.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Limosa lapponica</i> Bar-tailed Godwit	-	Migratory	Tidal mudflats, estuaries; sewage farms; occasionally on shallow river-margins, brackish or salty inland lakes, flooded	448	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.

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						pastures, airfields. Needs soft sand / mud. Winters in southern hemisphere.				
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Limosa limosa</i> Black-tailed Godwit	Vulnerable	Migratory	Usually found in sheltered bays, estuaries and lagoons with large intertidal mudflats and/or sandflats along coast.	31	No suitable habitat on site.	Observed in the local area during survey. No likelihood to occur on site.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i> Eastern Curlew	-	Critically Endangered, Migratory	Mainly coastal: sandspits, mudflats, waterways in saltmarsh, mangroves; occasionally fresh or brackish lakes, bare grassland near water.	199	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i> Whimbrel	-	Migratory	Estuaries, channels among mangroves, tidal flats, coral cays, flat exposed reefs, flooded paddocks, occasionally sewage farms, bare grasslands, sportsgrounds, lawns. Winters in southern hemisphere.	220	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Tringa brevipes</i> Grey-tailed Tattler	-	Migratory	Estuaries, wave-washed rocks and reefs, waterways in mangroves, tidal mudflats, beaches. Overwinters in southern hemisphere.	98	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Tringa incana</i> Wandering Tattler	-	Migratory	Found on rocky coasts with reefs and platforms. Forages among rocks, shingles and shallow pools.	3	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Tringa nebularia</i> Common Greenshank	-	Migratory	Breeds in the Palaearctic. In Australia over summer, on coast and inland, in estuaries, mudflats, mangrove swamps and lagoons.	82	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i> Marsh Sandpiper	-	Migratory	Summer migrant, in Australia from August to April. Commonly seen in fresh or brackish wetlands such as rivers, water meadows, sewage farms, drains, lagoons and swamps.	28	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Scolopacidae	<i>Xenus cinereus</i> Terek Sandpiper	Vulnerable	Migratory	Occurs on coastal mudflats, lagoons, creeks and estuaries	36	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Stercorariidae	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i> Arctic Jaeger	-	Migratory	Coastal offshore waters, larger bays, occasionally coastal inlets, lakes, usually in storms. Overwinters in southern hemisphere.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Laridae	<i>Anous stolidus</i> Common Noddy	-	Migratory	This species occurs in groups in the pelagic zone. Breeding occurs on or near islands on grass, rock or among coral rubble.	3	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Laridae	<i>Gelchelidon nilotica</i> Gull-billed Tern	-	Migratory	Found in freshwater swamps, brackish and salt lakes, beaches and estuarine mudflats, floodwaters, sewage farms, irrigated croplands and grasslands. Nest in colonies on high, dry ground on small permanent or temporary islands in a lake or marsh.	62	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Laridae	<i>Gygis alba</i> White Tern	Vulnerable	-	Marine species that is a recent arrival to Lord Howe Island, only breeding there since the 1960s.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Laridae	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> Caspian Tern	-	Migratory	Large waters generally, fresh or salt lakes, larger rivers, reservoirs, estuaries, tidal mudflats, beaches, shallow coastal waters.	45	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Laridae	<i>Onychoprion fuscata</i> Sooty Tern	Vulnerable	-	Terrestrial habitat confined to offshore islands.	2	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Laridae	<i>Procelsterna cerulean</i> Grey Ternlet	Vulnerable	-	Terrestrial breeding habitat in oceanic islands in the South Pacific, including Lord Howe Island.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	None.	Not required.

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Animalia	Aves	Laridae	<i>Sterna hirundo</i> Common Tern	-	Migratory	Offshore waters, beaches, reefs, bays, tidal mudflats, lower reaches of larger rivers with sandbars, sewage farms, occasionally swamps near coast. Overwinters in southern hemisphere.	77	No suitable habitat on site.	Observed in the local area during survey. No likelihood to occur on site.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Laridae	<i>Sterna albiglans</i> Little Tern	Endangered	Migratory	Prefers sheltered coastal environments; may occur several kilometres from the sea in harbours, inlets and rivers. Nests in small colonies in low dunes or on sandy beaches just above high tide mark near estuary mouths or adjacent to coastal lakes and islands.	58	No suitable habitat on site.	Observed in the local area during survey. No likelihood to occur on site.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Columbidae	<i>Ptilinopus magnificus</i> Wompoo Fruit-Dove	Vulnerable	-	Occurs in rainforest.	4	Suitable potential habitat on site.	Few records from the broader study area, the closest being 1km east of the subject site in 1979 and the most recent being 7.7km north west in Wompoo in 2010. However, high likelihood to occur given available habitat and mobility of species.	Further impact assessment required.
Animalia	Aves	Columbidae	<i>Ptilinopus regina</i> Rose-crowned Fruit-Dove	Vulnerable	-	Occurs in rainforest.	80	Suitable potential habitat on site.	Large number of past records from the broader study area with the closest being 1km east of the subject site in 1985 and the most recent being 8km west of the subject site in 2004. This species was observed nearby in Iluka NR and was heard on site.	Further impact assessment required.
Animalia	Aves	Cacatuidae	<i>Calyptorhynchus lathami</i> Glossy Black-Cockatoo	Vulnerable	-	Breeds in large hollow-bearing trees in forest and forages on <i>Allocasuarina</i> species.	10	Suitable potential habitat on site.	10 records from the broader study area with the closest and most recent being 3km east of the subject site in 2012. Characteristically chewed cones were observed by Fitzgerald (2005) under an <i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i> at the northern edge of the subject site.	Further impact assessment required.
Animalia	Aves	Psittacidae	<i>Glossopsitta pusilla</i> Little Lorikeet	Vulnerable	-	Mostly in dry open eucalypt forests and woodlands. Feeds on tree nectar and pollen, particularly profusely-flowering eucalypts, but also melaleucas and mistletoes and mistletoe fruit. Nomadic, movements probably related to food availability.	12	Suitable potential habitat on site.	12 records from the broader study area with the closest being 1km east of the subject site in 1989 and the most recent being 5km south of the subject site in 2012. High likelihood to occur.	Further impact assessment required.
Animalia	Aves	Psittacidae	<i>Pezoporus wallicus</i> Eastern Ground Parrot	Vulnerable	-	Occurs in high rainfall coastal low heathlands and sedgelands, that provide very dense cover (90% or more) and below one metre in height.	44	No suitable habitat on site.	Low.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Strigidae	<i>Ninox connivens</i> Barking Owl	Vulnerable	-	Occurs in eucalypt woodland, open forest, swamp woodlands and timbered watercourses. Occasionally uses dense vegetation for roosting. Breeds in hollows in large old trees.	5	Marginally suitable habitat on site.	5 records from the broader study area with the closest being 1km south of the subject site in 1981 and the most recent being 8km north west of the subject site in 2009.	Not required.

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Animalia	Aves	Strigidae	<i>Ninox strenua</i> Powerful Owl	Vulnerable	-	Usually roosts in dense vegetation and hunts for arboreal mammals across large home range.	4	Marginally suitable habitat on site.	4 records from the broader study area were identified with the closest being 4km north of the subject site in 1980 and the most recent being 5km west of the subject site in 2012. Moderate likelihood to occur.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Tytonidae	<i>Tyto longimembris</i> Eastern Grass Owl	Vulnerable	-	Occur in areas of tall grass, including swampy areas, grassy plains, swampy heath, cane grass, or sedges on floodplains.	3	No suitable habitat on site.	Low.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Tytonidae	<i>Tyto novaehollandiae</i> Masked Owl	Vulnerable	-	Occurs in forests, but often hunts along forest edges such as roadsides.	2	Suitable potential foraging habitat on site.	Rarely recorded in the broader study area: only known 3km west of the subject site dating from 1998. Much more common in the hinterland forests. Low likelihood to occur.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Alcedinidae	<i>Todiramphus chloris</i> Collared Kingfisher	Vulnerable	-	Virtually restricted to mangrove associations of estuaries, inlets, sheltered bays and islands, and the tidal flats and littoral zone bordering mangroves.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	Low.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Meropidae	<i>Merops ornatus</i> Rainbow Bee-eater	-	Migratory	Occurs in many habitats where there are open areas for foraging, well-placed perches to from which to forage, a water source and breeding habitat such as sandy creek banks.	106	Suitable potential habitat on site.	Observed foraging and nesting on site.	Further impact assessment required.
Animalia	Aves	Meliphagidae	<i>Gavicalis fasciagularis</i> Mangrove Honeyeater	Vulnerable	-	Primary habitat in mangrove and shrublands but may also range into adjacent forests. Forages in mangroves.	60	No suitable habitat on site.	Low.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Pomatostomidae	<i>Pomatostomus temporalis</i> Grey-crowned Babbler (eastern subspecies)	Vulnerable	-	In NSW, occurs from upper Hunter Valley to the western slopes in Box-Gum Woodlands on the slopes, and Box-Cypress-pine and open Box Woodlands on alluvial plains. The north coast of New South Wales is a stronghold of the Grey-crowned Babbler but they are very rare within a kilometre of the coastline but widespread and common throughout the floodplain areas of the Clarence and Richmond Valley (Greg Clancy, http://birding-aus.org/coastal-n-nsw-and-grey-crowned-babblers/).	38	Marginally suitable potential habitat on site.	Closest records from Iluka NR from 1979 and 1981. Most recent records are from Yamba in 2009. Due to rarity near the coast and poor habitat on site, considered low likelihood to occur.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Neosittidae	<i>Daphoenositta chrysoptera</i> Varied Sittella	Vulnerable	-	Found in eucalypt woodlands and forests, preferring rough-barked trees or mature trees with hollows or dead branches.	8	Suitable habitat on site.	Observed foraging on site.	Further impact assessment required.
Animalia	Aves	Campephagidae	<i>Coracina lineata</i> Barred Cuckoo-shrike	Vulnerable	-	Occurs in rainforest and large tracts of eucalypt forest.	11	Suitable potential habitat on site.	Of the records from the broader study area, the closest is 1km south east of the subject site from 1979 and prior to survey for this project, the most recent was 2km north of the subject site in 1992. This species was observed 500 m to the east in Iluka NR at the time of survey. High likelihood to occur.	Further impact assessment required.

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Animalia	Aves	Artamidae	<i>Artamus cyanopterus cyanopterus</i> Dusky Woodswallow	Vulnerable	-	A woodland dependent bird, known from woodlands and dry open sclerophyll forests, usually dominated by eucalypts; very occasionally in moist forests or rainforests. Understorey is typically open with sparse eucalypt saplings, acacias and other shrubs, including heath. Partially migratory.	11	Marginally suitable habitat on site.	Almost all local records more than 30 years old. Low likelihood to occur.	Not required.
Animalia	Aves	Monarchidae	<i>Carterornis leucotis</i> White-eared Monarch	Vulnerable	-	Occurs in rainforest, especially littoral rainforest and swamp forest. Prefers the ecotone between open vegetation and rainforest.	50	Suitable potential habitat on site.	50 records from the broader study with the closest being less than 1km east of the subject site in 1993 and the most recent being 3km north of the subject site in 2013. High likelihood to occur.	Further impact assessment required.
Animalia	Mammalia	Dasyuridae	<i>Dasyurus maculatus</i> Spotted-tailed Quoll	Vulnerable	Endangered	Occurs in a number of forest habitats but requires large areas of relatively intact forest.	16	Marginally suitable potential habitat on site.	16 records from the broader study area with the closest and most recent being 1km south of the subject site in 2004. However, most records date from the 1970s and 1990s and have been generated by a community survey that often generates records of uncertain dates. It is likely that the local population of this species persists only in very low numbers, if at all. Low likelihood to occur.	Not required.
Animalia	Mammalia	Dasyuridae	<i>Phascogale tapoatafa</i> Brush-tailed Phascogale	Vulnerable	-	Prefers dry sclerophyll open forest with sparse ground cover.	16	Marginally suitable potential habitat on site.	16 records from the broader study area with the closest being within 1km of the subject site in 1991 and the most recent being 9km west of the subject site in 2002. Low likelihood to occur.	Not required.
Animalia	Mammalia	Dasyuridae	<i>Planigale maculate</i> Common Planigale	Vulnerable	-	Occurs in a range of forest, heath and marshland where there is surface cover and usually close to water.	5	No suitable habitat on site.	Low likelihood to occur.	Not required.
Animalia	Mammalia	Phascolarctidae	<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i> Koala	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	Inhabits eucalypt woodlands and forests.	320	Suitable habitat on site.	A large number of records from the broader study area (>315) as the Illuka population has been well studied. Thought to be (at least functionally) extinct. The most recent record was 5km north west of the subject site in 2013. This species was photographed on site by camera trap during survey.	Further impact assessment required.
Animalia	Mammalia	Petauridae	<i>Petaurus australis</i> Yellow-bellied Glider	Vulnerable	-	Favours tall mature eucalypt forest in areas with high rainfall and nutrient rich soils.	4	No suitable habitat on site.	Low to no likelihood to occur.	Not required.
Animalia	Mammalia	Petauridae	<i>Petaurus norfolkensis</i> Squirrel Glider	Vulnerable	-	Inhabits Blackbutt- Bloodwood forests with heath understorey in coastal areas.	27	Marginally suitable potential habitat on site. Poor foraging habitat, some potential denning sites.	Of the 27 records within the broader study area, the closest is less than 1km south west of the subject site in 2010 and the most recent is 4km south west of the subject site in 2014 on the other side of the Clarence River.	Not required.

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									Low to moderate likelihood to occur.	
Animalia	Mammalia	Pseudocheiridae	<i>Petauroides volans</i> Greater Glider	-	Vulnerable	Largely restricted to eucalypt forests and woodlands and typically found in highest abundance in taller, montane, moist eucalypt forests with relatively old trees and abundant hollows. The distribution may be patchy even in suitable habitat and favours forests with a diversity of eucalypt species, due to seasonal variation in its preferred tree species.	8	Marginally suitable potential habitat on site. Poor foraging habitat, some denning sites.	Local records are all from north of Woombah; none from the Iluka Peninsula.	Not required.
Animalia	Mammalia	Potoroidae	<i>Aepyprymnus rufescens</i> Rufous Bettong	Vulnerable	-	Inhabits a variety of forests from tall, moist eucalypt forest to open woodland, with a tussock grass understorey. A dense cover of tall native grasses is the preferred shelter.	1	Inhabits a variety of forests from tall, moist eucalypt forest to open woodland, with a tussock grass understorey. A dense cover of tall native grasses is the preferred shelter.	Only 1 record within the broader study area being 5km west of the subject site (on the other side of the Highway and the river), dating from 2012. No records east of the highway and none on or near the Iluka peninsula. Low likelihood to occur.	Not required.
Animalia	Mammalia	Pteropodidae	<i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i> Grey-headed Flying-fox	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	Foraging habitat in flowering eucalypts, particularly winter-flowering species; camps in dense wet forest or rainforest gullies.	74	Foraging habitat in flowering eucalypts, particularly winter-flowering species; camps in dense wet forest or rainforest gullies.	Suitable potential foraging habitat on site.	Further impact assessment required.
Animalia	Mammalia	Pteropodidae	<i>Synonycteris australis</i> Common Blossom-bat	Vulnerable	-	Roosts in littoral rainforest and feeds on flowers (particularly Banksia) in adjacent heathland and paperbark swamps.	21	Suitable potential habitat on site.	21 records within the broader study area with the closest being 1km to the east in 1990 and the most recent being 6km to the south in 2006. A breeding population of this species occurs adjacent to the subject site in Iluka NR. High likelihood to occur.	Further impact assessment required.
Animalia	Mammalia	Molossidae	<i>Mormopterus norfolkensis</i> Eastern Freetail-bat	Vulnerable	-	Occur in dry sclerophyll forest and woodland, roost in hollows and man-made structures.	2	Suitable potential habitat on site.	2 records from within the broader study area with the closest and most recent being 3km west of the subject site in 2002. This species was recorded foraging on site during survey.	Further impact assessment required.
Animalia	Mammalia	Vespertilionidae	<i>Chalinolobus nigrogriseus</i> Hoary Wattled Bat	Vulnerable	-	Roosts in tree hollows and forages in open understorey of dry open eucalypt forests dominated by Spotted Gum, Boxes and Ironbarks, and heathy coastal forests where Red Bloodwood and Scribbly Gum are common. Flies fast below the canopy.	9	No potential habitat on site.	Low.	Not required.
Animalia	Mammalia	Vespertilionidae	<i>Miniopterus australis</i> Little Bentwing-bat	Vulnerable	-	Roosts in caves and forages beneath tree canopies.	37	Suitable potential foraging habitat on site.	35 records from the broader study area with the closest being 1km east of the subject site in 1984 and the most recent being 10km south at Angourie in 2013.	Further impact assessment required.

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Animalia	Mammalia	Vespertilionidae	<i>Miniopterus schreibersii aceanensis</i> Eastern Bentwing-bat	Vulnerable	-	Roosts in caves and forages above tree canopies.	2	Suitable potential habitat on site.	This species was recorded foraging on site during survey. Only 2 records from the broader study area in 1998 and 2001. Low likelihood to occur.	Not required.
Animalia	Mammalia	Vespertilionidae	<i>Myotis macropus</i> Southern Myotis	Vulnerable	-	Forages over large bodies of water and roosts in hollows or under old wooden bridges, sometimes up to 10 km from foraging habitat.	25	Suitable potential roosting habitat on site in the hollow-bearing trees.	25 records from the broader study area with the closest being 5km south west of the subject site in 2003 and the most recent being 10km west of the subject site in 2015. No records of this species from the Iluka peninsula and all known roosting sites beneath bridges over the Clarence River and its tributaries. Low likelihood to occur.	Not required.
Animalia	Mammalia	Vespertilionidae	<i>Nyctophilus bifax</i> Eastern Long-eared Bat	Vulnerable	-	Occurs in lowland subtropical rainforest and wet and swamp eucalypt forest. Roosts in tree hollows, among epiphytes and dense clumps of rainforest foliage.	76	Marginally suitable foraging and roosting potential habitat on site.	76 records within the broader study area with the closest being 1km to the east in 1994 and the most recent being 2km to the south in 2008. A large number of records are from Iluka NR. Possibly recorded foraging on the site during survey. High likelihood to occur.	Further impact assessment required.
Animalia	Mammalia	Vespertilionidae	<i>Scoteanax rueppellii</i> Greater Broad-nosed Bat	Vulnerable	-	Found in a variety of habitats from woodland through to moist and dry eucalypt forest and rainforest, though most commonly found in tall wet forest. Roosts in tree hollows and forages over creeks and other corridors in forest.	6	Marginally suitable potential habitat on site; probably too cluttered with Lantana.	Only 6 records from the broader study area with closest and most recent being 2km south of the subject site in 2008. Low to moderate likelihood to occur.	Not required.
Plantae	Flora	Anthericaceae	<i>Caesia parviflora</i> var. <i>minor</i> Small Pale Grass-lily	Endangered	-	Found in damp places in open forest on sandstone.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	Low to none	Not required.
Plantae	Flora	Casuarinaceae	<i>Allocasuarina defungens</i> Dwarf Heath Casuarina	Endangered	Endangered	Occurs on coastal heath.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	Low	Not required.
Plantae	Flora	Cyperaceae	<i>Cyperus aquatilis</i> Water Nutgrass	Endangered	-	Occurs in ephemeral wet sites such as roadside ditches and seepage area in sandstone areas.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	Low to none	Not required.
Plantae	Flora	Dilleniaceae	<i>Hibbertia marginata</i> Bordered Guinea Flower	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	Occurs in grassy or shrubby open eucalypt forest at low altitudes on sandstone.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	Low to none	Not required.
Plantae	Flora	Euphorbiaceae	<i>Chamaesyce psammiogeton</i> Sand Spurge	Endangered	-	Occurs on coastal sand dunes.	7	No suitable habitat on site.	Low to none	Not required.
Plantae	Flora	Fabaceae (Faboideae)	<i>Sophora tomentosa</i> Silverbush	Endangered	-	Occurs on coastal sand dunes.	4	No suitable habitat on site.	Low	Not required.
Plantae	Flora	Juncaginaceae	<i>Maundia triglochinoides</i>	Vulnerable	-	Occurs in freshwater wetlands.	2	No suitable habitat on site.	Low to none	Not required.
Plantae	Flora	Lauraceae	<i>Endiandra hayesii</i> Rusty Rose Walnut	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	It is a rainforest species occurring in cool, moist sheltered valleys and gullies. Common in subtropical rainforests; littoral rainforests on fertile, basalt soils.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	Low	Not required.
Plantae	Flora	Menispermaceae	<i>Tinospora tinosporoides</i> Arrow-head Vine	Vulnerable	-		2	No suitable habitat on site.	Low	Not required.

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Plantae	Flora	Orchidaceae	<i>Diuris</i> sp. aff. <i>chrysantha</i> Byron Bay <i>Diuris</i>	Endangered	-	Known only from a single location at Byron Bay. Occurs in low-growing grassy heath on clay soil.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	Low	Not required.
Plantae	Flora	Orchidaceae	<i>Peristeranthus hillii</i> Brown Fairy-chain Orchid	Vulnerable	-	Restricted to coastal areas including littoral rainforest and lowland rainforest on floodplain.	1	No suitable habitat on site.	Low	Not required.
Plantae	Flora	Orchidaceae	<i>Phaius australis</i> Southern Swamp Orchid	Endangered	Endangered	Occurs in swampy grassland or swampy forest including rainforest, eucalypt or paperbark forest, mostly in coastal areas; as far south as Coffs Harbour.	21	Suitable habitat on site.	This species was found north of the site next to the golf course. Potential habitat for this species occurs at the western end of the site in swamp sclerophyll forest. High likelihood to occur.	Further impact assessment required.
Plantae	Flora	Rutaceae	<i>Acronychia littoralis</i> Scented Acronychia	Endangered	Endangered	Found in transition zones between littoral rainforest and swamp sclerophyll forest. Usually occurs within 2km from the coast on sandy soils.	17	Suitable habitat on site.	16 records were identified with the closest and most recent being 3km south of the subject site in 2012. High likelihood to occur.	Further impact assessment required.

Table 1.2: Flora species recorded in quadrats during all field survey. Abundance ratings are a modified 7 point Braun-Blanquet scale. Quadrat locations are shown in the text. RM = Random Meander, MF = reported by Mark Fitzgerald during previous survey. N = Nearby, * = exotic

Family	Scientific Name	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	K	L	M	N	RM	MF
Acanthaceae	<i>Thunbergia alata</i> *		N																			
Amaranthaceae	<i>Deeringia amaranthoides</i>	2																				
Anacardiaceae	<i>Euroschinus falcatus</i> var. <i>falcatus</i>																					x
Apocynaceae	<i>Parsonsia straminea</i>	2	2				1						1			1						
Araliaceae	<i>Polyscias elegans</i>	2	2		2			4b	1	1	1		2				1		2	2		
Araliaceae	<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i> *	2	4b		2			N														
Arecaceae	<i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>	1	3																			
Arecaceae	<i>Livistona australis</i>	2	1										N									
Arecaceae	<i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i> *		N																			
Asparagaceae	<i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i> *	4b	4b	3		1	1	N	1	2	2	2	3		2	4b	4b	3	3	2		
Asparagaceae	<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i> *	4b	4b																			
Aspleniaceae	<i>Asplenium australasicum</i>	N	1					N												2		
Asteliaceae	<i>Cordylina stricta</i>		1																	1		
Asteraceae	<i>Conyza</i> sp.*					1																
Asteraceae	<i>Delairea odorata</i> *					N			1													
Asteraceae	<i>Senecio amygdalifolius</i>														1							
Bignoniaceae	<i>Pandorea pandorana</i>	N	2				1															
Blechnaceae	<i>Blechnum cartilagineum</i>								1													
Casuarinaceae	<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>			N				N														
Commelinaceae	<i>Commelina cyanea</i>	1	2	1	1	1					1		2	2						1		
Commelinaceae	<i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i> *		4b						6								3					
Commelinaceae	<i>Tradescantia zebrina</i> *					N												4a				
Convolvulaceae	<i>Ipomoea cairica</i> *																				x	
Crassulaceae	<i>Bryophyllum delagoense</i> *			N																		
Cupressaceae	<i>Callitris columellaris</i>					4b			1	1	1	1			1	5		4b		4b		

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Cyperaceae	<i>Cyperus stradbrokeensis</i>			1	2	2			1	1	3		2	2	3	1	3	3		3		
Cyperaceae	<i>Cyperus tetraphyllus</i>	2	2																			
Davalliaceae	<i>Nephrolepis cordifolia</i>																				x	
Dennstaedtiaceae	<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>	3	3	4b	3	2	1	1		3	1			2	2	2	3	1	1			
Dilleniaceae	<i>Hibbertia scandens</i>			N	1		1										1					
Dioscoreaceae	<i>Dioscorea transversa</i>	2																	1			
Elaeocarpaceae	<i>Elaeocarpus obovatus</i>							N														
Ericaceae	<i>Leucopogon leptospermoides</i>									1												
Ericaceae	<i>Monotoca elliptica</i>	2				N									2							
Ericaceae	<i>Trochocarpa laurina</i>	4b	2	1	1	1			1							1				2		
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Breynia oblongifolia</i>	2		1	1	1	1		1				1	1		1	1			1		
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Claoxylon australe</i>						1															
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Glochidion ferdinandi</i> var. <i>ferdinandi</i>	N					4b															
Fabaceae	<i>Senna pendula</i> var. <i>glabrata</i> *	1	N													1						
Lamiaceae	<i>Clerodendrum tomentosum</i>																	1				x
Lamiaceae	<i>Gmelina leichhardtii</i>																					x
Lauraceae	<i>Beilschmiedia obtusifolia</i>		1																			
Lauraceae	<i>Cinnamomum camphorum</i> *																					x
Lauraceae	<i>Cryptocarya glaucescens</i>	2																				
Lauraceae	<i>Endiandra discolor</i>		1																			
Lauraceae	<i>Endiandra sieberi</i>	1	1												1							
Lauraceae	<i>Neolitsea australiensis</i>		1																			
Lomandraceae	<i>Lomandra filiformis</i> var. <i>filiformis</i>					1																
Lomandraceae	<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	3	3	1		3	1	N	1	1	1	1	3	1	3	3	2	2	1	2		
Luzuriagaceae	<i>Eustrephus latifolius</i>	2	2				1															
Luzuriagaceae	<i>Geitonoplesium cymosum</i>		1				1						1				1		1	2		
Malvaceae	<i>Commersonia bartramia</i>		1																			
Malvaceae	<i>Sterculia quadrifida</i>																				x	

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Meliaceae	<i>Synoum glandulosum</i>											1	1									
Menispermaceae	<i>Stephania japonica</i> var. <i>discolor</i>	3	3	1			1						nby									
Mimosaceae	<i>Acacia disparima</i> subsp. <i>disparima</i>		2	5	4b	4b	4b	4b	5	5	6	6	4b	5	5	4b		4b		4b		
Mimosaceae	<i>Acacia maidenii</i>	4b	4b		N														2			
Monimiaceae	<i>Wilkiea huegeliana</i>	N	1																			
Moraceae	<i>Ficus elastica</i> *		N																			
Moraceae	<i>Maclura cochinchinensis</i>	2	N																			
Myrsinaceae	<i>Myrsine variabilis</i>																					x
Myrtaceae	<i>Acmena hemilampra</i>	N					4b	N														
Myrtaceae	<i>Austromyrtus dulcis</i>																				x	
Myrtaceae	<i>Corymbia intermedia</i>	5	4b		4b		4b	1	1				3					3				
Myrtaceae	<i>Eucalyptus propinqua</i> var. <i>propinqua</i>							N					nby									
Myrtaceae	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i>						4b										1					
Myrtaceae	<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>							N														
Myrtaceae	<i>Leptospermum polygalifolium</i> subsp. <i>polygalifolium</i>			1																		
Myrtaceae	<i>Lophostemon confertus</i>	4b	4b		1	N		N					4b					4b				
Myrtaceae	<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>	1	4b															4b				
Myrtaceae	<i>Ptilidostigma glabrum</i>																					x
Myrtaceae	<i>Psidium cattleianum</i> var. <i>cattleianum</i> *																					x
Myrtaceae	<i>Syzygium australe</i>			1																		
Myrtaceae	<i>Syzygium luehmannii</i>		4b																			
Ochnaceae	<i>Ochna serrulata</i> *	3	4b				1															
Oleaceae	<i>Notelaea longifolia</i> forma <i>intermedia</i>	1	1															1				
Orchidaceae	<i>Corybas</i> sp																	1		2		
Orchidaceae	<i>Cymbidium madidum</i>				1																	
Orchidaceae	<i>Cymbidium suave</i>	N																				
Orchidaceae	<i>Pterostylis nutans</i>																		1	3		

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Orchidaceae	<i>Zeuxine oblonga</i>	1			1		1															
Passifloraceae	<i>Passiflora herbertiana</i>	3	N				1							2								
Phormiaceae	<i>Dianella caerulea</i>	2	2			N																
Phyllanthaceae	<i>Bridelia exaltata</i>																					x
Pinaceae	<i>Pinus sp.*</i>		N																			
Poaceae	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>																					
Poaceae	<i>Entolasia stricta</i>		2																			
Poaceae	<i>Megathyrus maximus*</i>	4a	4b	7	4b	4b	4b	6	6	6	6	6	5	6	5	3	5	5		5		
Poaceae	<i>Oplismenus aemulus</i>			1																		
Poaceae	<i>Paspalum urvillei*</i>		N																			
Polypodiaceae	<i>Platynerium bifurcatum</i>	3		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3		
Proteaceae	<i>Banksia integrifolia subsp. integrifolia</i>	2	2	1	4b	1		1	1	1	1	1	3				4b	1				
Proteaceae	<i>Banksia serrata</i>		1																			
Proteaceae	<i>Persoonia stradbrokeensis</i>					N			1						2							
Pteridaceae	<i>Pellaea falcata</i>								1													
Rhamnaceae	<i>Alphitonia excelsa</i>														1			1				
Rhamnaceae	<i>Pomaderris vellea</i>	1																				
Rosaceae	<i>Rubus rosifolius</i>				N																	
Rubiaceae	<i>Caelospermum paniculatum</i>		1																			
Rubiaceae	<i>Coffea arabica*</i>		N																			
Rubiaceae	<i>Morinda jasminoides</i>	2			1														2			
Rubiaceae	<i>Pomax umbellata</i>	N	1																			
Rutaceae	<i>Acronychia imperforata</i>	4b	3	1	2	2	4b	4b	1	2	1	1	2		2	3	4b	2	2			
Rutaceae	<i>Acronychia oblongifolia</i>																			2		x
Rutaceae	<i>Melicope micrococca</i>													nby				1	3			
Sapindaceae	<i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i>	4b					3						3		2	3	3	1	2			
Sapindaceae	<i>Mischocarpus pyramidalis</i>	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	2	2				1	1	2			
Smilacaceae	<i>Smilax australis</i>	3	3	2	1		1	1	1			1	1			1	1	1	2	1		

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Appendix 1: Flora and Fauna data
Hickey Street, Iluka

Family	Scientific Name	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	K	L	M	N	RM	MF
Solanaceae	<i>Solanum nigrum</i> *	2		1													1					
Solanaceae	<i>Solanum seaforthianum</i> *	2					1										1					
Verbenaceae	<i>Lantana camara</i> *	6	6	5	6	4b	4b	7			6	5	4b	5	3	4b	5	4b		4b		
Vitaceae	<i>Cayratia clematidea</i>	1		1	1																	
Vitaceae	<i>Cissus hypoglauca</i>		2		1			4b											2			
Vitaceae	<i>Cissus sterculiifolia</i>	N																				

APPENDIX 3

SECTION 5A ASSESSMENTS “SEVEN PART TESTS”

Coastal Cypress Pine Forest

Coastal Cypress Pine Forest in the NSW North Coast Bioregion is listed as an endangered ecological community under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act (1995). It is not listed under the schedules of the Commonwealth Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999).

Coastal Cypress Pine Forest is restricted to the NSW North Coast Bioregion. It is found typically on coastal sand plains, north of Angourie (EOH 2016).

It is dominated by *Callitris columellaris* Coastal Cypress Pine but may sometimes have a mixed canopy with Myrtaceae (*Corymbia intermedia* Pink Bloodwood, *Eucalyptus pilularis* Blackbutt, *Eucalyptus signata* Scribbly Gum), wattles (*Acacia disparrima* Salwood), she-oaks (*Allocasuarina littoralis* Black She-oak) or Banksias (*Banksia integrifolia*, *Banksia serrata*) or rainforest trees.

The Final Determination (NSW Scientific Committee 2011) defines this community as having and open to sparse understorey of shrubs, sedges and herbs. The community may have a distinctive litter layer with patches of compressed Coastal Cypress Pine branchlets (OEH 2016a). Structural forms of the community include woodland, open forest and closed forest, although the tree stratum may be very sparse, absent, or comprised only of dead trees in stands affected by partial clearing, tree senescence or fire (NSW Scientific Committee 2011).

Fires may influence the structure and floristic diversity of the community, as the dominant tree species, Coastal Cypress Pine, is generally killed when burnt (OEH 2016a). Besides the trees listed above, the characteristic assemblage of species within the Final Determination includes many shrubs, grasses, and soft ground covers.

The species present and their relative abundance will vary as a function of environmental factors such as rainfall, drought conditions and disturbances including fire regimes. The above ground relative abundance of species can change depending on the time since fire and may also change in response to changes in the fire regime (NSW Scientific Committee 2008).

Recent analysis of vegetation across the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Area by OEH (2012) has recognised three vegetation types that comprise this community: Community number 186 Coast Cypress Pine – Salwood – Jam Tarts shrubby open forest; Community number 187 Coast Cypress Pine shrubby open forest; and Community number 188 Coast Cypress Pine open forest to closed forest with littoral rainforest elements.

The total area of occurrence is thought to be highly restricted, with estimates of 150 hectares to 200 hectares (Benwell 1995). It is currently known from approximately 15 to 20 locations with majority of known patches being smaller than 10 hectares (NSW Scientific Committee 2008) and half of all occurrences are mapped within National Parks including Bundjalung National Park, Yuraygir National Park, Broadwater National Park, and Billinudgel Nature Reserve (NSW Scientific Committee 2011).

This community has undergone significant decline since European settlement with estimates suggesting that the area occupied by this EEC may have declined by more than 77% (Benwell 1998, in NSW Scientific Committee 2011). Clearing remains a threat to this community with coastal development and sand mining imposing the greatest impacts. Other threats include habitat degradation and weed invasion from a number of noxious species including *Asparagus aethiopicus* and *Lantana camara* Lantana (NSW Scientific Committee 2008).

The subject site contains scattered occurrences of species characteristic of this community, including *Callitris columellaris* Coastal Cypress Pine and *Cyperus stradbokensis*, but the EEC is considered to be restricted to a patch of 0.25 hectares along the southern boundary. It also occurs on the adjacent crown land in two patches of 1.15 and 1.16 hectares.

It is proposed to retain the 0.25 hectare patch in its entirety and conservator manage it in Park C. Approximately 70 square metres of this EEC will need to be cleared for rationalisation of the fire trail at its eastern end.

(a) in the case of a threatened species, whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,

Response:

This question is not relevant to an endangered ecological community.

(b) in the case of an endangered population, whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species that constitutes the endangered population such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,

Response:

This question is not relevant to an endangered ecological community.

(c) in the case of an endangered ecological community or critically endangered ecological community, whether the action proposed:

(i) is likely to have an adverse effect on the extent of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction, or

Response:

The proposed works will remove a small area of 70 square metres and retain and manage for conservation 0.25 hectares. Its local occurrence will be retained almost in its entirety.

(ii) is likely to substantially and adversely modify the composition of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,

Response:

The removal of weed-infested disturbed bushland will remove weed propagules from the local environment. The area of this EEC on site will be retained and managed under an approved conservation management plan. This is not likely to modify the composition of the community such that its local occurrence will be placed at risk of extinction.

(d) in relation to the habitat of a threatened species, population or ecological community:

(i) the extent to which habitat is likely to be removed or modified as a result of the action proposed, and

Response:

The proposed works will remove 70 square metres of this endangered ecological community at the edge of the fire trail. The remaining area of occurrence will be retained and protected.

(ii) whether an area of habitat is likely to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat as a result of the proposed action, and

Response:

The bushland of the coastal sands of Iluka Peninsula are relatively well connected. While the proposal will remove a portion of bushland, there will remain north to south and east to west linkages. The removal of highly modified and weedy bushland is unlikely to significantly exacerbate this pattern.

(iii) the importance of the habitat to be removed, modified, fragmented or isolated to the long-term survival of the species, population or ecological community in the locality,

Response:

The area of habitat to be removed or modified totals 70 square metres. This is unlikely to represent habitat important enough to threaten its long term survival.

(e) whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on critical habitat (either directly or indirectly),

Response:

No critical habitat has been declared for this endangered ecological community.

(f) whether the action proposed is consistent with the objectives or actions of a recovery plan or threat abatement plan,

Response:

No recovery plan has been published for this community however, the Office of Environment and Heritage is currently developing management strategies for this endangered ecological community. The following management strategy has been identified for this community (OEH 2016b):

1. The extent and condition of this ecological community will be improved or maintained primarily via positive management consistent with Catchment Action Plans, water management plans, and by regulating clearing. Where it occurs on private lands, this ecological community will also benefit from voluntary agreements with landholders to manage the land for conservation purposes.

A number of recovery activities have also been identified (OEH 2016a):

2. Avoid edge encroachment and trampling, using defined walking tracks and fencing where appropriate.
3. Undertake weed management in remnants.
4. Generally, avoid fire in this community but arrange ecological burning where assessed by OEH as necessary for regeneration.
5. Expand and connect isolated remnants by planting and/or bush regeneration.

The proposed development retains the extent of this community on site within bushland reserve as part of the design and a site-specific management plan is recommended. Therefore, the proposal is largely consistent within these outcomes.

(g) whether the action proposed constitutes or is part of a key threatening process or is likely to result in the operation of, or increase the impact of, a key threatening process.

Response:

The proposed works contribute to the Key Threatening Process “Clearing of Native Vegetation”, but only within a very small area occupied by this endangered ecological community.

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***Acronychia littoralis* Scented Acronychia**

Achronychia littoralis is listed as Endangered under Schedule 2 of the Threatened Species Conservation Act (1995). This species is also listed as Endangered under the Schedules of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999).

This species is a small tree growing to 6 metres tall with four-petalled yellowish flowers produced in summer growing from the leaf and stem junction (OEH 2015a). Fruits that are produced during summer have a flattened oval shape and are a creamy lemon colour up to 20 millimetres in diameter, with four lobes separated by shallow fissures (Commonwealth Conservation Advice 2008).

It occurs within 2 kilometres of the coast from Port Macquarie in the south to Fraser Island in the north, on sand in humid areas with rainfall greater than 1,600 millimetres (Commonwealth Conservation Advice 2008). This species is found in transition zones between littoral rainforest and swamp sclerophyll forest; littoral and coastal cypress pine communities and margins of littoral forest (Department of the Environment 2015). Over 40% of the known populations are in national parks and nature reserves (Department of the Environment 2015), including the nearby Bundjalung National Park. The population within the park near the Esk River is a proposed key site for the conservation of this species (OEH 2015b).

There are two forms of this species, with one producing viable seeds and one that reproduces vegetatively (OEH 2015a). All known populations of this species occur in fragmented habitats susceptible to disturbance and are facing threats from development, weeds (particularly *Lantana camara* Lantana), salt-laden wind burn and fires (NSW Department of the Environment 2015).

This species was not recorded on the subject site despite intensive survey. Potential habitat for this species occurs across the site, albeit in highly modified bushland.

(a) in the case of a threatened species, whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,

Response:

Little is known about the life cycle triggers for this species. It is very difficult to propagate from seed and it is mooted that it may need to pass through the gut of a bird to trigger germination (Erskine 2013). This species is also known to sucker, which may be a survival mechanism after fire. The closely related *Acronychia imperforata* is known to resprout after fire (NSW NPWS 2002).

The known (presumably viable) local population occurs further north at the Esk River in Bundjalung National Park and a new record in Iluka NR was established during this study.

The proposed development will remove most of the poor quality marginal habitat on site

while retaining the intact remnant vegetation and rehabilitating some of the other vegetation in Parks A and B.

The proposal is not considered likely to significantly alter either of the factors identified as having a likely impact on the life cycle of this species - fire and frugivores.

(b) in the case of an endangered population, whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species that constitutes the endangered population such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,

Response:

This question is not relevant to a threatened species.

(c) in the case of an endangered ecological community or critically endangered ecological community, whether the action proposed:

(i) is likely to have an adverse effect on the extent of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction, or

Response:

This question is not relevant to a threatened species.

(ii) is likely to substantially and adversely modify the composition of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,

Response:

This question is not relevant to a threatened species.

(d) in relation to the habitat of a threatened species, population or ecological community:

(i) the extent to which habitat is likely to be removed or modified as a result of the action proposed, and

Response:

Poor quality marginal potential habitat occurs on site in the 16.4 hectares to be cleared.

(ii) whether an area of habitat is likely to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat as a result of the proposed action, and

Response:

The pattern of fragmentation of habitat will be marginally altered. Connectivity of habitat within the site and with adjacent areas of bushland will be maintained by the retention and conservation management of Parks A and B. The regional wildlife corridor is located outside of the subject site and will not be impacted by the proposal. It is therefore considered that the degree of increased fragmentation is not significant, particularly considering that the site provides only potential habitat in a highly modified state.

(iii) the importance of the habitat to be removed, modified, fragmented or isolated to the long-term survival of the species, population or ecological community in the locality,

Response:

The habitat on site cannot be considered to be important for the long term survival of a local viable population as it provides potential habitat only and of highly modified, poor quality bushland. Known local population occurrences are to the north near the Esk River in Bundjalung National Park and in Iluka Nature Reserve to the east, distant from the subject site.

(e) whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on critical habitat (either directly or indirectly),

Response:

No critical habitat has been declared for this species.

(f) whether the action proposed is consistent with the objectives or actions of a recovery plan or threat abatement plan,

Response:

This species has been assigned to the “site managed species” management stream under the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH 2015b), as it is considered that this species can be successfully secured by carrying out targeted conservation projects on specific sites. Eight such sites have been identified for this species, none of which include the subject site (OEH 2015b).

The nearest management site is the Esk River site, and its management and the objectives of the management actions to be undertaken in this population are:

1. Reduce and maintain weed densities at low levels (particularly Bitou Bush);
2. Exclude fire;
3. Minimise accidental damage on road / track edges;
4. Determine the area of occupancy; and
5. Track species abundance and condition over time.

The following recovery activities have also been identified for this species (OEH 2015a):

1. Protect areas of known habitat from disturbance;
2. Protect remaining areas of habitat from clearing and development;
3. Control weeds in areas of known habitat;
4. Always stay on designated four-wheel drive tracks;
5. Regenerate areas of known habitat, including planting of local rainforest species to protect Scented *Acronychia* from exposure to salt-laden winds;
6. Monitor population dynamics and threats of known populations;
7. Exclude domestic stock from known habitat;
8. Implement appropriate fire regime for habitat in which the species occurs;
9. Provide advice to consent and planning authorities about the location and ecological requirements of the species; and
10. Maintain viable ex-situ collection.

The proposal is largely consistent with these recovery strategies.

(g) whether the action proposed constitutes or is part of a key threatening process or is likely to result in the operation of, or increase the impact of, a key threatening process.

Response:

The proposed works contribute to the Key Threatening Process “Clearing of Native Vegetation”.

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