



September 2026

# Western Highway Project Section 2b, Beaufort to Ararat

**Annual Compliance Report No. 13**

**July 2025 to June 2026**

**EPBC Approval No. 2010/5741**

DOC/26/72129

Prepared for

Triage and Wildlife Section  
Environment Permitting and Compliance Division  
National Environmental Protection Agency  
GPO Box 3090, CANBERRA ACT 2601



## Approval Information

| Criteria                | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Approval number</b>  | 2010/5741                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Approval holder:</b> | Roads Corporation (trading as VicRoads)<br>Due to Machinery of Government changes in Victoria, VIDA Roads is now responsible for the delivery of the Action.                                                             |
| <b>ABN:</b>             | 61 760 960 480<br>VIDA Roads is a project office within the Victorian Infrastructure Delivery Authority, which is an administrative office within the Victorian Department of Transport & Planning (ABN 69 981 208 782). |
| <b>Approved action</b>  | To upgrade the Western Highway between Beaufort and Ararat, Victoria                                                                                                                                                     |

## Document Control Record

| Criteria                  | Details                                                                                |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Document title:</b>    | Annual Compliance Report No. 13 (July 2025 to June 2026) (EPBC Approval No. 2010/5741) |
| <b>Document owner:</b>    | VIDA Roads                                                                             |
| <b>CM9 Reference no.:</b> | DOC/26/72129                                                                           |
| <b>Version:</b>           | 1.0                                                                                    |
| <b>Issue Date:</b>        | September 2026                                                                         |

© Document copyright of VIDA Roads

This document is copyright. This document is published publicly for the purpose of compliance to the EPBC Act Approval requirement and is for general information only.

### Acknowledgement of Country

The Western Highway Project Section 2, Beaufort to Ararat is located on the lands of the Eastern Maar.

VIDA Roads acknowledges the Eastern Maar people as the Traditional Owners and custodians. We acknowledge their ancestors who cared for the land, rivers, and sea. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and future.

# Table of Contents

|                   |                                                                  |           |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>1</b>          | <b>Introduction .....</b>                                        | <b>5</b>  |
| 1.1               | Purpose.....                                                     | 5         |
| 1.2               | Scope.....                                                       | 5         |
| 1.3               | Compliance audit .....                                           | 10        |
| 1.4               | Project status .....                                             | 10        |
| 1.5               | Amendment of the Threatened Species Management Plan (TSMP) ..... | 11        |
| <b>2</b>          | <b>Performance and Compliance (EPBC 2010/5741) .....</b>         | <b>12</b> |
| <b>3</b>          | <b>New Environmental Risks .....</b>                             | <b>34</b> |
| <b>Appendix A</b> | <b>Project Map .....</b>                                         | <b>35</b> |
| <b>Appendix B</b> | <b>Approval Notice - 13 January 2021.....</b>                    | <b>38</b> |
| <b>Appendix C</b> | <b>Approval Notice - 24 March 2026.....</b>                      | <b>44</b> |

# Terms, abbreviations, and definitions

The terms, abbreviations and definitions used in this document are listed below.

| Term/Abbreviation                | Definition                                                                                |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>The Approval</b>              | EPBC 2010/5741                                                                            |
| <b>Approved action</b>           | To upgrade the Western Highway between Beaufort and Ararat, Victoria                      |
| <b>CHMP</b>                      | Cultural Heritage Management Plan under the <i>Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006</i> |
| <b>DCCEEW<br/>The Department</b> | Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the Department)          |
| <b>DEECA</b>                     | Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (Victoria)                           |
| <b>DTP</b>                       | Department of Transport and Planning (Victoria)                                           |
| <b>EPBC Act</b>                  | <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>                      |
| <b>GEWVVP</b>                    | Grassy Eucalypt Woodland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain                                  |
| <b>GSM</b>                       | Golden Sun Moth                                                                           |
| <b>HA</b>                        | Hectare                                                                                   |
| <b>MRPV</b>                      | Major Road Projects Victoria                                                              |
| <b>NEPA</b>                      | National Environment Protection Agency                                                    |
| <b>NGZ</b>                       | No go zone                                                                                |
| <b>NTGWVP</b>                    | Natural Temperate Grassland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain                               |
| <b>NVMP</b>                      | Native Vegetation Management Plan                                                         |
| <b>NVOMP</b>                     | Native Vegetation Offset Management Plan                                                  |
| <b>Section 2A</b>                | Western Highway Project between Beaufort and Buangor, Victoria                            |
| <b>Section 2B</b>                | Western Highway Project between Buangor and Ararat, Victoria                              |
| <b>SRF</b>                       | Spiny Rice-flower                                                                         |
| <b>TSMP</b>                      | Threatened Species Management Plan                                                        |
| <b>VIDA</b>                      | Victorian Infrastructure Delivery Authority                                               |
| <b>VIDA Roads</b>                | VIDA Roads (formerly Major Road Projects Victoria, MRPV)                                  |

# 1 Introduction

Approval 2010/5741 was granted under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the Approval) to the Roads Corporation (trading as VicRoads) on 17 April 2014 in relation to the construction of the Western Highway Project Section 2, Beaufort to Ararat, Victoria (the 'approved action' or 'the Project').

The Approval permits impacts to matters of national environmental significance (MNES) to enable the upgrade of approximately 33 km of the Western Highway between Beaufort and Ararat in Victoria, Australia. The approved action is being delivered in stages, as follows:

- Section 2A (Beaufort to Buangor) (completed April 2016)
- Buangor Bypass (completed November 2016)
- Section 2B (Buangor to Ararat).

The Approval relates to the following MNES:

- Grassy Eucalypt Woodland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain (GEWVVP)
- Natural Temperate Grassland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain (NTGVVP)
- Spiny Rice-flower (SRF)
- Button Wrinklewort (BW)
- Dwarf Galaxias (DG)

A map for Section 2 (Stage 2A, Buangor Bypass and Stage 2B) and Section 2B is provided in Appendix A.

## 1.1 Purpose

Condition 21 of the Approval requires:

'Within three months of June 30 each year following the commencement of **construction activities**, the person taking the action must publish an annual report of compliance on their website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, 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 annual report of compliance must document the outcomes of the management plan(s) against the performance indicators of the management plan(s).'

This is the thirteenth compliance report prepared for the approved action.

## 1.2 Scope

The Approval was varied on 10 April 2015, 23 September 2020, 13 January 2021 and 24 March 2026.

This compliance report addresses Condition 21 for the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 (reporting period). Proof of publication will be provided to National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA), formerly the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the Department) at the same time as the compliance report is published. Tables 1 to 3 detail the differences in conditions, definitions and management plans between the 2021 and 2026 variations.

As the Approval was varied during the reporting period, the Department advised (17 June 2026) that VIDA Roads report against each approval and management plan over the period in which they were relevant. Therefore this report details compliance with the 2021 variation for the period of 1 July 2025 – 23 March 2026, and compliance with the 2026 variation for the period of 24 March 2026 – 30 June 2026.

As two of the three stages of Section 2 (namely Section 2A (Beaufort to Buangor) and the Buangor Bypass) were completed in 2016, this compliance report largely relates to activities completed for Section 2B.

Table 1 Differences between Condition 4 EPBC 2010/5741 approved on 13 January 2021 and 24 March 2026

| July 2025 – 23 March 2026 (2021 variation)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 24 March – 30 June 2026 (2026 variation)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>The person taking the action must, in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist revise the Threatened Species Management Plan(s) for the conservation and enhancement of the Spiny Rice-flower, Button Wrinklewort, Golden Sun Moth habitat, and Dwarf Galaxias habitat in accordance with the requirements set out below, and submit the revised plan(s) for the Minister's approval. Construction activities must not commence within 100m of each of the matters identified above (as illustrated in Annex 1) until the Minister approves the revised plan(s) in relation to that matter.</p> <p>A. base line data and other supporting evidence that documents the baseline condition of populations of Spiny Rice-flower, Button Wrinklewort, Golden Sun Moth and Dwarf Galaxias habitat and populations within the project area;</p> <p>b. specific management actions to maintain and/or improve Spiny Rice-flower, Button Wrinklewort, Golden Sun Moth, and Dwarf Galaxias populations and habitat within the project are, including but not limited to details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. establishing no-go zones(s) with a minimum 3 m buffer around Spiny Rice-flower patch(s), Button Wrinklewort patch(s), Golden Sun Moth habitat, and Dwarf Galaxias habitat to be avoided. Clearly marking no-go zone(s) with high-visibility fencing and signage for at least the duration that construction activities are within 100 m of the no-go zone(s);</li> <li>ii. a plan and schedule for revegetation, rehabilitation and weed removal works for the improvement of Golden Sun Moth habitat impacted by the proposed action;</li> <li>iii. how any pipes, culverts and/or bridges constructed within Dwarf Galaxias habitat will not restrict habitat connectivity or hinder the dispersal of Dwarf Galaxias;</li> <li>iv. revoked 10 April 2015</li> </ul> | <p>The person taking the action must, in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist, revise the Threatened Species Management Plan to specify measures to conserve and enhance the Spiny Rice-flower and Button Wrinklewort populations, and Golden Sun Moth habitat as set out below and submit the revised plan to the Department for the Minister's approval. Construction activities must not commence within 100m of each of the matters identified above (as illustrated in Annexure 1) until the Minister approves the revised plan(s) in relation to that matter.</p> <p>a. Baseline data and other supporting evidence that documents the baseline condition of populations of Spiny Rice-flower, Button Wrinklewort, and Golden Sun Moth habitat in the project area;</p> <p>b. Specific management actions to maintain or improve Spiny Rice-flower, Button Wrinklewort, and Golden Sun Moth populations and habitat within the project area, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Ensuring no-go zones are clearly marked using high visibility fencing and signage for at least the period that construction activities occur within 100 meters of any no-go zone:</li> <li>ii) A plan and schedule for revegetation, rehabilitation and weed removal works for the improvement of Golden Sun Moth habitat impacted by the Action;</li> <li>iii) Revoked</li> <li>iv) Revoked 10 April 2015</li> <li>v) Revoked 10 April 2015</li> <li>vi) Revoked</li> <li>vii) Revoked</li> </ul> |

| July 2025 – 23 March 2026 (2021 variation)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 24 March – 30 June 2026 (2026 variation)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>v. revoked 10 April 2015</p> <p>vi. the method and schedule for water quality monitoring of Dwarf Galaxias habitat during construction activities;</p> <p>vii. a plan and schedule for revegetation, rehabilitation and weed removal works within Dwarf Galaxias habitat, including establishment of in-stream habitat with suitable features such as woody debris and native riparian and aquatic species;</p> <p>viii. implementing sediment, erosion and pollution control protocols, in accordance with <i>Construction Techniques for Sediment Pollution Control (EPA Publication No. 275, 1991); and Environmental Guidelines for Major Construction Sites (EPA Publication No. 480, February 1996); and</i></p> <p>ix. ensuring chemicals and fuels are stored and handled in accordance with the relevant Material Safety Data Sheets. Ensuring chemicals and fuels are not stockpiled within 100m of waterways, and a spill kit must be kept onsite for the duration of construction. Implementing an emergency response procedure in the event of a chemical or fuel spill near waterways.</p> <p>c. information and commitments about monitoring and reporting on the improvements in the condition of the project area; and</p> <p>d. corrective actions and contingency measures to be implemented where monitoring under the Threatened Species Management Plan(s) indicates a degradation of Spiny Rice-flower, Button Wrinklewort, Golden Sun Moth habitat, and/or Dwarf Galaxias habitat.</p> | <p>viii) Implementing sediment, erosion and pollution control protocols, in accordance with <i>Construction Techniques for Sediment Pollution Control (EPA Publication No. 275, 1991)</i> and <i>Environmental Guidelines for Major Construction Sites (EPA Publication No. 480, February 1996)</i> or subsequent relevant EPA publications; and</p> <p>ix) Ensuring chemicals and fuels are stored and handled in accordance with the relevant Material Safety Data Sheets.</p> <p>c. Information and commitments for monitoring and reporting on the conditions of the habitat of the protected matters in the project area; and</p> <p>d. Corrective actions and contingency measures to be implemented if monitoring indicates a degradation of the habitat of any of the protected matters.</p> |

Table 2. Differences between definitions in EPBC 2010/5741 approved on 13 January 2021 and 24 March 2026

| July 2025 – 23 March 2026 (2021 variation)                                                                                                                                  | 24 March – 30 June 2026 (2026 variation)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| iii. Button Wrinklewort patch(s) -the patch(s) of habitat for the Button Wrinklewort within the project area as illustrated at Annex 1.                                     | Button Wrinklewort patch(s) - means the patch(s) of habitat for the Button Wrinklewort within the project area, represented in Annexure 1 by the aqua-coloured circles designated 'Button Wrinklewort'                                                                                                      |
| Not applicable                                                                                                                                                              | Development footprint means the location where clearing and construction will be undertaken from the date this instrument is signed, represented in Annexure 1 by the zones enclosed by the red lines.                                                                                                      |
| xii. Dwarf Galaxias – the native fish species <i>Galaxiella pusilla</i> , protected under the EPBC Act.                                                                     | Dwarf Galaxias - REVOKED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| xiii. Dwarf Galaxias habitat – in-stream habitat and fringing vegetation along sections of Hopkins River, Billy Billy Creek and/or Mount Emu Creek within the project area. | Dwarf Galaxias habitat - REVOKED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| xix. Golden Sun Moth habitat – is any grassland (exotic and native) that may be utilised by the Golden Sun Moth at any stage of its life cycle.                             | Golden Sun Moth habitat means any grassland (exotic and native) that may be utilised by the Golden Sun Moth at any stage of its life cycle. The areas of Golden Sun Moth habitat within the project area are represented by Annexure 1 by the yellow-hatched polygons designated 'Golden Sun Moth habitat'. |
| xxv. No-go zone(s) – clearly delineated area(s) of conservation value, to be avoided by construction related activities, including machinery, vehicles and personnel.       | No-go zones means each clearly delineated areas of conservation value represented by orange shaded areas in Annexure 1, and which must be avoided by construction activities, machinery, vehicles and personnel.                                                                                            |
| xxx. Project area – the footprint area where the proposed action will occur, as illustrated at Annex 1.                                                                     | Project area means the location where the Action will be taken, represented in Annexure 1 by the zones enclosed by the blue lines designated 'Alignment' and the zones enclosed by the red lines designated 'Development footprint'.                                                                        |

| July 2025 – 23 March 2026 (2021 variation)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 24 March – 30 June 2026 (2026 variation)                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Not applicable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Protected matters means a matter protected under a controlling provision in Part 3 of the EPBC Act for which this approval has effect.                                                                                                            |
| xxxiv. Striped Legless Lizard – the native lizard species <i>Delma impar</i> , protected under the EPBC Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Striped Legless Lizard - REVOKED                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| xxviii. Threatened Species Management Plan – the document entitled. <i>Western Highway Project Section 2: Beaufort to Ararat, Victoria, Threatened Species Management Plan, dated October 2013</i> or a subsequent version prepared in compliance with the Victorian condition of approval for this action, currently approved by the Minister pursuant to Condition 24. | Threatened Species Management Plan means the document entitled <i>Western Highway Project Section 2: Beaufort to Ararat, Victoria, Threatened Species Management Plan, dated October 2013</i> , or a subsequent version approved by the Minister. |
| xli. Weed Management Plan – the document titled final report <i>Weed Management Plan, Western Highway Duplication Project – Section 2, Beaufort to Ararat, Victoria, dated June 2013</i> , as per Annex 4.                                                                                                                                                               | Weed Management Plan means the document titled final report <i>Weed Management Plan, Western Highway Duplication Project – Section 2, Beaufort to Ararat, Victoria, dated June 2013</i> , or a subsequent version approved by the Minister.       |

Table 3. Differences between management plans in EPBC 2010/5741 approved on 13 January 2021 and 24 March 2026

| July 2025 – 23 March 2026 (2021 variation)                             | 24 March – 30 June 2026 (2026 variation)                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Threatened Species Management Plan May 2020 (approved 22 October 2020) | Threatened Species Management Plan March 2026 (approved 1 April 2026) |

## 1.3 Compliance audit

On 3 May 2024, the Department commenced an audit of the Project to assess compliance with the conditions of the Approval. The audit concluded in January 2025, and the audit findings were published on the Department's website [https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc/compliance/audits#\\_2025](https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc/compliance/audits#_2025)

The findings of this audit were addressed by VIDA Roads in the Compliance Assessment Report No. 12 for the reporting period July 2024 - June 2025 and are not discussed in this report.

## 1.4 Project status

As of October 2020, construction works for Section 2B of the approved action were placed on hold. The Project re-commenced when a new Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) was prepared and approved in accordance with the Victorian *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* in February 2026.

Early works (site investigations) recommenced on 22 June 2026 following cultural heritage activities in accordance with the approved CHMP.

Key activities undertaken as part of the Project during the compliance reporting period (July 2025 – June 2026) are listed below. Further detail is provided in Table 4.

- Maintenance of existing No Go Zones (NGZ)
- Ongoing visual environmental monitoring and surveillance
- Maintenance of erosion and sediment controls
- Implementation of the Weed Management Plan, Threatened Species Management Plan and Offset Management Plans
- Preparation and approval of a Cultural Heritage Management Plan
- Cultural heritage activities commenced onsite.

The following activities listed in Table 4 were undertaken during the Year 13 (July 2025 – June 2026) reporting period.

*Table 4 Key activities during the compliance reporting period (July 2025 - June 2026)*

| Activity                                         | Works Area   | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Maintenance of No Go Zones (NGZs)                | Project Area | Weekly inspections to ensure the NGZs remain intact and undamaged.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Visual environmental monitoring and surveillance | Project Area | Daily inspections of the project area to ensure environmental controls were in place and to monitor effectiveness including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stockpiles</li> <li>• Fuels and chemicals</li> <li>• Waste management</li> </ul>                                                                                                                     |
| Implementation of Weed Management Plan           | Project Area | Weed management activities undertaken during the reporting period include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance and use of vehicle access points for all vehicles that enter the Project Area.</li> <li>• Maintenance and use of washdown bays (including wash down bay signage).</li> <li>• Weed management inspections</li> <li>• Weed survey</li> </ul> |

| Activity                                                               | Works Area       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                        |                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weed control</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Implementation of Threatened Species Management Plan (Version 6 and 7) | Project Area     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintenance of NGZs</li> <li>Maintenance of erosion and sediment controls</li> <li>Ongoing visual environmental monitoring and surveillance, including of Button Wrinklewort populations</li> <li>Use of vehicle access points and washdown bay</li> <li>Rubbish and litter removal</li> </ul> |
| Cultural heritage activities, including protection fencing             | Pope Road Parcel | Cultural heritage fencing in accordance with the CHMP installed on site in June 2026 and activities commenced in mid-June in accordance with the approved CHMP.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Access tracks for cultural heritage activities                         | Pope Road Parcel | Access tracks to facilitate cultural heritage activities installed in June 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

## 1.5 Amendment of the Threatened Species Management Plan (TSMP)

The version of the TSMP that was implemented between July 2025 – March 2026 is Issue No.6 dated May 2020 approved by the delegate of the Commonwealth Environment Minister on 22 October 2020 and by the Secretary – DEECA on 27 November 2020.

An updated version TSMP was prepared during the reporting period of July 2025 to June 2026 post approval of the new CHMP. The updated TSMP is Issue No. 7 and was submitted to the Department for approval in March 2026 pursuant to Condition 24 of the Approval and was approved on 1 April 2026. The updated TSMP was also submitted to DEECA for approval as part of the Victorian approval process and was endorsed by DEECA on 15 May 2026.

VIDA Roads advised the Department of its intention to continue to operate under and implement Issue No. 6 of the TSMP in relation to all Project activities, and that Issue No. 7 would not be published on its website until such time as the amended TSMP was approved by DEECA. On 2 February 2021, the Department confirmed that it approved of this approach and that the amended TSMP must be published within 10 business days of approval by the State.

In addition, Dwarf Galaxias *Galaxiella pusilla* was removed from the document as a taxonomic review in 2015 resulted in the description of two distinct species. The two species include *G. pusilla* and *G. toourtkoourt* (Little Galaxias). The revised distribution of Dwarf Galaxias has reduced by approximately 60%, with the species no longer recognised as occurring within waterways associated with the Project (i.e. Billy Billy Creek, Hopkins River).

The current TSMP can be found on Victoria's Big Build website:

<https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/roads/western-highway-upgrade/environment>

## 2 Performance and Compliance (EPBC 2010/5741)

| # | Date of Decision          | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Original dated 17/4/2014  | To minimise impacts of construction on listed threatened species and ecological communities:<br><br>The person taking the action must ensure that the action does not occur outside of the project area as illustrated at Annex 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Compliant         | No construction has occurred during the reporting period. All project activities that have been undertaken since the project commenced, have occurred within the approved project area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2 | Original dated 17/4/2014  | The person taking the action must ensure that project activities do not impact more than five (5) Spiny Rice-flower plants.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Compliant         | There have been no impacts to Spiny Rice-flower plants during the reporting period within the activity area. No impacts to Spiny Rice-flower have occurred since project commencement within the activity area.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 3 | Original dated 17/4/2014  | The person taking the action must ensure the approved Weed Management Plan is implemented.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Compliant         | The Weed Management Plan was implemented during the reporting period for Section 2B. Key weed management activities implemented in response to key performance indicators on Section 2B (Buangor to Ararat) during the reporting period included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management and use of vehicle access points for all vehicles that enter the Project Area.</li> <li>• Management and use of washdown bays (including wash down bay signage).</li> <li>• Weed management inspections.</li> <li>• Updated weed mapping (June 2026)</li> </ul> |
| 4 | Variation dated 10/4/2015 | The person taking the action must, in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist revise the Threatened Species Management Plan(s) for the conservation and enhancement of the Spiny Rice-flower, Button Wrinklewort, Golden Sun Moth habitat, and Dwarf Galaxias habitat in accordance with the requirements set out below, and submit the revised plan(s) for the Minister's approval. Construction activities must not commence within 100m of each of the matters identified | Compliant         | <b>Relevant only for the period 1 July 2025 – 23 March 2026</b><br><br>The revised Threatened Species Management Plan (TSMP) required by condition 4 was developed in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist, DEECA and the Department and was approved by the Department on 11 June 2014. The TSMP relevant for this period is Version 6.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

| # | Date of Decision | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence |
|---|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|   |                  | <p>above (as illustrated in Annex 1) until the Minister approves the revised plan(s) in relation to that matter.</p> <p>a. base line data and other supporting evidence that documents the baseline condition of populations of Spiny Rice-flower, Button Wrinklewort, Golden Sun Moth and Dwarf Galaxias habitat and populations within the project area;</p> <p>b. specific management actions to maintain and/or improve Spiny Rice-flower, Button Wrinklewort, Golden Sun Moth, and Dwarf Galaxias populations and habitat within the project area, including but not limited to details of:</p> <p>i. establishing no-go zone(s) with a minimum 3m buffer around Spiny Rice-flower patch(s), Button Wrinklewort patch(s), Golden Sun Moth habitat, and Dwarf Galaxias habitat to be avoided. Clearly marking no-go zone(s) with high-visibility fencing and signage for at least the duration that construction activities are within 100m of the no-go zone(s);</p> <p>ii. a plan and schedule for revegetation, rehabilitation and weed removal works for the improvement of Golden Sun Moth habitat impacted by the proposed action;</p> <p>iii. how any pipes, culverts and/or bridges constructed within Dwarf Galaxias habitat will not restrict habitat connectivity or hinder the dispersal of Dwarf Galaxias; iv. revoked 10 April 2015 v. revoked 10 April 2015</p> <p>vi. the method and schedule for water quality monitoring of Dwarf Galaxias habitat during construction activities; vii. a plan and schedule for revegetation, rehabilitation and weed removal works within Dwarf Galaxias habitat, including</p> |                   |                     |

| # | Date of Decision | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|   |                  | <p>establishment of in-stream habitat with suitable features such as woody debris and native riparian and aquatic species;</p> <p>viii. implementing sediment, erosion and pollution control protocols, in accordance with Construction Techniques for Sediment Pollution Control (EPA Publication No. 275, 1991); and Environmental Guidelines for Major Construction Sites (EPA Publication No. 480, February 1996); and ix. ensuring chemicals and fuels are stored and handled in accordance with the relevant Material Safety Data Sheets. Ensuring chemicals and fuels are not stockpiled within 100m of waterways, and a spill kit must be kept onsite for the duration of construction. Implementing an emergency response procedure in the event of a chemical or fuel spill near waterways.</p> <p>c. information and commitments about monitoring and reporting on the improvements in the condition of the project area; and</p> <p>d. corrective actions and contingency measures to be implemented where monitoring under the Threatened Species Management Plan(s) indicates a degradation of Spiny Rice-flower, Button Wrinklewort, Golden Sun Moth habitat, and/or Dwarf Galaxias habitat.</p> |                   |                     |

| # | Date of Decision           | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|   | Variation dated 24/03/2026 | <p>The person taking the action must, in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist, revise the Threatened Species Management Plan to specify measures to conserve and enhance the Spiny Rice-flower and Button Wrinklewort populations, and Golden Sun Moth habitat as set out below and submit the revised plan to the Department for the Minister's approval. Construction activities must not commence within 100m of each of the matters identified above (as illustrated in Annexure 1) until the Minister approves the revised plan(s) in relation to that matter.</p> <p>a. Baseline data and other supporting evidence that documents the baseline condition of populations of Spiny Rice-flower, Button Wrinklewort, and Golden Sun Moth habitat in the project area;</p> <p>b. Specific management actions to maintain or improve Spiny Rice-flower, Button Wrinklewort, and Golden Sun Moth populations and habitat within the project area, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Ensuring no-go zones are clearly marked using high visibility fencing and signage for at least the period that construction activities occur within 100 meters of any no-go zone:</li> <li>ii) A plan and schedule for revegetation, rehabilitation and weed removal works for the improvement of Golden Sun Moth habitat impacted by the Action;</li> <li>iii) Revoked</li> <li>iv) Revoked 10 April 2015</li> </ul> | Compliant         | <p><b>Relevant only for the period 24 March 2026 – 31 March 2026.</b></p> <p>The revised Threatened Species Management Plan (TSMP) required by condition 4 was developed in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist, DEECA and the Department and was approved by the Department on 11 June 2014. The TSMP relevant for this period is Version 6.</p> <p><b>Relevant only for the period 1 April 2026 – 30 June 2026</b></p> <p>The revised Threatened Species Management Plan (TSMP) required by condition 4 was developed in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist, DEECA and the Department and was approved by the Department on 1 April 2026. The TSMP relevant for this period is Version 7, March 2026.</p> |

| # | Date of Decision         | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|   |                          | <p>v) Revoked 10 April 2015</p> <p>vi) Revoked</p> <p>vii) Revoked</p> <p>viii) Implementing sediment, erosion and pollution control protocols, in accordance with <i>Construction Techniques for Sediment Pollution Control (EPA Publication No. 275, 1991)</i> and <i>Environmental Guidelines for Major Construction Sites (EPA Publication No. 480, February 1996)</i> or subsequent relevant EPA publications; and</p> <p>ix) Ensuring chemicals and fuels are stored and handled in accordance with the relevant Material Safety Data Sheets.</p> <p>c. Information and commitments for monitoring and reporting on the conditions of the habitat of the protected matters in the project area; and</p> <p>d. Corrective actions and contingency measures to be implemented if monitoring indicates a degradation of the habitat of any of the protected matters.</p> |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | The person taking the action must ensure the approved Threatened Species Management Plan(s) is implemented.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Compliant         | <p><b>Relevant only for the period 1 July 2025 – 31 March 2026</b></p> <p>Issue No. 6 of the TSMP dated May 2020, as approved by the Department on 22 October 2020, was implemented during the reporting period – refer to the response to Condition 24 below.</p> <p>Key TSMP activities implemented during the reporting period included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance and monitoring of No Go Zones (NGZ).</li> <li>• Maintenance of erosion and sediment controls.</li> <li>• Ongoing visual environmental monitoring and surveillance, including in respect of the Button Wrinklewort.</li> </ul> |

| # | Date of Decision         | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|   |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of vehicle access points and washdown bay.</li> <li>• Rubbish and litter removal.</li> </ul> <p>As required by section 15 of the TSMP (Issue No. 6 dated May 2020), an annual report detailing compliance with the TSMP was provided to the Department prior to 30 September 2025.</p> <p><b>Relevant only for the period 1 April 2026 – 30 June 2026</b></p> <p>Issue No. 7 of the TSMP dated March 2026, as approved by the Department on 1 April 2026, was implemented during the reporting period from 1 April to 30 June 2026 – refer to the response to Condition 24 below.</p> <p>Key TSMP activities implemented during the reporting period included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance and monitoring of No Go Zones (NGZ).</li> <li>• Maintenance of erosion and sediment controls.</li> <li>• Ongoing visual environmental monitoring and surveillance, including in respect of the Button Wrinklewort.</li> <li>• Weed survey.</li> <li>• Use of vehicle access points and washdown bay.</li> <li>• Rubbish and litter removal.</li> </ul> <p>As required by section 15 of the TSMP (Issue No. 7 dated March 2026), an annual report detailing compliance with the TSMP will be provided to the Department prior to 30 September 2026.</p> |
| 6 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | <p><i>Grassy Eucalypt Woodland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain (GEWVVP)</i></p> <p>The person taking the action must ensure that construction activities do not impact more than 11.14 ha of GEWVVP.</p>                                             | Compliant         | No impacts have occurred to the GEWVVP community during the reporting period. Impacts to this community since commencement of the action remain below 11.14 ha.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 7 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | Unless approved by the Minister, the person taking the action must establish a 33.5 ha GEWVVP Offset at the Dunkeld Property, to compensate for the loss of GEWVVP. Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must: | Not Applicable    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The requirements of Condition 7 were completed prior to the reporting period. The s.173 Agreement was agreed with the landowner on 27 June 2016.</li> <li>• The s.173 Agreement was lodged with the title office on 7 July 2016.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

| # | Date of Decision         | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|   |                          | <p>a. enter into Agreement with the landowner under section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, or a Trust for Nature covenant mechanism to secure a 33.5 ha GEWVVP Offset at the Dunkeld Property;</p> <p>b. provide the Department with a signed copy of the Agreement and evidence of lodgement with the Titles Office, within 2 weeks of lodgement;</p> <p>c. provide the Department with the offset attributes, shapefile and map(s) clearly defining the location and boundaries of the GEWVVP Offset, within 2 weeks of lodgement; and</p> <p>d. ensure that the Agreement is registered on the title on which the GEWVVP Offset is located. The Department must be provided with evidence of registration within 2 weeks of registration.</p>                                                                                         |                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The s.173 Agreement was registered on the title of the Dunkeld Property on 25 July 2016.</li> <li>Evidence of this registration was submitted to the Department electronically on 28 September 2016.</li> </ul> |
| 8 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | <p>Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must submit a draft GEWVVP Offset Management Plan to the Department for the Minister's approval. The GEWVVP Management Plan must be prepared in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist and provide for the conservation and enhancement of GEWVVP within the GEWVVP Offset(s), and must include details of:</p> <p>a. base line data and other supporting evidence that documents the baseline condition of GEWVVP on the GEWVVP Offset(s);</p> <p>b. description, key performance indicator, and timeframe for implementing specific management actions to improve the condition of GEWVVP within the GEWVVP Offset(s), including but not limited to control of weed and pest species, control of access to the protected land, strategic fire and grazing</p> | Not Applicable    | The requirements of Condition 8 were completed prior to the reporting period. The GEWVVP Offset Management Plan (dated March 2015) was approved by the Department on 17 April 2015.                                                                    |

| # | Date of Decision         | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|   |                          | <p>management (acknowledging that such impacts may be positive or negative depending on circumstances);</p> <p>c. measures to ensure that actions taken have no detrimental impact on the populations or habitat of other listed threatened species and communities that are likely to occur or utilise the GEWVVP Offset(s);</p> <p>d. information and commitments about monitoring and reporting on the improvements in condition of the offset site; and e. corrective actions and contingency measures to be implemented where monitoring under the GEWVVP Offset Management Plan indicates a degradation of the GEWVVP.</p> |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 9 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | The person taking the action must ensure the GEWVVP Offset(s) is managed in accordance with the approved GEWVVP Offset Management Plan for a period of at least 10 years from the date of execution of the Agreement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Non-Compliant     | <p>The GEWVVP Offset was managed during the reporting period in accordance with the GEWVVP Offset Management Plan (<b>OMP</b>). Key management actions undertaken in response to the key performance indicators during the reporting period included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weed management control, including thistle control.</li> <li>• Maintenance and repair of fencing.</li> <li>• Monitoring of pest animals.</li> <li>• Biomass control including grazing activities (late Summer/early Autumn) and burning (May 2026).</li> </ul> <p>Two administrative matters were identified in respect of the timing of the Landowner's reporting with Condition 9.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The landowner monitoring form was completed on 6 November 2025. Table 16 of the OMP states for Action 10.6 that the landowner monitoring form is to be completed ten years after commencement of the OMP which puts the date following 27 June 2026.</li> <li>• As per Action 10.2 of Table 16 in the OMP, the landowner is to monitor populations of pest animals and conduct control works if required after peak breeding season – late summer/early autumn. Monitoring of pest animals occurred in October 2025 (spring).</li> </ul> |

| #  | Date of Decision         | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|----|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|    |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                   | <p>NEPA was notified via email of these administrative matters on 28 August 2026.</p> <p>The Year 10 progress report and landholder monitoring form was submitted to the Department in June 2026. All key performance indicators were met for the reporting period, noting the above matters regarding timing.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 10 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | <p><i>Natural Temperate Grassland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain (NTGVVP)</i></p> <p>The person taking the action must ensure that construction activities do not impact more than 5.25 ha of NTGVVP.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Compliant         | No impacts have occurred to the NTGVVP community during the reporting period. Impacts to this community since commencement of the action remain below 5.25 ha.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | <p>Unless approved by the Minister, the person taking the action must establish a 20.3 ha NTGVVP Offset at the Darlington Property to compensate for the loss of NTGVVP. Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>enter into Agreement with the landowner under section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, or a Trust for Nature covenant mechanism to secure a 20.3 ha NTGVVP Offset at the Darlington Property;</li> <li>provide the Department with a signed copy of the Agreement and evidence of lodgement with the Titles Office, within 2 weeks of lodgement;</li> <li>provide the Department with the offset attributes, shapefile and map(s) clearly defining the location and boundaries of the NTGVVP Offset, within 2 weeks of lodgement; and</li> <li>ensure that the Agreement is registered on the title on which the NTGVVP Offset is located. The Department must be provided with evidence of registration within 2 weeks of registration.</li> </ol> | Not Applicable    | <p>The requirements of Condition 11 were completed prior to the reporting period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The s.173 Agreement was agreed with the landowner on 25 May 2015.</li> <li>The s.173 Agreement was lodged with the title office on 2 June 2015.</li> <li>The s.173 Agreement was registered on the title of the Darlington Property on 25 July 2016.</li> <li>Evidence of this registration was submitted to the Department electronically on 28 September 2016.</li> </ul> |

| #  | Date of Decision         | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                |
|----|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | <p>Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must submit a draft NTGVVP Offset Management Plan to the Department for the Minister's approval. The NTGVVP Offset Management Plan must be prepared in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist and provide for the conservation and enhancement of the viability of the population of NTGVVP within the NTGVVP Offset, and must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. baseline data and other supporting evidence that documents the baseline quality of NTGVVP within the NTGVVP Offset Management Plan;</li> <li>b. description, key performance indicator, and timeframe for implementing specific management actions to improve the condition of NTGVVP within the NTGVVP Offset Management Plan, including but not limited to control of weed and pest species, control of access to the protected land, strategic fire and grazing management (acknowledging that such impacts may be positive or negative depending on circumstances);</li> <li>c. measures to ensure that actions taken have no detrimental impact on the populations or habitat of other listed threatened species and communities that are likely to occur or utilise the NTGVVP Offset Management Plan;</li> <li>d. information and commitments about monitoring and reporting on the improvements in condition of the offset site; and</li> <li>e. corrective actions and contingency measures to be implemented where monitoring under the NTGVVP Offset Management Plan indicates a degradation of the NTGVVP.</li> </ul> | Compliant         | The requirements of Condition 12 were completed prior to the reporting period. The NTGVVP Offset Management Plan (dated March 2015) was approved by the Minister on 17 April 2015. |

| #  | Date of Decision           | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 13 | Original dated 17/4/2014   | The person taking the action must ensure the NTGVVP Offset is managed in accordance with the approved NTGVVP Offset Management Plan for a period of at least 10 years from the date of execution of the Agreement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Not Applicable    | <p>The NTGVVP Offset agreement for the Darlington property was signed with the landholder 25 May 2015. The Offset Management Plan required the active management period to be completed 25 May 2025. This active management period was finalised prior to this reporting period.</p> <p>The Darlington property continues to be managed in accordance with the Darlington Offset Management Plan.</p>                                                                                                            |
| 14 | Variation dated 13/01/2021 | <p>The person taking the action must ensure that construction activities do not impact more than 63.90 ha of Golden Sun Moth habitat. This comprises:</p> <p>a. impact of no more than 31.56 ha approved on 17 April 2014; and</p> <p>b. no more than 32.34 ha additional impact approved on 13 January 2021.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Compliant         | No impacts to Golden Sun Moth habitat occurred during the reporting period. Impact of construction activities to Golden Sun Moth (GSM) habitat since commencement of the action are below 63.90 ha.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 15 | Variation dated 13/01/2021 | <p><i>Offset requirements for impact of no more than 31.56 ha Golden Sun Moth habitat</i></p> <p>15. Unless otherwise approved by the Minister, the person taking the action must establish a 100 ha Golden Sun Moth Offset at the Darlington Property to compensate for the loss of Golden Sun Moth habitat as approved in condition 14 (a). Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must:</p> <p>a. provide the Department with evidence that the property(s) identified to form the basis of the Golden Sun Moth Offset contain a viable population of Golden Sun Moth, and at least 100 ha of known Golden Sun Moth habitat. Property(s) must be surveyed in accordance with EPBC Act policy statement 3.12 - significant impact guidelines for the critically endangered golden sun moth (<i>Synemon plana</i>) by a suitably qualified ecologist;</p> <p>b. enter into Agreement with the landowner under section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act</p> | Not Applicable    | <p>The requirements of Condition 15 were completed prior to the reporting period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The s.173 Agreement was agreed with the landowner on 25 May 2015.</li> <li>• The s.173 Agreement was lodged with the title office on 2 June 2015.</li> <li>• The s.173 Agreement was registered on the title of the Darlington Property on 25 July 2016.</li> <li>• Evidence of this registration was submitted to the Department electronically on 28 September 2016.</li> </ul> |

| #  | Date of Decision         | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|    |                          | <p>1987, or a Trust for Nature covenant mechanism to secure a 100 ha Golden Sun Moth Offset of known Golden Sun Moth habitat at the Darlington Property;</p> <p>c. provide the Department with a signed copy of the Agreement and evidence of lodgement with the Titles Office, within 2 weeks of lodgement;</p> <p>d. provide the Department with the offset attributes, shapefile and map(s) clearly defining the location and boundaries of the Golden Sun Moth Offset, within 2 weeks of lodgement; and</p> <p>e. ensure that the Agreement is registered on the title on which the Golden Sun Moth Offset is located. The Department must be provided with evidence of registration within 2 weeks of registration.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 16 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | <p>Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must submit a draft Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan to the Department for the Minister's approval. The Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan must be prepared in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist and provide for the conservation and enhancement of Golden Sun Moth within the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s), and must include details of:</p> <p>a. baseline data and other supporting evidence that documents the baseline condition and extent of Golden Sun Moth habitat and population viability on the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s);</p> <p>b. description, key performance indicator, and timeframe for implementing specific management actions to improve the condition of Golden Sun Moth habitat within the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s), including but not limited to control of weed and pest species, control of access to the protected land, strategic fire and grazing management</p> | Not Applicable    | The requirements of Condition 16 were completed prior to the reporting period. The Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan (dated March 2015) was approved by the Department on 17 April 2015. |

| #   | Date of Decision           | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     |                            | <p>(acknowledging that such impacts may be positive or negative depending on circumstances);</p> <p>c. measures to ensure that actions taken have no detrimental impact on the populations or habitat of other listed threatened species and communities that are likely to occur or utilise the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s);</p> <p>d. information and commitments about monitoring and reporting on the improvements in condition of the offset site; and</p> <p>e. corrective actions and contingency measures to be implemented where monitoring under the Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan indicates a degradation of Golden Sun Moth habitat.</p> |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 17  | Original dated 17/4/2014   | The person taking the action must ensure the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s) is managed in accordance with the approved Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan for a period of at least 10 years from the date of execution of the Agreement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Not Applicable    | <p>The GSM Offset agreement for the Darlington property was signed with the landholder 25 May 2015. The Offset Management Plan required the active management period to be completed 25 May 2025. This active management period was finalised prior to this reporting period.</p> <p>The Darlington property continues to be managed in accordance with the GSM Offset Management Plan.</p> |
| 17A | Variation dated 13/01/2021 | <p><i>Additional Offset Requirements for no more than 32.34 ha additional impact on Golden Sun Moth habitat</i></p> <p>17A. In addition to the requirements specified in Condition 15, unless otherwise approved by the Minister, the person taking the action must establish an additional Golden Sun Moth Offset in accordance with the EPBC Environmental Offsets Policy and Offset Assessment Guide to compensate for the impact on additional areas of Golden Sun Moth habitat specified in Condition 14(b).</p>                                                                                                                                       | Non-Compliant     | <p>At the time of preparation of this report, the additional Golden Sun Moth offset as required by Condition 17A has not been established.</p> <p>On 14 July 2026 the Department provided a directed variation that extended the timeframe to establish and secure Golden Sun Moth offsets to 1 July 2029.</p>                                                                              |

| #   | Date of Decision           | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 17B | Variation dated 13/01/2021 | <p>Within 24 months of the date of the approval of the variation adding Conditions 17A to 17E to this approval, the person taking the action must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. provide the Department with evidence that any property/ies identified to form the basis of this Golden Sun Moth Offset contain a viable population of Golden Sun Moth that meets the requirements of Condition 17A. The property/ies must be surveyed in accordance with EPBC Act policy statement 3.12 - significant impact guidelines for the critically endangered golden sun moth (<i>Synemon plana</i>) by a suitably qualified ecologist;</li> <li>b. enter into Agreement with the landowner under section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, or a Trust for Nature covenant mechanism to secure the Golden Sun Moth Offset of known Golden Sun Moth habitat;</li> <li>c. provide the Department with a signed copy of the Agreement and evidence of lodgement with the Titles Office, within 2 weeks of lodgement;</li> <li>d. provide the Department with the offset attributes, shapefile and map(s) clearly defining the location and boundaries of the Golden Sun Moth Offset, within 2 weeks of lodgement; and</li> <li>e. ensure that the Agreement is registered on the title on which the Golden Sun Moth Offset is located. The Department must be provided with evidence of registration within 2 weeks of registration.</li> </ul> | Non-Compliant     | <p>The additional Golden Sun Moth Offset as required by Condition 17B was not established by 13 January 2023. A variation of the Approval was requested on 20 December 2022 to provide additional time for the additional offset to be secured as the project had been placed on-hold by MRPV/VIDA Roads.</p> <p>Following the Compliance Audit Report (29 January 2025) it was found that the offset had not been secured. The project remained on-hold by until mid-2026.</p> <p>On 14 July 2026 the Department provided a directed variation that extended the timeframe to establish and secure Golden Sun Moth offsets to 1 July 2029.</p> |

| #   | Date of Decision           | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 17C | Variation dated 13/01/2021 | Within 24 months of the date of the approval of the variation adding Conditions 17A to 17E to this approval, the person taking the action must submit a draft Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan relating to the Golden Sun Moth Offset required under Condition 17A to the Department for the Minister's approval. The Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan must be prepared in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist and provide for the conservation and enhancement of Golden Sun Moth within the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s) and must include the information specified in Condition 16. | Non-Compliant     | <p>The additional Golden Sun Moth Offset as required by Condition 17B was not established by 13 January 2023. A variation of the Approval was requested on 20 December 2022 to provide additional time for the additional offset to be secured as the project had been placed on-hold by MRPV/VIDA Roads.</p> <p>Following the Compliance Audit Report (29 January 2025) it was found that the offset had not been secured as required by the condition of approval. The project remained on-hold until mid-2026.</p> <p>On 14 July 2026 the Department provided a directed variation that extended the timeframe to establish and secure Golden Sun Moth offsets to 1 July 2029.</p> |
| 17D | Variation dated 13/01/2021 | The person taking the action must ensure that the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s) required under Condition 17A is/are managed in accordance with the Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan prepared pursuant to Condition 17C for a period of 10 years from the date of execution of the Agreement required under Condition 17B.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Not Applicable    | The Agreement required under Condition 17B has not been executed and the 10 year period under Condition 17D has not commenced.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 17E | Variation dated 13/01/2021 | Construction activities can proceed in advance of satisfaction of Conditions 17A, 17B, 17C and 17D.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Compliant         | No construction activities have taken place during the reporting period.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 18  | Original dated 17/4/2014   | <p><i>Contingency condition for offsets</i></p> <p>18. If the GEWVVP Offset as per condition 7, and/or the NTGVVP Offset as per condition 11, and/ or the GSM Offset as per condition 15 cannot be secured as an offset within 9 months of the date of this approval, and/or if information required by condition 15(a) fails to demonstrate a viable population of Golden Sun Moth at the Darlington Property to the Department's satisfaction, the person taking the action must establish a</p>                                                                                                           | Non-Compliant     | <p>The Compliance Audit Report (29 January 2025) found that the GEWVVP Offset, NTGVVP Offset and GSM Offset were not secured within the timeframe and the establishment of a contingency offset has not been actioned as per the condition of the approval. In particular, the audit found that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The approval holder did not secure the GEWVVP offset as per condition 7, NTGVVP offset as per condition 11 and GSM offset as per condition 15 within 9 months of the date of the approval, being 17 January 2015.</li> </ul>                                                                                                              |

| # | Date of Decision | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|   |                  | <p>Contingency Offset(s) with Trust for Nature for the residual offset requirements of the relevant condition.</p> <p>a. within 10 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must provide the Department with a proposal for the Contingency Offset(s), for the Department's approval. The proposal must include a copy of the draft Agreement with Trust for Nature that documents the property(s) identified to form the basis of the Contingency Offset(s), prior to signature by any parties. The plan must also include details of how the size and quality of the matters present at the site of the proposed Contingency Offset(s) will provide for the residual offset requirements of this approval, supported by surveys in accordance with the Department's guidelines and by a suitably qualified ecologist; and</p> <p>b. within 24 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must:</p> <p>i. enter into a written Agreement with Trust for Nature that documents the property(s) agreed by the Department to form the basis of the Contingency Offset(s). The person proposing to take the action must provide the Department with a signed copy of the Agreement and within 7 days of signature by all parties;</p> <p>ii. ensure that the properties(s) identified by Trust For Nature to form the basis of the Contingency Offset(s) are surveyed in accordance with relevant survey guidelines by a suitably qualified ecologist to determine the baseline quality;</p> <p>iii. provide Trust for Nature with \$50,000 Australian dollars per hectare, for the number of hectares required by the Department for the Contingency Offset(s) (the funds), to be held until such time as the Contingency Offset(s) is approved by the</p> |                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>therefore, condition 18 was triggered which stated that within 10 months of the date of this approval, 17 February 2015, the approval holder was required to provide the Department with a proposal for a contingency offset.</li> <li>within 24 months, being 17 April 2016, the approval holder did not enter into an agreement with Trust for Nature.</li> <li>the Department considered the approval holder did not report the contradictions with time frames to the Department at an earlier date, allowing a variation of conditions to be considered. Therefore, they were deemed non-compliant.</li> </ul> <p>The GEWVVP and NTGVVP offset sites are established and in their final years of reporting in accordance with Conditions 7-9 and 11-13.</p> <p>Contingency conditions for offsets are not required for GEWVVP or NTGVVP. Contingency offsets for GSM were not actioned within the reporting period. On 14 July 2026 the Department provided a directed variation that extended the timeframe to establish and secure Golden Sun Moth offsets to 1 July 2029.</p> |

| # | Date of Decision | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|   |                  | <p>Minister, at which time the money will form the basis of the payment to purchase environmental services from the landowner of the Contingency Offset(s). If the cost of purchasing the environmental services is greater than the funds, the person taking the action must provide additional funds to Trust for Nature as required. If the cost of purchasing the environmental services is less than the funds, the remaining funds must be returned to the person taking the action. The arrangements for the provision and expenditure of the funds must be set out in the Agreement;</p> <p>iv. enter into a Credit Trading Agreement with Trust for Nature and the landowner under the Nature Conservation Trust Act 1972, to secure Contingency Offset(s);</p> <p>v. provide the Department with a signed copy of the Credit Trading Agreement within 2 weeks of its signature by all parties;</p> <p>vi. ensure that a Deed of Covenant for the Contingency Offset(s) is executed with Trust for Nature and is registered on the title documents of the site of the Contingency Offset(s) within 6 months of the date of signing the Credit Trading Agreement.</p> <p>vii. provide the Department with evidence of registration within 2 weeks of registration;</p> <p>viii. provide the Department with the offset attributes, shapefile and map clearly defining the location and boundaries of the Contingency Offset(s), within 2 weeks of registration; and</p> |                   |                     |

| #  | Date of Decision         | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|    |                          | ix. provide a Contingency Offset Management plan to the Department for the Minister's approval. The person taking the action must ensure that any Contingency Offset(s) are managed in accordance with an approved Contingency Offset Management Plan for a period of at least 10 years from the date of execution of the Agreement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 19 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | <p><i>Administrative conditions</i></p> <p>Within 30 calendar days after the commencement of construction activities, the person taking the action must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement construction activities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Not Applicable    | The requirements of Condition 19 were completed prior to the reporting period. Construction activities commenced on 5 June 2014 and the Department was notified in writing of the commencement of construction activities on 11 June 2014. |
| 20 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | The person taking the action 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. | Compliant         | During the reporting period accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of the Approval for the reporting period are stored and maintained in VIDA Roads electronic file storage system.  |

| #  | Date of Decision         | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 21 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | Within three months of June 30 each year following the commencement of construction activities, the person taking the action must publish an annual report of compliance on their website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, 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 annual report of compliance must document the outcomes of the management plan(s) against the performance indicators of the management plan(s). | Compliant         | This compliance report will be published on the VIDA Roads website by 30 September 2026 and can be accessed here: <a href="https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/roads/western-highway-upgrade/environment">https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/roads/western-highway-upgrade/environment</a><br>Notice of publication of the report will be provided to NEPA via email by 30 September 2026. |
| 22 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | The person taking the action must notify the Department in writing of any non-compliance with conditions as soon as practicable and no later than 2 business days of becoming aware of the non - compliance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Compliant         | VIDA Roads notified NEPA of a potential non-compliance on 28 August 2026 in relation to Condition 9. This occurred within the timeframe required by Condition 22.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 23 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | Upon the direction of the Minister, the person taking the action 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Compliant         | There was no request for an independent compliance audit made under Condition 23 during the reporting period.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

| #  | Date of Decision         | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|----|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 24 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | 24. If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activity otherwise than in accordance with management plans as specified in the conditions, the person taking the action 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. | Compliant         | <p>It is noted that Issue No. 6 of the TSMP dated May 2020, approved by the Department on 22 October 2020, was implemented during the reporting period from 1 July 2025 to 31 March 2026. As discussed above, Issue No. 7 of the TSMP dated March 2026 was approved by the Department on 1 April 2026 and implemented from 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.</p> <p>On 2 February 2021, the Department approved implementation of Issue No. 6 of the TSMP in relation to all Project activities until such time as the amended TSMP is approved by DEECA.</p> <p><b>Relevant only for the period 1 July 2025 – 31 March 2026</b></p> <p>Issue No. 6 of the TSMP dated May 2020, as approved by the Department on 22 October 2020, was implemented during the reporting period – refer to the response to Condition 24 below.</p> <p>Key TSMP activities implemented during the reporting period included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance and monitoring of No Go Zones (NGZ).</li> <li>• Maintenance of erosion and sediment controls.</li> <li>• Ongoing visual environmental monitoring and surveillance, including in respect of the Button Wrinklewort.</li> <li>• Use of vehicle access points and washdown bay.</li> <li>• Rubbish and litter removal.</li> </ul> <p>As required by section 15 of the TSMP (Issue No. 6 dated May 2020), an annual report detailing compliance with the TSMP was provided to the Department prior to 30 September 2025.</p> <p><b>Relevant only for the period 1 April 2026 – 30 June 2026</b></p> <p>Issue No. 7 of the TSMP dated March 2026, as approved by the Department on 1 April 2026, was implemented during the reporting period from 1 April to 30 June 2026 – refer to the response to Condition 24 below.</p> <p>Key TSMP activities implemented during the reporting period included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance and monitoring of No Go Zones (NGZ).</li> <li>• Maintenance of erosion and sediment controls.</li> </ul> |

| #  | Date of Decision         | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|----|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|    |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing visual environmental monitoring and surveillance, including in respect of the Button Wrinklewort.</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As required by section 15 of the TSMP (Issue No. 7 dated March 2026), an annual report detailing compliance with the TSMP will be provided to the Department prior to 30 September 2026.</li> </ol> |
| 25 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | If the Minister believes that it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of listed threatened species and ecological communities and wetlands of international importance to do so, the Minister may request that the person taking the action make specified revisions to the management plans specified in the conditions and submit the revised management plans for the Minister's written approval. The person taking the action 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 person taking the action must continue to implement the management plans originally approved, as specified in the conditions. | Not Applicable    | No request was received from the Minister under Condition 25 during the reporting period.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 26 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the person taking the action 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. Each management plan(s) must be accessible to general members of the public for a period of at least 10 years from the date of approval of the management plan(s). Any variations to management plans must be published on the website within 1 month of the variation being approved by the Minister                                                                                                                                                                                        | Compliant         | All current management plans for the Project can be found on the VIDA Roads website ( <a href="https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/mrpv/western-highway-upgrade/environment">https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/mrpv/western-highway-upgrade/environment</a> ).                                                                                                                                     |

| #  | Date of Decision         | Condition of Approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Compliance Status | Comments / Evidence                                                                                                 |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 27 | Original dated 17/4/2014 | If, at any time after 5 years from the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not substantially commenced the action, then the person taking the action must not substantially commence the action without the written agreement of the Minister. | Compliant         | The action was substantially commenced on 5 June 2014 and the requirements of Condition 27 have not been triggered. |

### 3 New Environmental Risks

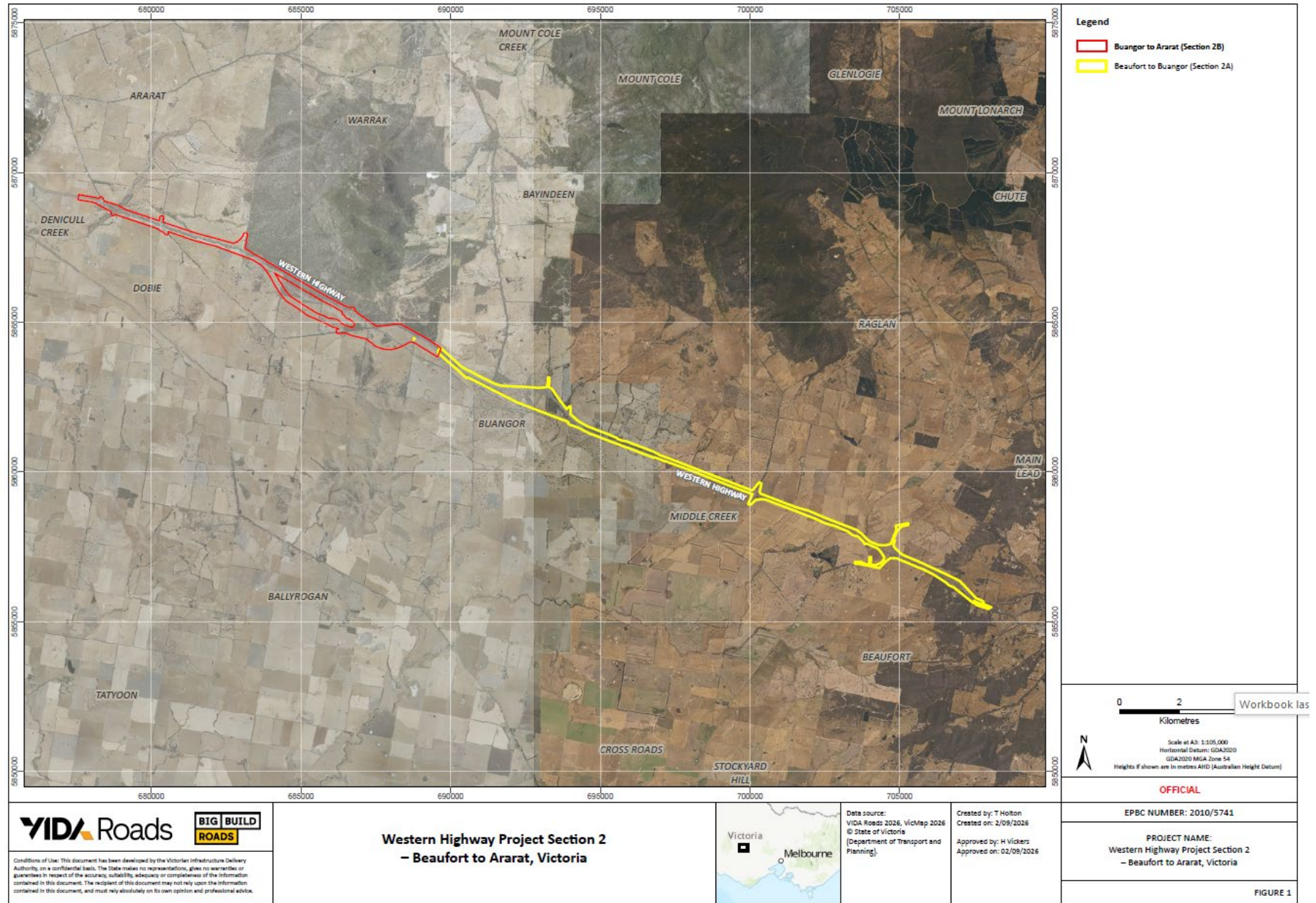
Emerging weed species South African Weed Orchid *Disa bracteata* was recently identified within the project area. This species is widespread across southern Victoria in several habitats including grasslands, woodlands and open forests where it favours degraded and disturbed sites. The species is self-pollinating and the plants produce great quantities of powdery, fine dust, seed. It poses a threat to grassland, both agricultural and native, within the alignment where threatened species such as Button Wrinklewort, Spiny Rice-flower and Golden Sun Moth are present.

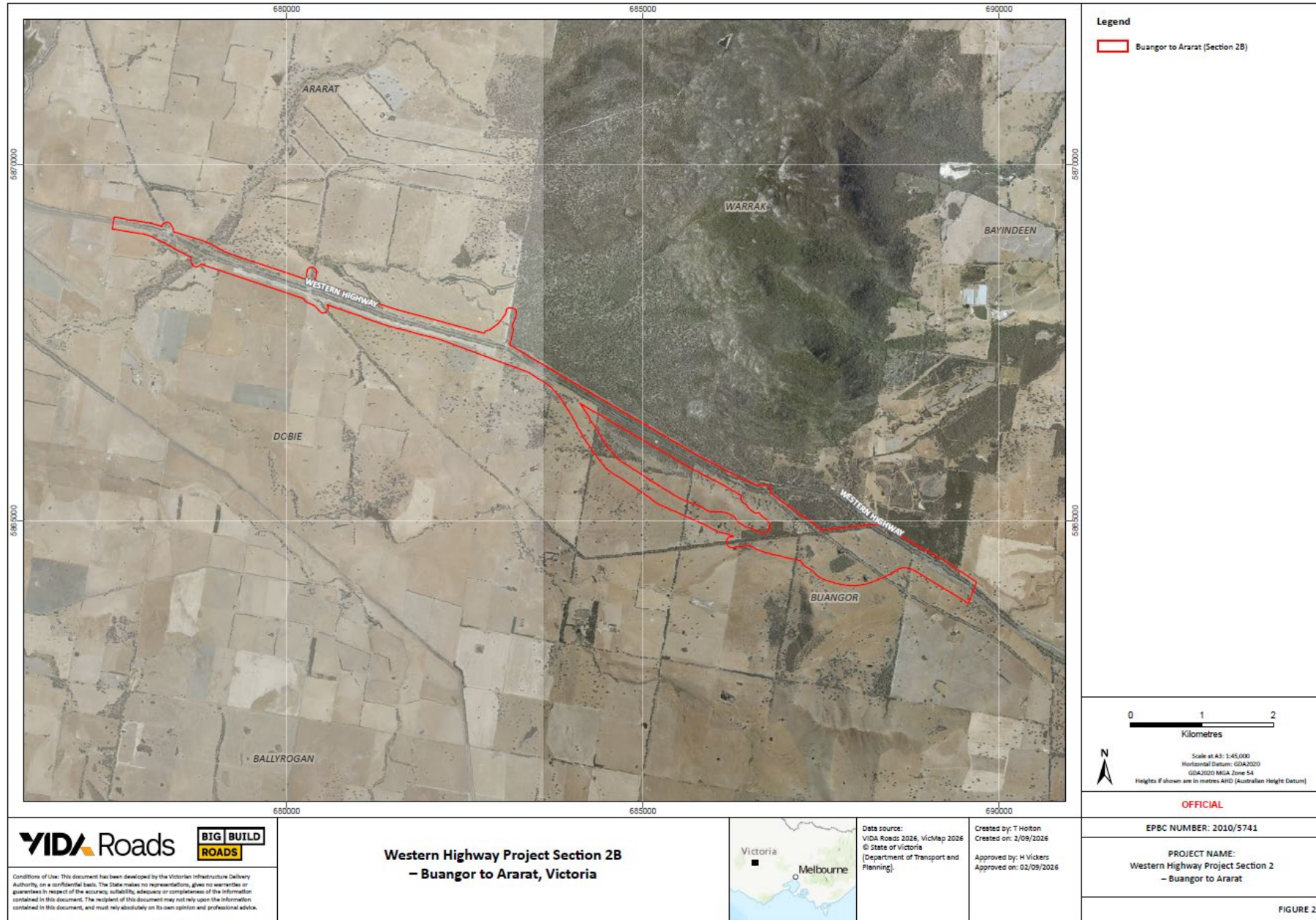
Construction of the project coupled with active weed control in line with the Weed Management Plan will reduce the prevalence of this species and may include:

- Targeting individuals prior to seed set (i.e., before October/November)
- Spot spraying or wiping individuals with an appropriate herbicide
- Manage weed spread from boots and vehicles.

South African Weed is superficially similar in appearance to native orchids such as Onion orchids *Microtis* spp. or Leek orchids *Prasphyllum* spp. Consequently, identification by suitable qualified personnel with experience in identifying South African Weed must be confirmed prior to treatment.

## Appendix A    Project Map





# Appendix B Approval Notice - 13 January 2021



Australian Government  
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

## VARIATION OF CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO APPROVAL Western Highway Project Section 2- Beaufort to Ararat, Victoria (EPBC 2010/5741)

This decision to vary conditions of approval is made under section 143 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

### Approved action

|                                        |                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Person to whom the approval is granted | Road Corporations, trading as VicRoads<br>ABN: 61 760 960 480                                          |
| Approved action                        | To upgrade the Western Highway between Beaufort and Ararat, Victoria [See EPBC Act referral 2010/5741] |

### Variation

|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Variation of conditions attached to approval | <p>The variation is:</p> <p>Delete conditions 14 and 15 attached to the approval and substitute with the conditions specified in the table below.</p> <p>Insert conditions 17A, 17B, 17C, 17D and 17E specified in the table below.</p> <p>Delete the definition of <b>Threatened Species Management Plan</b> attached to the approval and substitute with the definition specified in the table below.</p> <p>Add the definitions of EPBC Environmental Offsets Policy and Offsets Assessment Guide specified in the table below.</p> <p>Delete <b>Annex 1</b> attached to the approval and substitute with <b>Annex 1</b> specified in the table below.</p> |
| Date of effect                               | This variation has effect on the date the instrument is signed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

### Person authorised to make decision

|                   |                                                                                               |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name and position | Dwaine McMaugh<br>Assistant Secretary A/g<br>Assessments (Vic, Tas) and Post Approvals Branch |
| Signature         |                                                                                               |
| Date of decision  | 13 January 2021                                                                               |

| Date of decision          | Conditions attached to approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Original dated 17/4/2014  | To minimise impacts of construction on listed threatened species and ecological communities:<br>1. The person taking the action must ensure that the action does not occur outside of the project area as illustrated at <b>Annex 1</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Original dated 17/4/2014  | 2. The person taking the action must ensure that project activities do not impact more than five (5) <b>Spiny Rice-flower</b> plants.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Original dated 17/4/2014  | 3. The person taking the action must ensure the approved <b>Weed Management Plan</b> is implemented.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Variation dated 10/4/2015 | <p>4. The person taking the action must, in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist revise the <b>Threatened Species Management Plan(s)</b> for the conservation and enhancement of the <b>Spiny Rice-flower</b>, <b>Button Wrinklewort</b>, <b>Golden Sun Moth</b> habitat, and <b>Dwarf Galaxias</b> habitat in accordance with the requirements set out below, and submit the revised plan(s) for the Minister's approval. Construction activities must not commence within 100m of each of the matters identified above (as illustrated in <b>Annex 1</b>) until the Minister approves the revised plan(s) in relation to that matter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. base line data and other supporting evidence that documents the baseline condition of populations of <b>Spiny Rice-flower</b>, <b>Button Wrinklewort</b>, <b>Golden Sun Moth</b> and <b>Dwarf Galaxias</b> habitat and populations within the project area;</li> <li>b. specific management actions to maintain and/or improve <b>Spiny Rice-flower</b>, <b>Button Wrinklewort</b>, <b>Golden Sun Moth</b>, and <b>Dwarf Galaxias</b> populations and habitat within the project area, including but not limited to details of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. establishing no-go zone(s) with a minimum 3m buffer around <b>Spiny Rice-flower</b> patch(s), <b>Button Wrinklewort</b> patch(s), <b>Golden Sun Moth</b> habitat, and <b>Dwarf Galaxias</b> habitat to be avoided. Clearly marking no-go zone(s) with high-visibility fencing and signage for at least the duration that construction activities are within 100m of the no-go zone(s);</li> <li>ii. a plan and schedule for revegetation, rehabilitation and weed removal works for the improvement of <b>Golden Sun Moth</b> habitat impacted by the proposed action;</li> <li>iii. how any pipes, culverts and/or bridges constructed within <b>Dwarf Galaxias</b> habitat will not restrict habitat connectivity or hinder the dispersal of <b>Dwarf Galaxias</b>;</li> <li>iv. revoked 10 April 2015</li> <li>v. revoked 10 April 2015</li> <li>vi. the method and schedule for water quality monitoring of <b>Dwarf Galaxias</b> habitat during construction activities;</li> <li>vii. a plan and schedule for revegetation, rehabilitation and weed removal works within <b>Dwarf Galaxias</b> habitat, including establishment of in-stream habitat with suitable features such as woody debris and native riparian and aquatic species;</li> <li>viii. implementing sediment, erosion and pollution control protocols, in accordance with <i>Construction Techniques for Sediment Pollution Control</i> (EPA Publication No. 275, 1991); and <i>Environmental Guidelines for Major Construction Sites</i> (EPA Publication No. 480, February 1996); and</li> <li>ix. ensuring chemicals and fuels are stored and handled in accordance with the relevant Material Safety Data Sheets. Ensuring chemicals and fuels are not stockpiled within 100m of waterways, and a spill kit must be kept onsite for the duration of construction. Implementing an emergency response procedure in the event of a chemical or fuel spill near waterways.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. information and commitments about monitoring and reporting on the improvements in the condition of the project area; and</li> <li>d. corrective actions and contingency measures to be implemented where monitoring under the <b>Threatened Species Management Plan(s)</b> indicates a degradation of <b>Spiny</b></li> </ul> |

| Date of decision         | Conditions attached to approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                          | Rice-flower, Button Wrinklewort, Golden Sun Moth habitat, and/or Dwarf Galaxias habitat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | 5. The person taking the action must ensure the approved Threatened Species Management Plan(s) is implemented.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | <i>Grassy Eucalypt Woodland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain (GEWVVP)</i><br>6. The person taking the action must ensure that construction activities do not impact more than 11.14 ha of GEWVVP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | 7. Unless approved by the Minister, the person taking the action must establish a 33.5 ha GEWVVP Offset at the Dunkeld Property, to compensate for the loss of GEWVVP. Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. enter into Agreement with the landowner under section 173 of the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i>, or a Trust for Nature covenant mechanism to secure a 33.5 ha GEWVVP Offset at the Dunkeld Property;</li> <li>b. provide the Department with a signed copy of the Agreement and evidence of lodgement with the Titles Office, within 2 weeks of lodgement;</li> <li>c. provide the Department with the offset attributes, shapefile and map(s) clearly defining the location and boundaries of the GEWVVP Offset, within 2 weeks of lodgement; and</li> <li>d. ensure that the Agreement is registered on the title on which the GEWVVP Offset is located. The Department must be provided with evidence of registration within 2 weeks of registration.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | 8. Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must submit a draft GEWVVP Offset Management Plan to the Department for the Minister's approval. The GEWVVP Management Plan must be prepared in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist and provide for the conservation and enhancement of GEWVVP within the GEWVVP Offset(s), and must include details of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. base line data and other supporting evidence that documents the baseline condition of GEWVVP on the GEWVVP Offset(s);</li> <li>b. description, key performance indicator, and timeframe for implementing specific management actions to improve the condition of GEWVVP within the GEWVVP Offset(s), including but not limited to control of weed and pest species, control of access to the protected land, strategic fire and grazing management (acknowledging that such impacts may be positive or negative depending on circumstances);</li> <li>c. measures to ensure that actions taken have no detrimental impact on the populations or habitat of other listed threatened species and communities that are likely to occur or utilise the GEWVVP Offset(s);</li> <li>d. information and commitments about monitoring and reporting on the improvements in condition of the offset site; and</li> <li>e. corrective actions and contingency measures to be implemented where monitoring under the GEWVVP Offset Management Plan indicates a degradation of the GEWVVP.</li> </ul> |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | 9. The person taking the action must ensure the GEWVVP Offset(s) is managed in accordance with the approved GEWVVP Offset Management Plan for a period of at least 10 years from the date of execution of the Agreement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | <i>Natural Temperate Grassland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain (NTGVVP)</i><br>10. The person taking the action must ensure that construction activities do not impact more than 5.25 ha of NTGVVP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | 11. Unless approved by the Minister, the person taking the action must establish a 20.3 ha NTGVVP Offset at the Darlington Property to compensate for the loss of NTGVVP. Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| Date of decision                                 | Conditions attached to approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. enter into Agreement with the landowner under section 173 of the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i>, or a Trust for Nature covenant mechanism to secure a 20.3 ha NTGVVP Offset at the Darlington Property;</li> <li>b. provide the Department with a signed copy of the Agreement and evidence of lodgement with the Titles Office, within 2 weeks of lodgement;</li> <li>c. provide the Department with the offset attributes, shapefile and map(s) clearly defining the location and boundaries of the NTGVVP Offset, within 2 weeks of lodgement; and</li> <li>d. ensure that the Agreement is registered on the title on which the NTGVVP Offset is located. The Department must be provided with evidence of registration within 2 weeks of registration.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | 12. Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must submit a draft NTGVVP Offset Management Plan to the Department for the Minister's approval. The NTGVVP Offset Management Plan must be prepared in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist and provide for the conservation and enhancement of the viability of the population of NTGVVP within the NTGVVP Offset, and must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. baseline data and other supporting evidence that documents the baseline quality of NTGVVP within the NTGVVP Offset Management Plan;</li> <li>b. description, key performance indicator, and timeframe for implementing specific management actions to improve the condition of NTGVVP within the NTGVVP Offset Management Plan, including but not limited to control of weed and pest species, control of access to the protected land, strategic fire and grazing management (acknowledging that such impacts may be positive or negative depending on circumstances);</li> <li>c. measures to ensure that actions taken have no detrimental impact on the populations or habitat of other listed threatened species and communities that are likely to occur or utilise the NTGVVP Offset Management Plan;</li> <li>d. information and commitments about monitoring and reporting on the improvements in condition of the offset site; and</li> <li>e. corrective actions and contingency measures to be implemented where monitoring under the NTGVVP Offset Management Plan indicates a degradation of the NTGVVP.</li> </ul> |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | 13. The person taking the action must ensure the NTGVVP Offset is managed in accordance with the approved NTGVVP Offset Management Plan for a period of at least 10 years from the date of execution of the Agreement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| As varied on the date this instrument was signed | 14. The person taking the action must ensure that construction activities do not impact more than 63.90 ha of Golden Sun Moth habitat. This comprises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. impact of no more than 31.56 ha approved on 17 April 2014; and</li> <li>b. no more than 32.34 ha additional impact approved on 13 January 2021.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| As varied on the date this instrument was signed | Offset requirements for impact of no more than 31.56 ha Golden Sun Moth habitat<br>15. Unless otherwise approved by the Minister, the person taking the action must establish a 100 ha Golden Sun Moth Offset at the Darlington Property to compensate for the loss of Golden Sun Moth habitat as approved in condition 14 (a). Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. provide the Department with evidence that the property(s) identified to form the basis of the Golden Sun Moth Offset contain a viable population of Golden Sun Moth, and at least 100 ha of known Golden Sun Moth habitat. Property(s) must be surveyed in accordance with EPBC Act policy statement 3.12 - significant impact guidelines for the critically endangered golden sun moth (<i>Synemon plana</i>) by a suitably qualified ecologist;</li> <li>b. enter into Agreement with the landowner under section 173 of the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i>, or a Trust for Nature covenant mechanism to secure a 100 ha</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

| Date of decision                                 | Conditions attached to approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                  | <p>Golden Sun Moth Offset of known Golden Sun Moth habitat at the Darlington Property;</p> <p>c. provide the Department with a signed copy of the Agreement and evidence of lodgement with the Titles Office, within 2 weeks of lodgement;</p> <p>d. provide the Department with the offset attributes, shapefile and map(s) clearly defining the location and boundaries of the Golden Sun Moth Offset, within 2 weeks of lodgement; and</p> <p>e. ensure that the Agreement is registered on the title on which the Golden Sun Moth Offset is located. The Department must be provided with evidence of registration within 2 weeks of registration.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | <p>16. Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must submit a draft Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan to the Department for the Minister's approval. The Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan must be prepared in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist and provide for the conservation and enhancement of Golden Sun Moth within the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s), and must include details of:</p> <p>a. baseline data and other supporting evidence that documents the baseline condition and extent of Golden Sun Moth habitat and population viability on the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s);</p> <p>b. description, key performance indicator, and timeframe for implementing specific management actions to improve the condition of Golden Sun Moth habitat within the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s), including but not limited to control of weed and pest species, control of access to the protected land, strategic fire and grazing management (acknowledging that such impacts may be positive or negative depending on circumstances);</p> <p>c. measures to ensure that actions taken have no detrimental impact on the populations or habitat of other listed threatened species and communities that are likely to occur or utilise the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s);</p> <p>d. information and commitments about monitoring and reporting on the improvements in condition of the offset site; and</p> <p>e. corrective actions and contingency measures to be implemented where monitoring under the Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan indicates a degradation of Golden Sun Moth habitat.</p> |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | <p>17. The person taking the action must ensure the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s) is managed in accordance with the approved Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan for a period of at least 10 years from the date of execution of the Agreement.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| As varied on the date this instrument was signed | <p><i>Additional Offset Requirements for no more than 32.34 ha additional impact on Golden Sun Moth habitat</i></p> <p>17A. In addition to the requirements specified in Condition 15, unless otherwise approved by the Minister, the person taking the action must establish an additional Golden Sun Moth Offset in accordance with the EPBC Environmental Offsets Policy and Offset Assessment Guide to compensate for the impact on additional areas of Golden Sun Moth habitat specified in Condition 14(b).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| As varied on the date this instrument was signed | <p>17B. Within 24 months of the date of the approval of the variation adding Conditions 17A to 17E to this approval, the person taking the action must:</p> <p>a. provide the Department with evidence that any property/ies identified to form the basis of this Golden Sun Moth Offset contain a viable population of Golden Sun Moth that meets the requirements of Condition 17A. The property/ies must be surveyed in accordance with EPBC Act policy statement 3.12 - <i>significant impact guidelines for the critically endangered golden sun moth (Synemon plana)</i> by a suitably qualified ecologist;</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

| Date of decision                                 | Conditions attached to approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                  | <p>b. enter into Agreement with the landowner under section 173 of the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i>, or a Trust for Nature covenant mechanism to secure the Golden Sun Moth Offset of known Golden Sun Moth habitat;</p> <p>c. provide the Department with a signed copy of the Agreement and evidence of lodgement with the Titles Office, within 2 weeks of lodgement;</p> <p>d. provide the Department with the offset attributes, shapefile and map(s) clearly defining the location and boundaries of the Golden Sun Moth Offset, within 2 weeks of lodgement; and</p> <p>e. ensure that the Agreement is registered on the title on which the Golden Sun Moth Offset is located. The Department must be provided with evidence of registration within 2 weeks of registration.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| As varied on the date this instrument was signed | <p>17C. Within 24 months of the date of the approval of the variation adding Conditions 17A to 17E to this approval, the person taking the action must submit a draft Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan relating to the Golden Sun Moth Offset required under Condition 17A to the Department for the Minister's approval. The Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan must be prepared in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist and provide for the conservation and enhancement of Golden Sun Moth within the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s) and must include the information specified in Condition 16.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| As varied on the date this instrument was signed | <p>17D. The person taking the action must ensure that the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s) required under Condition 17A is/are managed in accordance with the Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan prepared pursuant to Condition 17C for a period of 10 years from the date of execution of the Agreement required under Condition 17B.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| As varied on the date this instrument was signed | <p>17E. Construction activities can proceed in advance of satisfaction of Conditions 17A, 17B, 17C and 17D.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | <p><i>Contingency condition for offsets</i></p> <p>18. If the GEWVVP Offset as per <a href="#">condition 7</a>, and/or the NTGVVP Offset as per <a href="#">condition 11</a>, and/ or the GSM Offset as per <a href="#">condition 15</a> cannot be secured as an offset within 9 months of the date of this approval, and/or if information required by <a href="#">condition 15(a)</a> fails to demonstrate a viable population of Golden Sun Moth at the Darlington Property to the Department's satisfaction, the person taking the action must establish a Contingency Offset(s) with Trust for Nature for the residual offset requirements of the relevant condition.</p> <p>a. within 10 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must provide the Department with a proposal for the Contingency Offset(s), for the Department's approval. The proposal must include a copy of the draft Agreement with Trust for Nature that documents the property(s) identified to form the basis of the Contingency Offset(s), prior to signature by any parties. The plan must also include details of how the size and quality of the matters present at the site of the proposed Contingency Offset(s) will provide for the residual offset requirements of this approval, supported by surveys in accordance with the Department's guidelines and by a suitably qualified ecologist; and</p> <p>b. within 24 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must:</p> <p>i. enter into a written Agreement with Trust for Nature that documents the property(s) agreed by the Department to form the basis of the Contingency Offset(s). The person proposing to take the action must provide the Department with a signed copy of the Agreement and within 7 days of signature by all parties;</p> <p>ii. ensure that the properties(s) identified by Trust For Nature to form the basis of the Contingency Offset(s) are surveyed in accordance with relevant survey guidelines by a suitably qualified ecologist to determine the baseline quality;</p> <p>iii. provide Trust for Nature with \$50,000 Australian dollars per hectare, for the number of hectares required by the Department for the Contingency Offset(s)</p> |

| Date of decision         | Conditions attached to approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                          | (the funds), to be held until such time as the Contingency Offset(s) is approved by the Minister, at which time the money will form the basis of the payment to purchase environmental services from the landowner of the Contingency Offset(s). If the cost of purchasing the environmental services is greater than the funds, the person taking the action must provide additional funds to Trust for Nature as required. If the cost of purchasing the environmental services is less than the funds, the remaining funds must be returned to the person taking the action. The arrangements for the provision and expenditure of the funds must be set out in the Agreement;                                                           |
|                          | iv. enter into a Credit Trading Agreement with Trust for Nature and the landowner under the Nature Conservation Trust Act 1972, to secure Contingency Offset(s);                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                          | v. provide the Department with a signed copy of the Credit Trading Agreement within 2 weeks of its signature by all parties;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                          | vi. ensure that a Deed of Covenant for the Contingency Offset(s) is executed with Trust for Nature and is registered on the title documents of the site of the Contingency Offset(s) within 6 months of the date of signing the Credit Trading Agreement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                          | vii. provide the Department with evidence of registration within 2 weeks of registration;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                          | viii. provide the Department with the offset attributes, shapefile and map clearly defining the location and boundaries of the Contingency Offset(s), within 2 weeks of registration; and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                          | ix. provide a Contingency Offset Management plan to the Department for the Minister's approval. The person taking the action must ensure that any Contingency Offset(s) are managed in accordance with an approved Contingency Offset Management Plan for a period of at least 10 years from the date of execution of the Agreement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | <b>Administrative conditions</b><br>19. Within 30 calendar days after the commencement of construction activities, the person taking the action must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement construction activities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | 20. The person taking the action 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.                                                                                                                              |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | 21. Within three months of June 30 each year following the commencement of construction activities, the person taking the action must publish an annual report of compliance on their website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, 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 annual report of compliance must document the outcomes of the management plan(s) against the performance indicators of the management plan(s). |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | 22. The person taking the action must notify the Department in writing of any non - compliance with conditions as soon as practicable and no later than 2 business days of becoming aware of the non - compliance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | 23. Upon the direction of the Minister, the person taking the action 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

| Date of decision         | Conditions attached to approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                          | 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | 24. If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activity otherwise than in accordance with management plans as specified in the conditions, the person taking the action 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.                  |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | 25. If the Minister believes that it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of listed threatened species and ecological communities and wetlands of international importance to do so, the Minister may request that the person taking the action make specified revisions to the management plans specified in the conditions and submit the revised management plans for the Minister's written approval. The person taking the action 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 person taking the action must continue to implement the management plans originally approved, as specified in the conditions. |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | 26. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the person taking the action 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. Each management plan(s) must be accessible to general members of the public for a period of at least 10 years from the date of approval of the management plan(s). Any variations to management plans must be published on the website within 1 month of the variation being approved by the Minister                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | 27. If, at any time after 5 years from the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not substantially commenced the action, then the person taking the action must not substantially commence the action without the written agreement of the Minister.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

| Date of decision         | Definitions attached to approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | i. Agreement - the executed agreement between the person taking the action and the relevant landowner, to secure the land in perpetuity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | ii. Button Wrinklewort - the native plant species <i>Rutidosia leptorrhynchoidea</i> , protected under the EPBC Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | iii. Button Wrinklewort patch(s) - the patch(s) of habitat for the Button Wrinklewort within the project area as illustrated at <a href="#">Annex 1</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | iv. Construction activities - all works associated with changes within the project area; including impacting native vegetation, the erection of any onsite temporary structures, the use of heavy duty equipment for the purpose of breaking the ground for buildings or infrastructure, grading land for flood mitigation and ancillary works. Construction activities do not include the maintenance and use of existing access tracks, works to prepare the land for revegetation. |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | v. Contingency Offset Management plan - the document developed by a suitably qualified ecologist to the satisfaction of the Department, detailing the long-term management of EPBC Act listed threatened species and ecological communities of the Contingency Offset(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | vi. Contingency Offset(s) - land secured in perpetuity to compensate for residual impacts on EPBC Act listed threatened species and ecological communities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | vii. Credit Trading Agreement - the legal agreement between Trust for Nature and the person taking the action and the property owner of the protected land. The agreement stipulates the obligations of each party, including financial payments, to manage the protected land for a period of 10 years.                                                                                                                                                                              |

| Date of decision                                 | Definitions attached to approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | viii. Darlington Property - the paddock within the property 'Terrallum South', 833 Carranballac - Darlington Road, Darlington Victoria, as illustrated at <b>Annex 2</b> .                                                                                    |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | ix. Deed of Covenant - an encumbrance registered to Trust for Nature on the title of the protected land and includes the Offset Management Plan and any other document that the owner of the protected land is required to comply with.                       |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | x. Department - the Australian Government department administering the EPBC Act.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xi. Dunkeld Property the paddock within the property 6640 Glenelg highway, Dunkeld, Victoria, as illustrated at <b>Annex 3</b> .                                                                                                                              |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xii. Dwarf Galaxias - the native fish species <i>Galaxiella pusilla</i> , protected under the EPBC Act.                                                                                                                                                       |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xiii. Dwarf Galaxias habitat in-stream habitat and fringing vegetation along sections of Hopkins river, Billy Billy Creek and/or Mount Emu Creek within the project area.                                                                                     |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xiv. EPBC Act - the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Commonwealth).                                                                                                                                                      |
| As varied on the date this instrument was signed | xiv(a). EPBC Environmental Offsets Policy - the document entitled <i>EPBC Act 1999 - Environmental Offsets Policy (Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, October 2012)</i> .                                          |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xv. GEWVVP - the ecological community <i>Grassy Eucalypt Woodland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain</i> protected under the EPBC Act.                                                                                                                           |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xvi. GEWVVP Offset - an area of land secured in perpetuity to compensate for impacts on GEWVVP as a result of the action.                                                                                                                                     |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xvii. GEWVVP Offset Management Plan - the document developed by a suitably qualified ecologist to the satisfaction of the Department, detailing the long-term management of GEWVVP at the GEWVVP Offset(s).                                                   |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xviii. Golden Sun Moth - the native moth species <i>Synemon plana</i> , protected under the EPBC Act.                                                                                                                                                         |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xix. Golden Sun Moth habitat - is any grassland (exotic and native) that may be utilised by the Golden Sun Moth at any stage of its life cycle.                                                                                                               |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xx. Golden Sun Moth Offset - an area of land secured in perpetuity to compensate for impacts on Golden Sun Moth as a result of the action.                                                                                                                    |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxi. Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan - the document developed by a suitably qualified ecologist to the satisfaction of the Department, detailing the long-term management of Golden Sun Moth populations and habitat at the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s). |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxii. Impact(ing) - adverse impact by cutting down, felling, thinning, logging, removing, killing, destroying, smothering, poisoning, ringbarking, uprooting or burning.                                                                                      |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxiii. Landowner the person(s) and/or company who legally owns the property that is secured as an offset site for the long-term management and protection of EPBC Act listed matters.                                                                         |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxiv. Minister - the Minister administering the EPBC Act and includes a delegate of the Minister.                                                                                                                                                             |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxv. No-go zone(s) - clearly delineated area(s) of conservation value, to be avoided by construction related activities, including machinery, vehicles and personnel.                                                                                         |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxvi. NTGVVP - the ecological community <i>Natural Temperate Grassland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain</i> protected under the EPBC Act.                                                                                                                      |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxvii. NTGVVP Offset - an area of land secured in perpetuity to compensate for impacts on NTGVVP as a result of the action.                                                                                                                                   |

| Date of decision                                 | Definitions attached to approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxviii. NTGVVP Offset Management Plan - the document developed by a suitably qualified ecologist to the satisfaction of the Department, detailing the long-term management of NTGVVP at the NTGVVP Offset(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxix. Offset attributes - an '.xls' file capturing relevant attributes of the offset site, including the EPBC 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. |
| As varied on the date this instrument was signed | xxix(a). Offsets Assessment Guide - the documents entitled <i>Offsets Assessment Guide</i> and <i>How to Use the Offsets Assessment Guide</i> , which outlines the method used to estimate impacts on and offsets for EPBC Act listed threatened species and ecological communities                                                                                                                                       |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxx. Project area - the footprint area where the proposed action will occur, as illustrated at <b>Annex 1</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxxi. Shapefile - an ESRI Shapefile containing '.shp', '.shx' and '.dbf' files and other files capturing attributes including at least the EPBC reference ID number and EPBC protected matters present at the relevant site. Attributes should also be captured in '.xls' format.                                                                                                                                         |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxxii. Spiny Rice-flower - the native flora species <i>Pimelea spinescens subsp. spinescens</i> , protected under the EPBC Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxxiii. Spiny Rice-flower patch - the patch(s) of habitat for the Spiny Rice-flower within the project area as illustrated at <b>Annex 1</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxxiv. Striped Legless Lizard - the native lizard species <i>Delma impar</i> , protected under the EPBC Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxxv. Substantially commence(d) - commencement of construction of the road surface or bridges. This does not include preparatory works.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxxvi. Suitably qualified ecologist - practising ecologist with tertiary qualifications from a recognised institute with at least three years of field experience undertaking fauna and flora surveys.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxxvii. The funds - the monetary value that forms the basis of payment for environmental services of the Contingency Offset                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| As varied on the date this instrument was signed | xxxviii. Threatened Species Management Plan - the document entitled <i>Western Highway Project Section 2: Beaufort to Ararat, Victoria, Threatened Species Management Plan, dated October 2013</i> or a subsequent version prepared in compliance with the Victorian condition of approval for this action, currently approved by the Minister pursuant to Condition 24.                                                  |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xxxix. Titles Office - the relevant authority responsible for registering land title transaction.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xl. Trust for Nature - the Trust for Nature (Victoria) as established and defined by the <i>Victorian Conservation Trust Act 1972</i> (Victoria).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | xli. Weed management Plan - the document titled final report Weed Management Plan, Western Highway Duplication Project - Section 2, Beaufort to Ararat, Victoria, dated June 2013, as per <b>Annex 4</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| Date of decision                                 | Annexure                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| As varied on the date this instrument was signed | Annex 1 - Map 1-18 - Project Area - issued 4 December 2020 |
| Original dated 17/4/2014                         | Annex 2 - Map - 'Dunkeld property' Proposed Offset Site    |

| Date of decision         | Annexure                                                   |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | Annex 3 - Map - 'Darlington Property' Proposed Offset Site |
| Original dated 17/4/2014 | Annex 4 - Weed Management Plan                             |

## **Appendix C    Approval Notice - 24 March 2026**



Australian Government  
Department of Climate Change, Energy,  
the Environment and Water

OFFICIAL

### Variation of conditions attached to approval

Western Highway Project Section 2 – Beaufort to Ararat, Victoria (EPBC ref 2010/5741)

This decision to vary conditions of approval is made under section 143 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

#### Approved action

|                                          |                                                                                                         |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| approval holder                          | Road Corporations, trading as VicRoads<br>ABN: 61 760 960 480                                           |
| approved action                          | To upgrade the Western Highway between Beaufort and Ararat, Victoria [See EPBC Act referral 2010/5741]. |
| period for which the approval has effect | This approval has effect until 30 June 2034                                                             |

#### Variation

|                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| variation of conditions attached to approval | <p>The variation is:</p> <p>Delete condition 4 attached to the approval and substitute with the condition specified in the table below.</p> <p>Add the definition of Development Footprint and Protected Matter to the approval.</p> <p>Delete the definitions of Button Wrinklewort patch(s), Golden Sun Moth habitat, No-go Zones, Project Area, Threatened Species Management Plan and Weed Management Plan attached to the approval and substitute with the definitions specified in the table below.</p> <p>Revoke the definitions of Dwarf Galaxias, Dwarf Galaxias habitat, and Striped Legless Lizard attached to the approval.</p> <p>Delete <u>Annexure 1</u> attached to the approval and substitute with the attachment specified in the table below.</p> |
| date of effect                               | This variation has effect on the date this instrument is signed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

#### Person authorised to make decision

|                   |                                                                   |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| name and position | Kate Gowland<br>Branch Head<br>Environment Assessments (NSW, ACT) |
| signature         |                                                                   |
| date of decision  | 24 March 2026                                                     |

DCCEEW.gov.au  
John Gorton Building - King Edward Terrace, Parkes ACT 2600 Australia  
GPO Box 3090 Canberra ACT 2601 ABN: 63 573 932 849  
NOT 571 v3.5

1

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL

| date of decision                                       | conditions attached to approval                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | <p>To minimise impacts of construction on listed threatened species and ecological communities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The person taking the action must ensure that the action does not occur outside of the project area as illustrated at <u>Annexure 1</u>.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The person taking the action must ensure that project activities do not impact more than five (5) Spiny Rice-flower plants.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. The person taking the action must ensure the approved Weed Management Plan is implemented.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| As varied on the date<br>this instrument was<br>signed | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. The person taking the action must, in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist, revise the Threatened Species Management Plan to specify measures to conserve and enhance the Spiny Rice-flower and Button Wrinklewort populations, and Golden Sun Moth habitat as set out below, and submit the revised plan to the department for the Minister's approval. Construction activities must not commence within 100m of each of the matters identified above (as illustrated in <u>Annexure 1</u>) until the Minister approves the revised plan(s) in relation to that matter.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Baseline data and other supporting evidence that documents the baseline condition of populations of Spiny Rice-flower, Button Wrinklewort, and Golden Sun Moth habitat in the project area;</li> <li>b. Specific management actions to maintain or improve Spiny Rice-flower, Button Wrinklewort, and Golden Sun Moth populations and habitat within the project area, including:                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Ensuring no-go zones are clearly marked using high visibility fencing and signage for at least the period that construction activities occur within 100 metres of any no-go zone;</li> <li>ii) A plan and schedule for revegetation, rehabilitation and weed removal works for the improvement of Golden Sun Moth habitat impacted by the Action;</li> <li>iii) Revoked</li> <li>iv) Revoked 10 April 2015</li> <li>v) Revoked 10 April 2015</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> |

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

2

OFFICIAL

|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 | vi) Revoked                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                 | vii) Revoked                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                 | viii) Implementing sediment, erosion and pollution control protocols, in accordance with <i>Construction Techniques for Sediment Pollution Control (EPA Publication No.275, 1991)</i> ; and <i>Environmental Guidelines for Major Construction Sites (EPA Publication No. 480, February 1996)</i> , or subsequent relevant EPA publications; and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                 | ix) Ensuring chemicals and fuels are stored and handled in accordance with the relevant Material Safety Data Sheets, are not stockpiled within 100m of waterways, are supported by an emergency response procedure in the event of a chemical or fuel spill near waterways, and a spill kit is kept onsite for the duration of construction activities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                 | c. Information and commitments for monitoring and reporting on the condition of the habitat of the protected matters in the project area; and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                 | d. Corrective actions and contingency measures to be implemented if monitoring indicates a degradation of the habitat of any of the protected matters.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014 | 5. The person taking the action must ensure the approved Threatened Species Management Plan is implemented.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014 | <i>Grassy Eucalypt Woodland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain (GEWVVP)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                 | 6. The person taking the action must ensure that construction activities do not impact more than 11.14 ha of GEWVVP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014 | 7. Unless approved by the Minister, the person taking the action must establish a 33.5 ha GEWVVP Offset at the Dunkeld Property, to compensate for the loss of GEWVVP. Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Enter into Agreement with the landowner under section 173 of the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i>, or a Trust for Nature covenant mechanism to secure a 33.5 ha GEWVVP Offset at the Dunkeld Property;</li> <li>b. Provide the Department with a signed copy of the Agreement and evidence of lodgement with the Titles Office, within 2 weeks of lodgement;</li> </ul> |

OFFICIAL

|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 | c. Provide the Department with the offset attributes, shapefile and map(s) clearly defining the location and boundaries of the GEWVVP Offset, within 2 weeks of lodgement; and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                 | d. Ensure that the Agreement is registered on the title on which the GEWVVP Offset is located. The Department must be provided with evidence of registration within 2 weeks of registration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014 | 8. Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must submit a draft GEWVVP Offset Management Plan to the Department for the Minister's approval. The GEWVVP Management Plan must be prepared in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist and provide for the conservation and enhancement of GEWVVP within the GEWVVP Offset(s), and must include details of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Baseline data and other supporting evidence that documents the baseline condition of GEWVVP on the GEWVVP Offset(s);</li> <li>b. Description, key performance indicator, and timeframe for implementing specific management actions to improve the condition of GEWVVP within the GEWVVP Offset(s), included but not limited to control of weeds and pest species, control of access to the protected land, strategic fire and grazing management (acknowledging that such impacts may be positive or negative depending on circumstances);</li> <li>c. Measures to ensure that actions taken have no detrimental impact on the populations or habitat of other listed threatened species and communities that are likely to occur or utilise the GEWVVP Offset(s);</li> <li>d. Information and commitments about monitoring and reporting on the improvements in condition of the offset site; and</li> <li>e. Corrective actions and contingency measures to be implemented where monitoring under the GEWVVP Offset Management Plan indicates a degradation of the GEWVVP.</li> </ul> |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014 | 9. The person taking the action must ensure the GEWVVP Offset(s) is managed in accordance with the approved GEWVVP Offset Management Plan for the period of at least 10 years from the date of execution of the Agreement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014 | <i>Natural Temperate Grassland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain (NTGVVP)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

OFFICIAL

|                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                         | 10. The person taking the action must ensure that construction activities do not impact more than 5.25 ha of NTGVVP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i> | <p>11. Unless approved by the Minister, the person taking the action must establish a 20.3 ha NTGVVP Offset at the Darlington Property to compensate for the loss of NTGVVP. Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Enter into Agreement with the landowner under section 173 of the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i>, or a Trust for Nature covenant mechanism to secure a 20.3 ha NTGVVP Offset at the Darlington Property;</li> <li>b. Provide the Department with a signed copy of the Agreement and evidence of lodgement with the Titles Office, within 2 weeks of lodgement;</li> <li>c. Provide the Department with the offset attributes, shapefile and map(s) clearly defining the location and boundaries of the NTGVVP Offset, within 2 weeks of lodgement; and</li> <li>d. Ensure that the Agreement is registered on the title on which the NTGVVP Offset is located. The Department must be provided with evidence of registration within 2 weeks of registration.</li> </ul> |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i> | <p>12. Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must submit a draft NTGVVP Offset Management Plan to the Department for the Minister's approval. The NTGVVP Offset Management Plan must be prepared in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist and provide for the conservation and enhancement of the viability of the population of NTGVVP within the NTGVVP Offset, and must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Baseline data and other supporting evidence that documents the baseline quality of NTGVVP within the NTGVVP Offset Management Plan;</li> <li>b. Description, key performance indicator, and timeframe for implementing specific management actions to improve the condition of NTGVVP within the NTGVVP Offset Management Plan, including but not limited to control of weed and pest species, control of access to the protected land, strategic fire and grazing management (acknowledging that such impacts may be positive or negative depending on circumstances);</li> </ul>                         |

OFFICIAL

|                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Measures to ensure that actions taken have no detrimental impact on the populations or habitat of other listed threatened species and communities that are likely to occur or utilise the NTGVVP Offset Management Plan;</li> <li>d. Information and commitments about monitoring and reporting on the improvements in condition of the offset site; and</li> <li>e. Corrective actions and contingency measures to be implemented where monitoring under the NTGVVP Offset Management Plan indicates a degradation of the NTGVVP.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>    | 13. The person taking the action must ensure the NTGVVP Offset is managed in accordance with the approved NTGVVP Offset Management Plan for a period of at least 10 years from the date of execution of the Agreement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>Variation dated<br/>13 January 2021</i> | <p>14. The person taking the action must ensure that construction activities do not impact more than 63.9 ha of Golden Sun Moth habitat. This comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Impact of no more than 31.56 ha approved on 17 April 2014; and</li> <li>b. No more than 32.34 ha additional impact approved on 13 January 2021.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>Variation dated<br/>13 January 2021</i> | <p><i>Offset requirements for impact of no more than 31.56 ha Golden Sun Moth habitat</i></p> <p>15. Unless otherwise approved by the Minister, the person taking the action must establish a 100 ha Golden Sun Moth Offset at the Darlington Property to compensate for the loss of Golden Sun Moth habitat as approved in condition 14 (a). Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide the Department with evidence that the property(s) identified to form the basis of the Golden Sun Moth Offset contain a viable population of Golden Sun Moth, and at least 100 ha of known Golden Sun Moth habitat. Property(s) must be surveyed in accordance with <i>EPBC Act policy statement 3.12 – significant impact guidelines for the critically endangered golden sun moth (Synemon plana)</i> by a suitably qualified ecologist;</li> <li>b. Enter into Agreement with the landowner under section 173 of the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i>, or a Trust for</li> </ul> |

OFFICIAL

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                              | <p>Nature covenant mechanism to secure a 100 ha Golden Sun Moth Offset of known Golden Sun Moth habitat at the Darlington Property;</p> <p>c. Provide the Department with a signed copy of the Agreement and evidence of lodgement with the Titles Office, within 2 weeks of lodgement;</p> <p>d. Provide the Department with the offset attributes, shapefile and map(s) clearly defining the location and boundaries of the Golden Sun Moth Offset, within 2 weeks of lodgement; and</p> <p>e. Ensure that the Agreement is registered on the title on which the Golden Sun Moth Offset is located. The Department must be provided with evidence of registration within 2 weeks of registration.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Original dated 17 April 2014 | <p>16. Within 9 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must submit a draft Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan to the Department for the Minister's approval. The Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan must be prepared in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist and provide for the conservation and enhancement of Golden Sun Moth within the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s), and must include details of:</p> <p>a. Baseline data and other supporting evidence that documents the baseline condition and extent of Golden Sun Moth habitat and population viability on the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s);</p> <p>b. Description, key performance indicator, and timeframe for implementing specific management actions to improve the condition of Golden Sun Moth habitat within the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s), including but not limited to control of weed and pest species, control of access to the protected land, strategic fire and grazing management (acknowledging that such impacts may be positive or negative depending on circumstances);</p> <p>c. Measures to ensure that actions taken have no detrimental impact on the populations or habitat of other listed threatened species and communities that are likely to occur or utilise the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s);</p> |

OFFICIAL

|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 | <p>d. Information and commitments about monitoring and reporting on the improvements in condition of the offset site; and</p> <p>e. Corrective actions and contingency measures to be implemented where monitoring under the Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan indicates a degradation of Golden Sun Moth habitat.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Original dated 17 April 2014    | <p>17. The person taking the action must ensure the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s) is managed in accordance with the approved Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan for a period of at least 10 years from the date of execution of the Agreement.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Variation dated 13 January 2021 | <p><i>Additional Offset Requirements for no more than 32.34 ha additional impact on Golden Sun Moth habitat</i></p> <p>17A. In addition to the requirements specified in Condition 15, unless otherwise approved by the Minister, the person taking the action must establish an additional Golden Sun Moth Offset in accordance with the EPBC Environmental Offsets Policy and Offset Assessment Guide to compensate for the impact on additional areas of Golden Sun Moth habitat specified in Condition 14(b).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Variation dated 13 January 2021 | <p>17B. Within 24 months of the date of the approval of the variation adding Conditions 17A to 17E to this approval, the person taking the action must:</p> <p>a. Provide the Department with evidence that any property/ies identified to form the basis of this Golden Sun Moth Offset contain a viable population of Golden Sun Moth that meets the requirements of Condition 17A. The property/ies must be surveyed in accordance with EPBC Act policy statement 3.12 – <i>Significant impact guidelines for the critically endangered Golden Sun Moth (Synemon plana)</i> by a suitably qualified ecologist;</p> <p>b. Enter into Agreement with the landowner under section 173 of the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i>, or a Trust for Nature covenant mechanism to secure the Golden Sun Moth Offset of known Golden Sun Moth habitat;</p> <p>c. Provide the Department with a signed copy of the Agreement and evidence of lodgement with the Titles Office, within 2 weeks of lodgement;</p> <p>d. Provide the Department with the offset attributes, shapefile and map(s) clearly defining the location and boundaries of</p> |

OFFICIAL

|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                    | the Golden Sun Moth Offset, within 2 weeks of lodgement; and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                    | e. Ensure that the Agreement is registered on the title on which the Golden Sun Moth Offset is located. The Department must be provided with evidence of registration within 2 weeks of registration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Variation dated<br>13 January 2021 | 17C. Within 24 months of the date of the approval of the variation adding Conditions 17A to 17E to this approval, the person taking the action must submit a draft Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan relating to the Golden Sun Moth Offset required under Condition 17A to the Department for the Minister's approval. The Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan must be prepared in consultation with a suitably qualified ecologist and provide for the conservation and enhancement of Golden Sun Moth within the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s) and must include the information specified in Condition 16.         |
| Variation dated<br>13 January 2021 | 17D. The person taking the action must ensure that the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s) required under Condition 17A is/are managed in accordance with the Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan prepared pursuant to Condition 17C for a period of 10 years from the date of execution of the Agreement required under Condition 17B.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Variation dated<br>13 January 2021 | 17E. Construction activities can proceed in advance of satisfaction of Conditions 17A, 17B, 17C and 17D.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014    | Contingency condition for offsets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                    | 18. If the GEWVVP Offsets as per <a href="#">condition 7</a> , and/or the NTGVVP Offset as per <a href="#">condition 11</a> , and/or the GSM Offset as per <a href="#">condition 15</a> cannot be secured as an offset within 9 months of the date of this approval, and/or if information required by <a href="#">condition 15(a)</a> fails to demonstrate a viable population of Golden Sun Moth at the Darlington Property to the Department's satisfaction, the person taking the action must establish a Contingency Offset(s) with Trust for Nature for the residual offset requirements of the relevant condition. |
|                                    | a. Within 10 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must provide the Department with a proposal for the Contingency Offset(s), for the Department's approval. The proposal must include a copy of the draft Agreement with Trust for Nature that documents the property(s) identified to form the basis of the Contingency Offset(s), prior to signature by any parties. The plan must                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

OFFICIAL

|  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | also include details of how the size and quality of the matters present at the site of the proposed Contingency Offset(s) will provide for the residual offset requirements of this approval, supported by surveys in accordance with the Department's guidelines and by a suitably qualified ecologist; and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|  | b. Within 24 months of the date of this approval, the person taking the action must:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|  | i. Enter into a written Agreement with Trust for Nature that documents the property(s) agreed by the Department to form a basis of the Contingency Offset(s). the person proposing to take the action must provide the Department with a signed copy of the Agreement and within 7 days of signature by all parties;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|  | ii. Ensure that the properties(s) identified by Trust for Nature to form the basis of the Contingency Offset(s) are surveyed in accordance with relevant survey guidelines by a suitably qualified ecologist to determine the baseline quality;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|  | iii. Provide Trust for Nature with \$50,000 Australian dollars per hectare, for the number of hectares required by the Department for the Contingency Offset(s) (the funds), to be held until such time as the Contingency Offset(s) is approved by the Minister, at which time the money will form the basis of the payment to purchase environmental services from the landowner of the Contingency Offsets). If the cost of purchasing the environmental services is greater than the funds, the person taking the action must provide additional funds to Trust for Nature as required. If the cost of purchasing the environmental services is less than the funds, the remaining funds must be returned to the person taking the action. The arrangements for the provision and expenditure of the funds must be set out in the Agreement; |
|  | iv. Enter into a Credit Trading Agreement with Trust for Nature and the landowner under the <i>Nature Conservation Trust Act 1972</i> , to secure Contingency Offset(s);                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

OFFICIAL

|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 | <p>v. Provide the Department with a signed copy of the Credit Trading Agreement within 2 weeks of its signature by all parties;</p> <p>vi. Ensure that a Deed of Covenant for the Contingency Offset(s) is executed with Trust for Nature and is registered on the title documents of the site of the Contingency Offset(s) within 6 months of the date of signing the Credit Trading Agreement;</p> <p>vii. Provide the Department with evidence of registration within 2 weeks of registration;</p> <p>viii. Provide the Department with the offset attributes, shapefiles and map clearly defining the location and boundaries of the Contingency Offset(s), within 2 weeks of registration; and</p> <p>ix. Provide a Contingency Offset Management Plan to the Department for the Minister's approval. The person taking the action must ensure that any Contingency Offset(s) are managed in accordance with an approved Contingency Offset Management Plan for a period of at least 10 years from the date of execution of the Agreement.</p> |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014 | <p><i>Administrative Conditions</i></p> <p>19. Within 30 calendar days after the commencement of construction activities, the person taking the action must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement construction activities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014 | <p>20. The person taking the action 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 genera media.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014 | <p>21. Within 3 months of June 30 each year following the commencement of construction activities, the person taking the action must publish an annual report of compliance on their website addressing</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

OFFICIAL

|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 | <p>compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, 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 annual report of compliance must document the outcomes of the management plan(s) against the performance indicators of the management plan(s).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014 | <p>22. The person taking the action must notify the Department in writing of any non-compliance with conditions as soon as practicable and no later than 2 business days of becoming aware of the non-compliance.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014 | <p>23. Upon the direction of the Minister, the person taking the action 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.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014 | <p>24. If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activity otherwise than in accordance with management plans specified in the conditions, the person taking the action must submit to the Department for the Minister's 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 pace of the management plan originally approved.</p> |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014 | <p>25. If the Minister believes that it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of listed threatened species and ecological communities and wetlands of international importance to do so, the Minister may request that the person taking the action make specific revisions to the management plans specified in the conditions and submit the revised management plans for the Minister's written approval. The person taking the action 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 person taking the action must</p>                                                                     |

## OFFICIAL

|                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                 | continue to implement the management plans originally approved, as specified in the conditions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | 26. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the person taking the action 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. Each management plan(s) must be accessible to the general members of the public for a period of at least 10 years from the date of approval of the management plan(s). Any variations to management plans must be published on the website within 1 month of the variation being approved by the Minister. |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | 27. If, at any time after 5 years of the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not substantially commenced the action, then the person taking the action must not substantially commence the action without the written agreement of the Minister.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>date of decision</b>                                         | <b>definitions attached to approval</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | Agreement means the executed agreement between the person taking the action and the relevant landowner, to secure the land in perpetuity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | Button Wrinklewort means the native plant species <i>Rutidosia leptorrhynchoides</i> , protected under the EPBC Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>As varied on the date<br/>this instrument was<br/>signed</i> | Button Wrinklewort patch(s) means the patch(s) of habitat for the Button Wrinklewort within the project area, represented in <a href="#">Annexure 1</a> by the aqua-coloured circles designated 'Button Wrinklewort'.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | Construction activities means all works associated with changes within the project area; including impacting native vegetation, the erecting of any onsite temporary structures, the use of heavy duty equipment for the purpose of breaking the ground for buildings or infrastructure, grading land for flood mitigation and ancillary works. Construction activities do not include the maintenance and use of existing access tracks, works to prepare the land for revegetation.                                                                                   |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | Contingency Offset Management Plan means the document developed by a suitably qualified ecologist to the satisfaction of the Department, detailing the long-term management of EPBC Act listed threatened species and ecological communities of the Contingency Offset(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## OFFICIAL

|                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | Contingency Offset means land secured in perpetuity to compensate for residual impacts on EPBC Act listed threatened species and ecological communities.                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | Credit Trading Agreement means the legal agreement between Trust and Nature and the person taking the action and the property owner of the protected land. The agreement stipulates the obligations of each party, including financial payments, to manage the protected land for a period of 10 years. |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | Darlington Property means the paddock within the property 'Terrinallum South', 833 Carranballac – Darlington Road, Darlington Victoria, as illustrated at <a href="#">Annexure 2</a> .                                                                                                                  |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | Deed of Covenant means an encumbrance registered to Trust for Nature on the title of the protected land and includes the Offset Management Plan and any other document that the owner of the protected land is required to comply with.                                                                 |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | Department means the Australian Government department administering the EPBC Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>As varied on the date<br/>this instrument was<br/>signed</i> | Development footprint means the location where clearing and construction will be undertaken from the date this instrument is signed, represented in <a href="#">Annexure 1</a> by the zones enclosed by the red lines.                                                                                  |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | Dunkeld Property means the paddock within the property 6640 Glenelg Highway, Dunkeld, Victoria, as illustrated at <a href="#">Annexure 3</a> .                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>As varied on the date<br/>this instrument was<br/>signed</i> | Dwarf Galaxias – REVOKED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>As varied on the date<br/>this instrument was<br/>signed</i> | Dwarf Galaxias habitat – REVOKED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | EPBC Act means the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth)</i> .                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>Variation dated<br/>13 January 2021</i>                      | EPBC Environmental Offsets Policy means the document entitled <i>EPBC Act 1999 – Environmental Offsets Policy (Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, October 2012)</i> .                                                                                        |

## OFFICIAL

|                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | GEWVVP means the ecological community <i>Grassy Eucalypt Woodland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain</i> protected under the EPBC Act.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | GEWVVP Offset means an area of land secured in perpetuity to compensate for impacts on GEWVVP as a result of the action.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | GEWVVP Offset Management Plan means the document developed by a suitably qualified ecologist to the satisfaction of the Department, detailing the long-term management of GEWVVP at the GEWVVP Offset(s).                                                                                                                   |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | Golden Sun Moth means the native moth species <i>Synemon plana</i> , protected under the EPBC Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| As varied on the date<br>this instrument was<br>signed | Golden Sun Moth habitat means any grassland (exotic and native) that may be utilised by the Golden Sun Moth at any stage of its life cycle. The areas of Golden Sun Moth habitat within the project area are represented in <a href="#">Annexure 1</a> by the yellow-hatched polygons designated 'Golden Sun Moth habitat'. |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | Golden Sun Moth Offset means an area of land secured in perpetuity to compensate for impacts on Golden Sun Moth as a result of the action.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | Golden Sun Moth Offset Management Plan means the document developed by a suitably qualified ecologist to the satisfaction of the Department, detailing the long-term management of Golden Sun Moth populations and habitat at the Golden Sun Moth Offset(s).                                                                |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | Impact(ing) means adverse impact by cutting down, felling, thinning, logging, removing, killing destroying, smothering, poisoning, ringbarking, uprooting or burning.                                                                                                                                                       |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | Landowner means the person(s) and/or company who legally owns the property that is secured as an offset site for the long-term management and protection of EPBC Act listed matters.                                                                                                                                        |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | Minister means the Minister administering the EPBC Act and includes a delegate of the Minister.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| As varied on the date<br>this instrument was<br>signed | No-go zones means each clearly delineated areas of conservation value represented by orange shaded areas in <a href="#">Annexure 1</a> , and which must be avoided by construction activities, machinery, vehicles and personnel.                                                                                           |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | NTGVVP means the ecological community <i>Natural Temperate Grassland of the Victorian Volcanic Plain</i> protected under the EPBC Act.                                                                                                                                                                                      |

## OFFICIAL

|                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | NTGVVP Offset means an area of land secured in perpetuity to compensate for impacts on NTGVVP as a result of the action.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | NTGVVP Offset Management Plan means the document developed by a suitably qualified ecologist to the satisfaction of the Department, detailing the long-term management of NTGVVP at the NTGVVP Offset(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | Offset attributes means an '.xls' file capturing relevant attributes of the offset site, including the EPBC 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. |
| Variation dated<br>13 January 2021                     | Offset Assessment Guide means the documents entitled <i>Offsets Assessment Guide</i> and <i>How to Use the Offsets Assessment Guide</i> , which outlines the method used to estimate impacts on and offsets for EBC Act listed threatened species and ecological communities.                                                                                                                                           |
| As varied on the date<br>this instrument was<br>signed | Project area means the means the location where the Action will be taken, represented in <a href="#">Annexure 1</a> by the zones enclosed by the blue lines designated 'Alignment' and the zones enclosed by the red lines designated 'Development footprint'.                                                                                                                                                          |
| As varied on the date<br>this instrument was<br>signed | Protected matters means a matter protected under a controlling provision in Part 3 of the EPBC Act for which this approval has effect.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | Shapefile means an ESRI Shapefile containing '.shp', '.shx' and '.dbf' files and other files capturing attributes including at least the EPBC reference ID number and EPBC protected matters present at the relevant site. Attributes should also be captured in '.xls' format.                                                                                                                                         |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | Spiny Rice-flower means the native flora species <i>Pimelea spinescens subsp. spinescens</i> , protected under the EPBC Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | Spiny Rice-flower patch means the patch(s) of habitat for the Spiny Rice-flower within the project area as illustrated at <a href="#">Annexure 1</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| As varied on the date<br>this instrument was<br>signed | Striped Legless Lizard – REVOKED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Original dated<br>17 April 2014                        | Substantially commence means commencement of construction of the road surface or bridges. This does not include preparatory works.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

## OFFICIAL

|                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | Suitably qualified ecologist means practising ecologist with tertiary qualifications from a recognised institute with at least three years of field experience undertaking fauna and flora surveys.                                               |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | The funds means the monetary value that forms the basis of payment for environmental services of the Contingency Offset.                                                                                                                          |
| <i>As varied on the date<br/>this instrument was<br/>signed</i> | Threatened Species Management Plan means the document entitled <i>Western Highway Project Section 2: Beaufort to Ararat, Victoria, Threatened Species Management Plan, dated October 2013</i> , or a subsequent version approved by the Minister. |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | Titles Office means the relevant authority responsible for registering land title transaction.                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | Trust for Nature means the Trust for Nature (Victoria) as established and defined by the <i>Victorian Conservation Trust Act 1972 (Victoria)</i> .                                                                                                |
| <i>As varied on the date<br/>this instrument was<br/>signed</i> | Weed Management Plan means the document titled final report <i>Weed Management Plan, Western Highway Duplication Project – Section 2, Beaufort to Ararat, Victoria, dated June 2013</i> , or a subsequent version approved by the Minister.       |
| <i>date of decision</i>                                         | Annexure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>As varied on the date<br/>this instrument was<br/>signed</i> | <u>Annexure 1</u> – Map 1-18 – Project Area – issued 11 March 2026                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | <u>Annexure 2</u> – Map – ‘Dunkeld property’ Offset Site                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | <u>Annexure 3</u> – Map – ‘Darlington Property’ Offset site                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>Original dated<br/>17 April 2014</i>                         | <u>Annexure 4</u> – Weed Management Plan                                                                                                                                                                                                          |