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Dulacca Renewable Energy Project

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1 Introduction

The Dulacca Wind Farm Project involves the construction and operation of a wind farm consisting of 43 wind turbines. Construction on the site commenced on 5 October 2021 (commencement of the action) with all relevant plans published on the Dulacca Wind Farm website, <https://www.dulaccawindfarm.com.au/>. Construction of the wind farm is still in progress, with practical completion of the wind farm and commencement of operations currently scheduled for early 2023.

This Annual Compliance Report covers the reporting period between 5 October 2021 - 6 October 2022. This report has been prepared by Dulacca Energy Project Co Pty Ltd (ACN 643 652 368) as per the EPBC approval granted for the Dulacca Renewable Energy Project (EPBC 2018/8368).

In accordance with the approval granted on the 21 August 2020 under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999* (EPBC Act), this Annual Compliance Report has been prepared in response to Condition 27 of the approval which states:

“The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12-month period following the date of commencement of the action, or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must:

- a. publish each **compliance report** on the **website** within **60 business days** following the relevant 12-month period”

1.1 EPBC Approval

Dulacca Energy Project Co Pty Ltd, as the Proponent of the Project (EPBC 2018/8368) was issued with an approval by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (now the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water) (the Department) on the 21 August 2020. An additional variation to the approval was made on 30 July 2021, approved by A/Assistant Secretary, which updated conditions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11 and added conditions 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, and 25E.



2 EPBC Conditions and Compliance

Table 1 details the Conditions attached to the Dulacca EPBC Approval (EPBC 2018/8368).

Table 1: EPBC (approval number) Conditions Compliance for Dulacca

Condition No.	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence/Comments
1	To minimise impacts to the Dulacca Woodland Snail , the approval holder must not clear more than a total of 1.49 hectares (ha) of Dulacca Woodland Snail habitat, and this clearing must be in the Key impact areas for Dulacca Woodland Snail habitat within the study area.	Compliant	Dulacca Woodland Snail Habitat was demarcated prior to construction, with surveys of disturbed habitat completed post-construction. The Project minimised impacts to Dulacca Woodland Snail Habitat, with a final clearance of 0.89 ha. This is less than the allowable clearing limit of 1.49 ha, saving 0.6 ha of habitat.
2	The approval holder must undertake pre-clearance surveys of all areas to be cleared , to identify any protected matters , prior to undertaking clearing . All pre-clearance surveys must be undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist and undertaken in accordance with the Department's survey guidelines.	Compliant	Pre-clearance surveys were undertaken prior to the clearance of all areas. These surveys were undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist.
3	Prior to the commencement of the action , the approval holder must publish a Final Layout Plan showing in detail the final layout of the action within the study area . The Final Layout Plan must specify the extent (in hectares) and locations of all protected matters and/or their habitat. The Final Layout Plan	Compliant	The action commenced on 5 October 2021. The 'Final Project Layout Plan' was finalised on 20 August 2021 and published online. https://www.dulaccawindfarm.com.au/epbc . The Final Project Layout Plan details the extent (in hectares) and location of protected matters. The Final

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	must demonstrate that the proposed placement of infrastructure has avoided impacts on protected matters as informed by pre-clearance surveys and the advice of a suitably qualified ecologist . The Final Layout Plan must remain published on the website for the period this approval has effect.		Project Layout Plan also demonstrates the proposed infrastructure has avoided impacts on protected matters.
4	The approval holder must not construct more than 43 wind turbines within the study area . Each turbine must not exceed 250 metres (m) tip height, as specified in the Preliminary documentation .	Compliant	The Dulacca Wind Farm has commenced construction; with 41 of the 43 proposed turbines constructed as specified in the preliminary documentation.
5	The approval holder must implement the Vegetation and Fauna Management Plan within 10 m of any area disturbed as part of the action shown in the Final Layout Plan for the duration of this approval. In particular, the approval holder must:	Compliant	Refer to the online publication of ' <i>Vegetation and Fauna Management Plan (Rev 4, 27 May 2021)</i> '.
	a. prior to the commencement of the action , undertake weed management control across all areas within the study area subject to disturbance;	Compliant	Weed management control has been undertaken as outlined in the Weed Management Plan.
	b. during the construction , undertake weed management control across all areas within the study area subject to disturbance to promptly suppress outbreaks;	Compliant	Weed Management is ongoing with active engagement between the Project and landowners to ensure appropriate measures are undertaken.
	c. upon the cessation of disturbance, undertake weed control within disturbed areas until such time	Compliant	With the turbine installation nearing completion, focus is now on rehabilitation, which includes weed spraying

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	that weed presence in these areas cannot be attributed to disturbance associated with construction activities; and		and reseeding in accordance with the Weed Management Plan and Rehabilitation Plan.
	d. undertake weed management and control within 1 m of any project infrastructure at ground level for the rest of the period of effect of this approval. The weed management and control must minimise the risk of and potential for weed cover occurring, suppress any outbreak that occurs, and remove any weeds that may occur.	Not applicable	As the Project is still under construction, weed management falls under condition 5b.
6	To minimise risk of injury or mortality of EPBC Act listed threatened species and EPBC Act listed migratory species as a result of turbine strike within the study area , the approval holder must implement the Bird and Bat Management Plan (BBMP) for the duration of this approval. In particular, the approval holder must engage a suitably qualified ecologist to undertake:	Compliant	Refer to the online publication of ' <i>Bird and Bat Management Plan (Rev 2.14, 27 July 2021)</i> '. Nature Advisory was engaged as a suitably qualified ecologist.
	a. bird and bat utilisation surveys over a period of at least 24 months (or another timeframe agreed to in writing by the Department) prior to the first full operation , including at least two surveys undertaken at or adjacent to survey points and reference sites (as	Compliant	Pre-operational surveys were undertaken for a period of a least 24 months during 2020, 2021, and 2022 across the dry and wet seasons. A total of eight pre-operational bird utilisation surveys were undertaken at ten fixed points (seven impacted, three referenced).



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	identified in the BBMP) over at least one wet season and one dry season in succession;		<p>Bat recording Song Meters were located near six proposed impact sites and two reference sites. Two summary reports were prepared at the conclusion of the monitoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dulacca Renewable Energy Project, Bird Utilisation Survey Baseline Report - Year Two (Report No. 19103.3 (4.1)) • Dulacca Renewable Energy Project, Microbat Baseline Report - Pre-operational (Report No. 19103.03 (5.1)) <p>The monitoring concluded that all turbines within the study area are considered to meet the EPBC Act approval condition definition of low-risk turbines.</p>
	b. bird and bat utilisation surveys over a period of at least 24 months commencing within 3 months after first full operation , including at least one survey undertaken at or adjacent to survey points and reference sites (as identified in the BBMP) over at least two wet seasons and two dry seasons in succession; and	Not applicable	As the Project is still under construction, monitoring after first full operation is not applicable.
	c. turbine strike monitoring in accordance with the BBMP at monitoring sites identified in the BBMP , and at all high-risk turbines identified as required under condition 9, for a minimum of 24 contiguous months within 30 months after first full operation .	Not applicable	As the Project is still under construction, monitoring after first full operation is not applicable.



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7	The approval holder must conduct at least one survey for the presence of the White-throated Needletail and Fork-tailed Swift and in respect of each species, in each 12-month period of bird and bat utilisation surveys (as required under condition 6) during the migratory periods of the White-throated Needletail and Fork-tailed Swift.	Compliant	Four pre-operational Bird and Bat Utilisation Surveys were completed during the migratory period of White-throated Needletail (and Fork-tailed Swift) with two surveys completed during each of the two 12-month periods. No White-throated Needletail and Fork-tailed Swift individuals were observed during the surveys.
8	The approval holder must report on the results of the bird and bat utilisation surveys required under condition 6 in each annual compliance report required under condition 27 until all bird and bat utilisation surveys have been completed and so reported.	Compliant	The Bird and Bat Utilisation Survey Reports have been summarised in this report to satisfy this condition, refer to condition 6a.
9	To inform turbine strike monitoring , the approval holder must engage a suitably qualified ecologist to:	Compliant	Nature Advisory was engaged as a suitably qualified ecologist.
	a. assign a risk profile to each turbine within the study area prior to first full operation using the results of the bird and bat utilisation surveys required under condition 6(a); and	Compliant	The Bird and Bat Utilisation Survey Reports monitoring and summary reports concluded that all turbines within the study area are considered to meet the EPBC Act approval condition definition of low-risk turbines.
	b. re-assign a turbine to be a high-risk turbine within five business days if, during the bird and bat utilisation surveys required under condition 6(a), or any other monitoring or incidental observation during operation , one or more individual/s of an EPBC Act	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.



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	listed threatened species or EPBC Act listed migratory species is detected within the vicinity of that turbine.		
10	Upon completion of the bird and bat utilisation surveys required under condition 6, the approval holder must engage a suitably qualified ecologist to revise the BBMP to include the following:	Compliant	A letter was sent to RES Australia on 29 November 2022 from Nature Advisory (Ecologist) confirming that, following a review of the Bird and Bat Utilisation Survey Reports results, no updates to the BBMP are required. This includes the risk profile and mitigation measures.
	a. the results of the bird and bat utilisation surveys required under condition 6;	Compliant	Refer to above comment.
	b. the risk profile of each turbine within the study area ; and	Compliant	Refer to above comment.
	c. any additional or improved mitigation measures (including timing, frequency and longevity) that will be implemented to ensure that impacts on EPBC Act listed threatened species and EPBC Act listed migratory species are minimised.	Compliant	Refer to above comment.
	The revision of the BBMP must be completed within 3 months of the completion of the bird and bat utilisation surveys required under condition 6.	Compliant	The Bird and Bat Utilisation Surveys were consolidated into two summary reports (refer to condition 6a). These reports were finalised in August 2022. The review of the BBMP was completed on 29 November 2022, with Nature Advisory issuing a letter advising no revision was required.



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	Note: Condition 25 specifies when the revised BBMP must be published on the website.	Not application	
11	The approval holder must implement the BBMP revised in accordance with condition 10 from the date that the revised BBMP is published on the website . If subsequently the BBMP is revised under s143 of the EPBC Act , the approval holder must implement the revised BBMP revised under s143 of the EPBC Act from the date the revised BBMP is approved by the Minister .	Not application	The Project is not currently operational. Pre-operational monitoring has been completed
12	If an impact trigger is reached or exceeded, the approval holder must provide a report to the Minister on the steps taken and outcomes of implementing the relevant commitments in the adaptive management framework in the first annual compliance report required under condition 27 that follows each instance of reaching or exceedance of an impact trigger and/or the implementation of mitigation measures . Each such report must include details of the mitigation measures that have been or will be implemented and an assessment of their likely effectiveness.	Not applicable	Impact triggers relate to the operation of the Project and are not applicable during this reporting period.



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13	If the Minister writes to the approval holder stating that he/she considers that the mitigation measures will not prevent further reaching or exceedance of an impact trigger , then the approval holder must curtail the operation of any wind turbine that presents an ongoing risk of reaching or exceeding an impact trigger within an identified period of risk to the impacted EPBC Act listed threatened species or EPBC Act listed migratory species until such time as alternate mitigation measures can be identified to support the ongoing operation of the turbine. Where mitigation measures cannot be identified, the approval holder must engage a suitably qualified person to develop a species-specific curtailment protocol for the turbine to allow the turbine to be operated for periods outside of identified period of risk to the impacted species .	Not applicable	The Project is not currently operational. No correspondence has been received.
14	Any request to the Minister by the approval holder to cease or reduce a curtailment required under condition 13 must include an evidence-based assessment by a suitably qualified ecologist demonstrating how the ceasing or reducing of the curtailment will not reasonably be expected to result in any subsequent reaching or exceedance of an impact trigger .	Not applicable	The Wind Farm is not currently operational. No request has been received.
15	Environmental Offsets		



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	To compensate for the clearance of 1.49 ha of Dulacca Woodland Snail habitat , the approval holder must:	Compliant	Refer to condition 1. The project minimised impacts to Dulacca Woodland Snail Habitat, with a final clearance of 0.89 ha. 3 ha of habitat has been protected through the offset area, in accordance with condition 15a.
	a. secure a legal agreement with the landowner to protect at least 3 ha of the [REDACTED] Property Offset area as described in the Biodiversity Offset Plan (BOP) , prior to the commencement of the action. The approval holder must ensure the [REDACTED] Property Offset area is legally secured within 6 months of the commencement of the action;	Compliant	The landowner offset agreement was executed on 27/7/21. The declaration was requested on 8 Feb 2022 and received from Department of Resources on 6 April 2022.
	b. provide the Department with written evidence demonstrating that the [REDACTED] Property Offset area has been legally secured , and shapefiles of the offset attributes of the [REDACTED] Property Offset Area , within 20 business days of legally securing the [REDACTED] Property Offset area ; and	Compliant	Written evidence was provided to the Department on 12 April 2022 including shapefiles.
	c. allow grazing on the [REDACTED] Property Offset area only between the months of April and October in any year if and when grass cover exceeds 60% and 850 kg/ha pasture biomass and only allow low to moderate grazing, for the purposes of fuel reduction. To prevent impacts to regeneration, the approval holder must not allow grazing at any other time.	Compliant	This condition has been included in the Offset Agreement with the Landowner.



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16	The approval holder must implement the BOP at the [REDACTED] Property Offset area for the duration of the approval to restore Dulacca Woodland Snail habitat to the BioCondition attribute targets prescribed within the BOP .	Compliant	The BOP is being implemented at the Offset Area, evidenced through written correspondence.
17	The approval holder must achieve the following BioCondition attributes across the [REDACTED] Property Offset area by the end of year 10 and subsequently maintain or exceed these attributes within the benchmark for Regional Ecosystem 11.9.1 for the remainder of the period of effect of the approval:	Not applicable	As year 10 has not passed, this condition was not triggered in this reporting period. However, work is in progress to meet conditions.
	a. average recruitment of dominant canopy species greater than 75% of the benchmark for Regional Ecosystem 11.9.1;	Not applicable	As year 10 has not passed, this condition was not triggered in this reporting period. However, work is in progress to meet conditions.
	b. average native plant species richness at >25% to 90% of the benchmark for Regional Ecosystem 11.9.1;	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	c. tree canopy median height of greater than 40% of the benchmark height (>6 m);	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	d. average tree canopy cover >50% or =200% of the benchmark for Regional Ecosystem 11.9.1;	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	e. average native perennial grass cover at =25% or <50% of the benchmark for Regional Ecosystem 11.9.1;	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	f. non-native plants comprise less than 5% of vegetation cover;	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.



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	g. the abundance of non-native species is no greater than baseline levels; and	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	h. species stocking rate of the Dulacca Woodland Snail increased from baseline by 50% of the modelled quality scenario with offset as described in the BOP.	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
18	The approval holder must engage a suitably qualified ecologist to complete an assessment of the [REDACTED] Property Offset area within 3 months after the end of each of year 5, year 10, year 15 and year 20 . Each assessment must set out the opinion of the suitably qualified ecologist and provide the evidence on which the opinion is based, as to whether the BioCondition attributes specified in the BOP in respect of the particular period (including, for year 10 , those required under condition 17) have been achieved and, in respect of subsequent periods, are likely to be achieved. The findings of each assessment must be published on the website within 1 month of completion and provided to the Department within five (5) business days of being published on the website .	Not applicable	As year 5, year 10, year 15 and year 20 have not passed, this condition was not triggered in this reporting period. However, work is in progress to meet conditions.
19	If any of the BioCondition attributes specified in the BOP and under condition 17 in respect of Year 10 have not been met at the end of Year 10 , or the suitably qualified ecologist has advised that any BioCondition	Not applicable	As year 10 has not passed, this condition was not triggered in this reporting period. However, work is in progress to meet conditions.



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	attributes required for the subsequent periods is not likely to be achieved by the end of Year 10 , the approval holder must, within 6 months of the end of Year 10 , submit a revised version of the BOP to the Department for the Minister's approval, revised on the advice of the suitably qualified ecologist and including:		
	a. details of the potential or actual cause(s) of the non-achievement of required BioCondition attributes;	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	b. details of the corrective action/s that the approval holder commits to undertake in order to achieve all outstanding BioCondition attributes;	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	c. an assessment of the likely effectiveness of the proposed corrective action/s;	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	d. proposed timeframes for reporting to the Department the results of implementing of the corrective actions; and	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	e. contingency measures that will be implemented if monitoring suggests that the corrective action/s are not being effective.	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.



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20	If a revised version of the BOP has not been approved by the Minister within 12 months of the end of Year 10 , the approval holder must cease the action until a revised version of the BOP is approved by the Minister . Note: The Department will, within 6 weeks of receiving the revised BOP , provide the approval holder written comments detailing any changes that the Department considers need to be made to the revised BOP before it can recommend approval of the revised BOP to the Minister (or delegate of the Minister).	Not applicable	As year 10 has not passed, this condition was not triggered in this reporting period. However, work is in progress to meet conditions.
21	Notification of date of commencement of the action 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	A letter notifying the commencement of the activity was submitted to the Department on 12 October 2021, within 10 business days of the commencement of the action.
22	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	The Dulacca Wind Farm was approved under the EPBC Act on 21 August 2020, and commenced on 5 October 2021 as above, therefore this is compliant.
23	Compliance records The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records .	Compliant	RES have a Microsoft online document management system, standardised across their projects used to ensure effective record keeping and compliance.



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24	<p>If the Department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the Department within the timeframe specified in the request, or another timeframe agreed to in writing by the Department subsequent to the receipt of a written request from the approval holder.</p> <p>Note: Compliance records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, and or used to verify compliance with the conditions. Summaries of the result of an audit may be published on the Department's website or through the general media.</p>	Not applicable	No requests were received during the reporting period.
25	Preparation and publication of plans	Compliant	<p>The following plans are required under the approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Layout Plan • Vegetation and Fauna Management Plan • Bird and Bat Management Plan • Biodiversity Offset Plan.
	The approval holder must:		
	a. submit plans electronically to the Department ;	Compliant	<p>The following plans have been submitted electronically to the Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetation and Fauna Management Plan submitted 6 April 2021



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bird and Bat Management Plan submitted 6 April 2021 Biodiversity Offset Plan submitted 6 April 2021.
	b. publish each plan on the website within 20 business days of the date of this approval, or of the date that the plan is revised or, if required, approved by the Minister , unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister ;	Compliant	All plans have been published online.
	c. exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or provided to a member of the public; and	Compliant	Sensitive ecological data has been redacted from plans prior to them being published on the website.
	d. keep plans published on the website until the end date of this approval.	Compliant	Plans remain published on the website.
25A	The approval holder may choose to revise an action management plan approved by the Minister under condition 5, or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.	Not applicable	Condition 5 refers to the Vegetation and Fauna Management Plan. No revision to Vegetation and Fauna Management Plan took place during the reporting period
25B	If the approval holder makes the choice under condition 25A to revise an action management plan without submitting it for approval, the approval holder must:	Not applicable	No revision to Vegetation and Fauna Management Plan took place during the reporting period



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	a. notify the Department in writing that the approved action management plan has been revised and provide the Department with:	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	i. an electronic copy of the RAMP	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	ii. an electronic copy of the RAMP marked up with track changes to show the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	iii. an explanation of the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	iv. the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	v. written notice of the date on which the approval holder will implement the RAMP (RAMP implementation date), being at least 20 business days after the date of providing notice of the revision of the action management plan, or a date agreed to in writing with the Department .	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	b. subject to condition 25D, implement the RAMP from the RAMP implementation date.	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
25C	The approval holder may revoke their choice to implement a RAMP under condition 25A at any time by giving written notice to the Department . If the approval holder revokes the choice under condition	Not applicable	No revision to Vegetation and Fauna Management Plan took place during the reporting period

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	25A, the approval holder must implement the action management plan in force immediately prior to the revision undertaken under condition 25A.		
25D	If the Minister gives a notice to the approval holder that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would be likely to have a new or increased impact , then:	Not applicable	No notice has been received.
	a. condition 25A does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the RAMP	Not applicable	No notice has been received.
	b. the approval holder must implement the action management plan specified by the Minister in the notice.	Not applicable	No notice has been received.
25E	At the time of giving the notice under condition 25D, the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time, condition 25A does not apply for one or more specified action management plans.	Not applicable	No notice has been received.
	Note: conditions 25A, 25B, 25C and 25D are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the EPBC Act which allows the approval holder to submit a revised action management plan, at any time, to the Minister for approval.	Not applicable	No notice has been received.
26	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under a	Compliant	Monitoring data, surveys and other spatial data have been submitted as part of the plans discussed in condition 25a and published online. Separate



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	plan and conditions of this approval, is prepared in accordance with the Department's Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data (2018) and submitted electronically to the Department in accordance with the requirements of the plan and conditions.		submissions to the Department, including sensitive ecological data, have not been required.
27	Annual compliance reporting		
	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12-month period following the date of commencement of the action , or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the Minister . The approval holder must:	Not applicable	This report has been prepared to satisfy this condition, covering the reporting period of 5 October 2021 - 6 October 2022. It will be published on the Dulacca Wind Farm website. This is required to be compliant with this condition
	a. publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the relevant 12-month period;	Not applicable	The 12-month period ended on 6 October 2022. Therefore, following 60 business days, the report publication due date is 30 December 2022. This required to be compliant with this condition
	b. notify the Department by email that a compliance report has been published on the website and provide the weblink for the compliance report within five business days of the date of publication;	Not applicable	The Department will be notified by email at such time as the report is published (a link will be provided to the Department). This required to be compliant with this condition
	c. keep all compliance reports publicly available on the website until this approval expires;	Not applicable	The report will remain publicly available on the website. This required to be compliant with this condition



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	d. exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance reports published on the website ; and	Not applicable	There is no sensitive ecological data included in the compliance report
	e. where any sensitive ecological data has been excluded from the version published, submit the full compliance report to the Department within 5 business days of publication. Note: Compliance reports may be published on the Department's website.	Not applicable	As per Condition 27 d
28	Reporting non-compliance		
	The approval holder must notify the Department in writing of any: incident ; non-compliance with the conditions; or non-compliance with the commitments made in plans . The notification must be given as soon as practicable, and no later than two business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance. The notification must specify:	Not applicable	No incident or non-compliance was recorded during the reporting period
	a. any condition which is or may be in breach;	Not applicable	Refer to above comment
	b. a short description of the incident and/or non-compliance; and	Not applicable	Refer to above comment
	c. the location (including co-ordinates), date, and time of the incident and/or non-compliance. In the event the exact information cannot be provided, provide the best information available.	Not applicable	Refer to above comment



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29	The approval holder must provide to the Department the details of any incident or non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in plans as soon as practicable and no later than 10 business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance, specifying:	Not applicable	No incident or non-compliance was recorded during the reporting period
	a. any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future;	Not applicable	Refer to above comment
	b. the potential impacts of the incident or non-compliance; and	Not applicable	Refer to above comment
	c. the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.	Not applicable	Refer to above comment
30	Independent audit		
	The approval holder must ensure that independent audits of compliance with the conditions are conducted as requested in writing by the Minister .	Not applicable	No request has been made for an independent audit
31	For each independent audit , the approval holder must:		
	a. provide the name and qualifications of the independent auditor and the draft audit criteria to the Department ;	Not applicable	Refer to Condition 30
	b. only commence the independent audit once the audit criteria have been approved in writing by the Department ; and	Not applicable	Refer to Condition 30



Condition No.	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence/Comments
	c. c. submit an audit report to the Department within the timeframe specified in the approved audit criteria.	Not applicable	Refer to Condition 30
32	The approval holder must publish the audit report on the website within 10 business days of receiving the Department's approval of the audit report and keep the audit report published on the website until the end date of this approval.	Not applicable	Refer to Condition 30
33	Completion of the action Within 30 business days after the completion of the action , the approval holder must notify the Department in writing and provide completion data .	Not applicable	The action has not been completed



3 New Environmental Risks

At this stage of the Project, no new environmental risks have been identified. This is the first compliance report for the Project and the Bird and Bat Utilisation Survey Reports found all turbines within the study area are considered to meeting the EPBC Act approval condition of low-risk turbines. During the next reporting period, Dulacca will be transitioning into the operational phase of the Project. The operational phase is considered to present lowered environmental risk as construction and vegetation clearing activities will have ceased.