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# Edithvale and Bonbeach Level Crossing Removal Project: Annual Compliance Report No.2

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# 2 Introduction

## 2.1 Background

The Victorian Government has removed the dangerous and congested level crossings at Edithvale and Bonbeach in Victoria, by lowering the rail line into trenches. An Environment Effects Statement (EES) was undertaken for the Projects to assess potential impacts to groundwater levels, groundwater quality and the Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands, which is listed as a wetland of international importance through the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands treaty. Australia is a Contracting Party to the Ramsar Convention and as such, the Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands represents a Matter of National Environmental Significance.

Due to the proximity of the projects to the Edithvale Wetland, which is one of two wetlands that form the Ramsar Site, matters of national environmental significance required assessment under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

## 2.2 Approval under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

The design and construction of the projects is authorised and regulated by Incorporated Documents that have been incorporated into the Kingston Planning Scheme, and by the approval of the project as a controlled action under the EPBC Act.

The former Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water, and the Environment (DAWE)<sup>1</sup> granted approval for the Project on 3 December 2018 (EPBC 2017/7906). The approval included several conditions that the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) is required to fulfil, including development and implementation of the Environmental Management Framework (EMF) and its Environmental Performance Requirements (EPRs), which include management plans applicable to the design, development and operation of the projects.

## 2.3 Description of activities

Table 1 contains a description of the approved project and details of the current activities undertaken during the period covered by the report.

Table 1 Description of activities

Activity	Description
EPBC number	2017/7906
Project name	Edithvale and Bonbeach Level Crossing Removal Project
Approval holder and ACN or ABN	Level Crossing Removal Project ABN: 69 981 208 782
The approved action	To remove two level crossings at Edithvale Road, Edithvale and Station Street/Bondi Road, Bonbeach, Victoria <sup>2</sup>  [see EPBC Act referral 2017/7906]

<sup>1</sup> Now Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

<sup>2</sup> The removal of level crossings between Edithvale and Bonbeach at Chelsea, while being undertaken concurrently, are not subject to the EPBC Act approval.

Activity	Description
Location of the project	Edithvale and Bonbeach, Victoria
Person accepting responsibility for the report – signed declaration	Andrew Kerr Refer to signed declaration in Appendix A: Declaration of Accuracy
Dates for the reporting period of the report	13 October 2021 to 12 October 2022
Date of preparation of the report	21 December 2022

## 2.4 Purpose of this document

This document is a Compliance Report relating to the Edithvale and Bonbeach Level Crossing Removal Project in accordance with condition 7 of the EPBC Act approval EPBC 2017/7906. The approved action commenced on 13 October 2020.

This Compliance Report covers the period 13 October 2021 to 12 October 2022 and therefore relates to 'Year 2' of the groundwater monitoring program. Its purpose is to:

- demonstrate that all conditions of the EPBC approval have been considered and addressed
- list the conditions of the EPBC approval, including any variations to those conditions, noting if compliance or non-compliance with each condition has been achieved
- detail the specifics of the management plan ([Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan, EPR\\_GW2](#)) that supports the approval condition, noting if compliance or non-compliance has been achieved
- provide material demonstrating that the requirements of that [Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan](#) have been implemented

This Compliance Report has been prepared in acknowledgement of the Declaration of Accuracy completed in Appendix A: Declaration of Accuracy.

# 3 EPBC Approval Conditions and Compliance

Project approval was subject to meeting several EPBC Act conditions. Those conditions that are specific to the action are outlined in Table 2, which references the full wording of all conditions under the EPBC approval and the condition reference number. Table 2 also designates compliance or non-compliance for each condition, with a summary of evidence and comments to support the compliance designation.

Table 2 EPBC Act approval conditions and document reference

Condition reference number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence / Comments
1	The approval holder must submit a Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan for the Minister's approval that ensures predicted and potential impacts to groundwater as a result of the action are monitored, and corrective actions implemented if applicable trigger values are reached.	Compliant	<p>The <a href="#">Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan (EPR_GW2)</a> was approved by the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment on 2 December 2019 and was revised to account for design changes. The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment accepted these changes on 3 July 2020, resulting in an approved Revised Action Management Plan (RAMP). The RAMP was again revised to account for groundwater monitoring changes.</p> <p>Section 13 of EPBC Approval 2017/7906 requires that the RAMP is reviewed on an annual basis during its first two years of implementation. The most recent RAMP revision (Version 4) was updated on 23 December 2021. DAWE accepted this revision on 4 January 2022, and implemented the RAMP on 2 February 2022.</p> <p>The approved RAMP is available through the following website:  <a href="https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/media/publications/edithvale-and-bonbeach-groundwater-monitoring-and-management-plan">https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/media/publications/edithvale-and-bonbeach-groundwater-monitoring-and-management-plan</a></p> <p>Predicted and potential impacts to groundwater as a result of the action are monitored through quarterly reviews, focussing on the triggers stipulated in Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the RAMP. Quarterly review summaries from groundwater monitoring events (GME) 5 to 8 undertaken during this review period, are provided in the trigger review assessments within Appendix B: Groundwater Monitoring Program Report, which confirm that no applicable trigger values resulting in unacceptable project-induced impact were reached during the reporting period.</p>

Condition reference number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence / Comments
2	The approval holder must not commence the action unless the Minister has approved the Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan in writing. The approval holder must implement the Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan approved by the Minister.	Compliant	Confirmation of approval of the <a href="#">RAMP</a> was provided by DAWE, which noted that the action commenced on 20 October 2020 (Ref: 18/011286).  Plan implementation is evidenced through the previously issued and approved Annual Compliance Report No.1 and the compliance statements summarised in Section 4. A detailed annual factual monitoring report has been prepared and referenced as Appendix B: Groundwater Monitoring Program Report. Note that this technical report has not been appended to this Compliance Report, as the summary provided in Section 4 includes all the data that is relevant to the EPBC Act approval.
3	The Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan must be consistent with the relevant Environmental Performance Requirement approved by the Victorian Minister, and must include:	Compliant	As per items 3a to 3f outlined below.
3a	The Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan environmental objectives, relevant EPBC Act protected matter/s and a table setting out where it addresses the EPBC Act approval conditions applicable to the Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan;	Compliant	Condition met through Table 13 within the <a href="#">RAMP</a>
3b	A table of commitments made in the Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan to achieve the objectives, and reference to where each commitment is detailed in the Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan;	Compliant	Condition met through Section 1.5 and Table 1 within the <a href="#">RAMP</a> and the relevant sections of the <a href="#">RAMP</a> referenced therein.

Condition reference number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence / Comments
3c	Reporting and review mechanisms, and documentation standards to demonstrate compliance with the Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan	Compliant	<p>Section 6 within the <a href="#">RAMP</a> outlines reporting, notification and audit requirements. This Compliance Report forms the basis of demonstrating compliance with reporting and review mechanisms, and documentation standards.</p> <p>Specific reporting and review documentation demonstrating compliance with the <a href="#">RAMP</a> are included in Appendix B: Groundwater Monitoring Program Report.</p>
3d	An assessment of risks to achieving Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan environmental objectives and risk management strategies that will be applied;	Compliant	<p>Risks to implementation of the Plan are outlined in Section 8.3 within the <a href="#">RAMP</a>.</p> <p>New environmental risks identified through implementation of the <a href="#">RAMP</a> are assessed in Section 4.3 of this Compliance Report. The new environmental risks identified do not impact the Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan environmental objectives.</p>
3e	Impact avoidance, mitigation and/or repair measures, and their timing;	Compliant	<p>Sections 3, 4 and 5 within the <a href="#">RAMP</a> outline monitoring to be undertaken to identify the need for impact avoidance and mitigation.</p> <p>Appendix B: Groundwater Monitoring Program Report confirms that no trigger values were reached during the reporting period that resulted in unacceptable project-induced impact.</p> <p>A <a href="#">Groundwater Quality Mitigation Plan (EPR_CL5)</a> has been prepared (refer to Appendix C: Groundwater Quality Mitigation Plan), to meet the requirements of EPR_CL5 and address impact mitigation measures and their timing, should they be required if a trigger is reached.</p>
3f	<p>A monitoring program, which must include:</p> <p>i. measurable performance indicators;</p>	Compliant	<p>Sections 3, 4 and 5 within the <a href="#">RAMP</a> outline monitoring to be undertaken to identify the need for impact avoidance and mitigation, through measurable performance indicators (triggers).</p> <p>To demonstrate monitoring program implementation, an annual factual monitoring report is included in Appendix B: Groundwater Monitoring Program Report.</p> <p>To demonstrate the monitoring of measurable performance indicators (triggers indicating potential impacts to groundwater as a result of the action), the quarterly review documentation is included in</p>

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			Appendix B: Groundwater Monitoring Program Report, which confirms that no trigger values resulting in unacceptable project-induced impact were reached during the reporting period.
	ii. the timing and frequency of monitoring to detect changes in the performance indicators;	Compliant	Requirements are outlined in Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the <a href="#">RAMP</a> .  To demonstrate the timing and frequency of monitoring of performance indicators, an annual factual monitoring report is included in Appendix B: Groundwater Monitoring Program Report, which confirms that no trigger values resulting in unacceptable project-induced impact were reached during the reporting period.
	iii. trigger values for corrective actions; and	Compliant	Requirements are outlined in Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the <a href="#">RAMP</a> .  To demonstrate the monitoring of measurable performance indicators (triggers indicating potential impacts to groundwater as a result of the action), the quarterly review documentation is included in Appendix B: Groundwater Monitoring Program Report.
	iv. corrective actions, and commitments to implement these actions if trigger values are reached.	Compliant	Corrective actions are outlined in Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the <a href="#">RAMP</a> . As referenced in the <a href="#">RAMP</a> as a corrective action, a <a href="#">Groundwater Quality Mitigation Plan (EPR_CL5)</a> has been prepared (refer to Appendix C: Groundwater Quality Mitigation Plan), to meet the requirements of EPR_CL5 and address impact mitigation measures and their timing, should they be required if a trigger resulting in unacceptable project-induced impact is reached.
4	The approval holder must submit an Edithvale Wetlands Monitoring and Mitigation Plan for the Minister's approval that ensures impacts to wetlands as a result of the action are monitored, and corrective actions implemented if applicable trigger values are reached.	Compliant	The <a href="#">Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</a> was submitted and approved and is available through the following website: <a href="https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/media/publications/edithvale-and-bonbeach-groundwater-monitoring-and-management-plan">https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/media/publications/edithvale-and-bonbeach-groundwater-monitoring-and-management-plan</a>  The <a href="#">Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</a> is referenced as a corrective action in Section 4 of the <a href="#">RAMP</a> .



Condition reference number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence / Comments
<p>Since no applicable trigger values were reached during the reporting period, the <i>Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</i> did not come into effect during this reporting period.</p>			
5	<p>The approval holder must not commence the action unless the Minister has approved the Edithvale Wetlands Monitoring and Mitigation Plan in writing. The Edithvale Wetlands Monitoring and Mitigation Plan approved by the Minister must be implemented.</p>	Compliant	<p>The <i>Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</i> was approved by the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment on 2 December 2019.</p> <p>Commencement of action occurred subsequently on 13 October 2020 in accordance with condition 7 of the EPBC Act approval EPBC 2017/7906.</p>
6	<p>The Edithvale Wetlands Monitoring and Mitigation Plan must be consistent with the relevant Environmental Performance Requirement as approved by the Victorian Minister, and must include:</p>	Compliant	<p>As per items 6a to 6f outlined below.</p>
6a	<p>The Edithvale Wetlands Monitoring and Mitigation Plan environmental objectives, relevant EPBC Act protected matter/s and a table setting out where it addresses the EPBC Act approval conditions applicable to the Edithvale Wetlands Monitoring and Mitigation Plan</p>	Compliant	<p>The <i>Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</i> has been prepared to address the requirements of EPR FF7 and Conditions 4-6 of the EPBC Approval 2017/7906 (Appendix A). DAWE, the Victorian Government Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and Melbourne Water were consulted during the preparation of this Plan.</p> <p>Section 3 of the <i>Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</i> outlines the relevant environmental objectives, while the relevant EPBC Act protected matter/s and applicable EPBC Act approval conditions are outlined in Table 6.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 1.3.1 of the <i>RAMP</i>, the <i>Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</i> represents a contingency measure that would be implemented in the event that mounding and/or drawdown of groundwater occur as a result of the construction and/or operation phases of the projects, as defined within Section 4 of the <i>RAMP</i>.</p>

Condition reference number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence / Comments
			<p>None of the triggers defined in Section 4 of the <a href="#">RAMP</a> and relating to Edithvale Wetland were met during the reporting period. As such, the <a href="#">Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</a> has not been implemented.</p>
6b	<p>A table of commitments made in the Edithvale Wetlands Monitoring and Mitigation Plan to achieve the objectives, and reference to where each commitment is detailed in the Edithvale Wetlands Monitoring and Mitigation Plan</p>	Compliant	<p>Table 1 of the <a href="#">Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</a> presents a table of commitments to achieve its objectives, with reference to where each commitment is detailed in the <a href="#">Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</a>. Compliance with each of the three objectives during this reporting period is summarised below:</p> <p>Objective 1 (Establish a process to assess if groundwater mounding at the trench extends to the Edithvale Wetland): will commence if the trigger outlined in <a href="#">RAMP</a> relating to potential impacts on Edithvale Wetland is met. None of the triggers defined in Section 4 of the <a href="#">RAMP</a> relating to Edithvale Wetland were met during the reporting period. Specific reporting and review documentation demonstrating such are included in Appendix B: Groundwater Monitoring Program Report.</p> <p>Objective 2 (Define an approach to review and analyse existing monitoring data to determine if the habitat suitability of Edithvale Wetland is at risk and determine thresholds (triggers) for mitigation): is being undertaken through data collection at Edithvale Wetland. There is no requirement in the <a href="#">RAMP</a> for this data to be reviewed unless the <a href="#">Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</a> is implemented.</p> <p>Objective 3 (Identify mitigation measures to be implemented if monitoring determines habitat suitability of Edithvale Wetland is at risk): is outlined in Section 6 of the <a href="#">Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</a>. Since no applicable trigger values were reached during the reporting period, the <a href="#">Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</a> did not come into effect during this reporting period.</p>
6c	<p>Reporting and review mechanisms, and documentation standards to demonstrate</p>	Compliant	<p>Compliance with the <a href="#">Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</a> is measured through the trigger outlined in Section 4 of the <a href="#">RAMP</a>. None of the triggers defined in the <a href="#">RAMP</a> relating to Edithvale Wetland were met during the reporting period.</p>

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	compliance with the Edithvale Wetlands Monitoring and Mitigation Plan;		
6d	An assessment of risks to achieving Edithvale Wetlands Monitoring and Mitigation Plan environmental objectives and risk management strategies that will be applied;	Compliant	An assessment of risks to achieving the environmental objectives of the <i>Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</i> is provided in Appendix D of that Plan.
6e	Impact avoidance, mitigation and/or repair measures, and their timing;	Compliant	<p>Section 6 of the <i>Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</i> outlines impact avoidance, mitigation and/or repair measures.</p> <p>None of the triggers defined in Section 4 of the <i>RAMP</i> and relating to Edithvale Wetland were met during the reporting period. As such, the <i>Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</i> has not been implemented.</p>
6f	<p>A monitoring program, which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. measurable performance indicators;</li> <li>ii. the timing and frequency of monitoring to detect changes in the performance indicators;</li> <li>iii. trigger values for corrective actions; and</li> <li>iv. corrective actions, and commitments to implement these actions if trigger values are reached.</li> </ul>	Compliant	<p>In terms of monitoring:</p> <p>Section 4 within the <i>RAMP</i> outlines monitoring to be undertaken to identify the need for impact avoidance and mitigation at Edithvale Wetland.</p> <p>Section 7 of the <i>Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</i> outlines a relevant monitoring program at Edithvale Wetlands that would be implemented if the triggers defined in Section 4 of the <i>RAMP</i> relating to Edithvale Wetland were met. Since these triggers were not met during the reporting period, the monitoring program outlined in Section 7 of the <i>Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</i> has not been implemented.</p> <p>In terms of corrective actions:</p> <p>A <i>Groundwater Quality Mitigation Plan (EPR_CL5)</i> has been prepared (refer to Appendix C: Groundwater Quality Mitigation Plan) as a contingency measure to address impact mitigation</p>

Condition reference number	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence / Comments
			<p>measures and their timing. Since the <a href="#">RAMP</a> triggers were not met during this reporting period, the <a href="#">Groundwater Quality Mitigation Plan (EPR_CL5)</a> has not been implemented.</p> <p>Section 6 of the <a href="#">Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR_FF7)</a> outlines impact avoidance, mitigation and/or repair measures that would be considered if that Plan was implemented.</p>
7	The approval holder must notify the Department in writing of the date of commencement of the action within 10 business days after the date of commencement of the action.	Compliant	Confirmation of notice of commencement of the action provided by DAWE on 20 October 2020 (Ref: 18/011286)
8	If the commencement of the action does not occur within 5 years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not commence the action without the prior written agreement of the Minister.	Compliant	This item is not applicable

# 4 Compliance Statement

## 4.1 Compliances

Project operations were compliant in full with the EPBC Act conditions of approval. In summary:

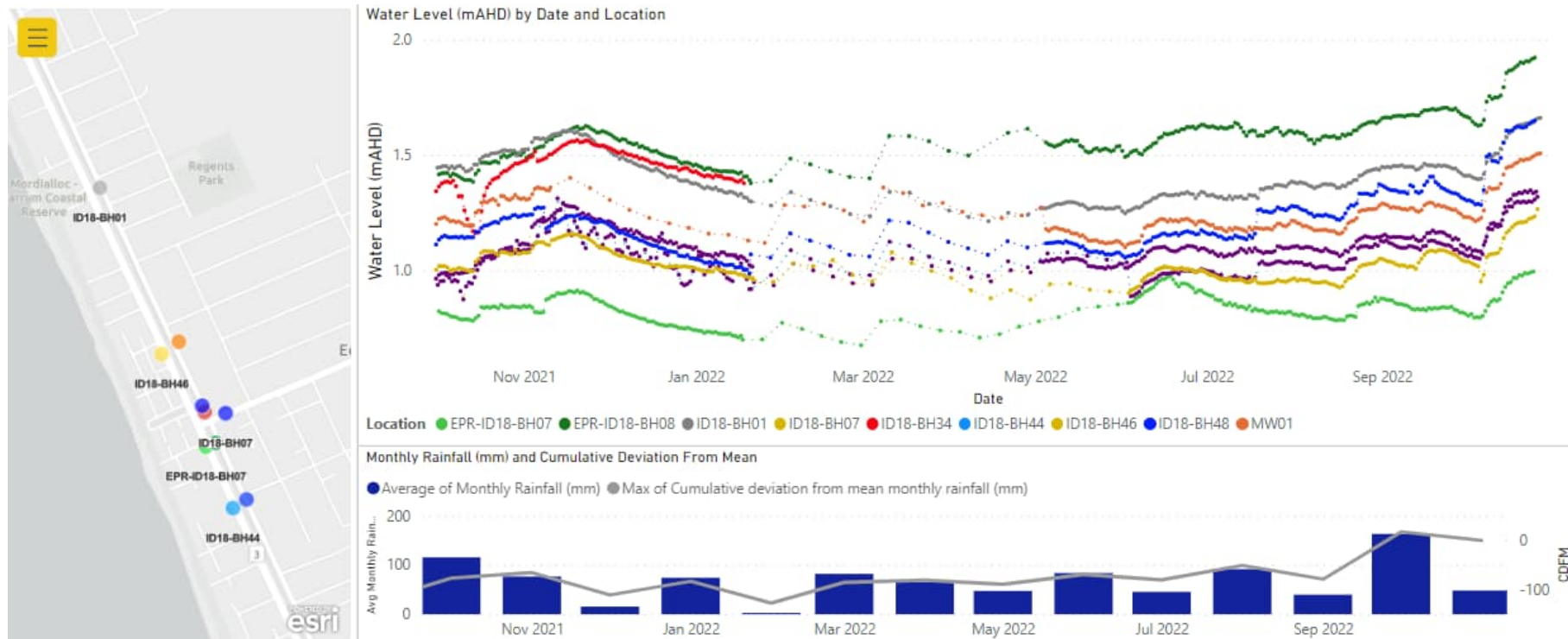
- All conditions of the EPBC approval have been considered and addressed
- Project operations were compliant with the EPBC Act conditions of approval. Project construction was completed during this review period and the project entered operation phase in August 2022
- There were some groundwater levels and/or quality triggers identified as met or exceeded since the Annual Compliance Report No.1 was issued and approved. A detailed review was undertaken to assess the cause and potential effects of these events. The review determined that none of the triggers met to date were project induced or related to the protected matter, being the Edithvale Wetlands, confirming no further corrective actions were required
- The requirements of the [RAMP](#) have been implemented
- As stipulated in the [RAMP](#), future groundwater monitoring shall be undertaken for a period of no less than 10 years. As the project is now in operation phase, this report fully supports the rationalisation of groundwater monitoring through the current RAMP Review process being undertaken in accordance with Section 13 of EPBC Approval 2017/7906
- The groundwater monitoring program is adequate, and may be refined / rationalised during the pending RAMP review. Through its implementation in Year 2 of monitoring, several amendments to the [RAMP](#) are suggested to:
  - Improve its usability and reduce complexity in implementation
  - Reduce monitoring scope where sufficient data exists as evidence to propose such reduction
  - Amend the wording and/or metrics of certain triggers to reduce complexity in implementation or remove unintended consequences (such as accidental tripping of triggers, which have been identified in Year 2 of monitoring, as outlined in Appendix B: Groundwater Monitoring Program Report)

Figure 1 of this document presents a summary of groundwater level data obtained during Year 2 of monitoring, from all groundwater monitoring bores relevant to the EPBC Act protected matter. Specifically, Figure 1 includes data from each of the groundwater monitoring locations that contain a monitoring review trigger within Table 6 of the [RAMP](#).

Figure 1 shows relatively stable groundwater levels across the reporting period, with the expected seasonal fluctuations most notably shown through a decline in groundwater levels during the summer months, followed by relatively stable levels during autumn. From early winter 2022, groundwater levels show a modest increase at most monitoring locations, punctuated by significant increases in October 2022 in response to above average rainfall experienced during spring 2022. The recent increase in groundwater levels during spring 2022 is anticipated to decrease during the summer months; this is being reviewed in detail during the current RAMP review and will form the basis of the monitoring rationalisation process.

Figure 1 data pertaining to Table 6 of the [RAMP](#) demonstrates that data is not trending towards meeting or exceeding trigger events or levels.

Figure 1 Groundwater level data, Edithvale



## 4.2 Non-compliances

There were no non-compliance items identified during this reporting period.

## 4.3 New environmental risks

No new environmental risks were identified during Year 2 of the monitoring program. The risks identified within Annual Compliance Report No.1 remained relevant during Year 2 of the monitoring program, i.e.:

- Test pumping through groundwater bores for Trade Waste requirements
- The use of temporary groundwater dewatering techniques during project construction

Since these risks were presented within Annual Compliance Report No.1 they are not considered 'new' and are not discussed further here. These environmental risks did not result in new or increased environmental impact or risk relating to any protected matter as defined in Part 3 of the EPBC Act.

## 4.4 Review of the management plan (RAMP)

A *Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan (EPR\_GW2)* relating to EPBC Approval 2017/7906 and addressing EPBC Act conditions 1 to 3 and EPR\_GW2 has previously been prepared by the LXP. The most recent Plan revision (Version 4) was updated on 23 December 2021. DAWE accepted this revision on 4 January 2022 and implemented the RAMP on 2 February 2022.

Similarly, the *Edithvale Wetland Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EPR\_FF7)* relating to EPBC Approval 2017/7906 and addressing EPBC Act conditions 4 to 6 and EPR\_FF7 has previously been prepared by the LXP and approved by the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment on 31 October 2019.

At the time of writing, revision of the RAMP is currently in progress and will be submitted to the Minister in due course, without the requirement for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, as the taking of the action in accordance with the pending Version 4 of the RAMP will not be likely to have a new or increased impact.

## 4.5 Independent audit

Condition 16 of the EPBC Act approval requires an independent audit be carried out for the first 12-month period and then for each 24-month period thereafter. An independent auditor has been engaged to undertake an independent audit as per the Condition 16 and the relevant Department requirements, including the Independent Audit Guidelines. The result of the independent audit will be made available to LXP in due course and will be submitted to the Department.

# Appendix A: Declaration of Accuracy



Declaration of accuracy

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed

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Level Crossing Removal Project

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# Appendix B: Groundwater Monitoring Program Report

*Report not included as all data and information collected in relation to the EPBC Act protected matter has been documented in Sections 4 and 5 of the Compliance Report.*

This Groundwater Monitoring Program (GMP) report provides supplementary data and information relating to implementation of the RAMP. The purpose of the GMP was to assess whether the Environmental Performance Requirement EPR\_GW2 was met as per the project Environmental Management Framework (LXRA, 2018a), in particular the requirement to report annually on the results of the monitoring program. The objective of the GMP was to document whether predicted impacts to groundwater as a result of the projects, measured through the groundwater monitoring program, were maintained within the acceptable thresholds specified in the RAMP.

The following conclusions were made in relation to the GMP's objective:

- The groundwater investigations and trigger analysis completed during Year 2 (13 October 2021 to 12 October 2022) of the RAMP implementation period was in accordance with the RAMP and the investigation completed was considered valid and of sufficient quality to meet the objective of the RAMP.
- There were no groundwater level or quality triggers identified as met or exceeded through the analysis undertaken during Year 2 of the RAMP implementation period that indicated there were unacceptable project induced changes to groundwater quality or levels.

The GMP report can be made available for review upon request.

Report reference number	Review period	Groundwater monitoring event
LXRA-LX31-00-HZ-RPT-0020	October 2021 to October 2022	GME5 to GME8

# Appendix C: Groundwater Quality Mitigation Plan

*Report not included as it does not relate to an EPBC Act protected matter/s or any applicable EPBC Act approval conditions.*

Report reference number	Report date	Version
LXRA-LX31-00-PA-PLN-0003	17 February 2021	1