



# Annual Compliance Report

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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/>. The commencement of Operations is currently awaiting Facility Completion which is currently scheduled for early 2025.

This Annual Compliance Report covers the reporting period between 6 October 2023 -5 October 2024. 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 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 the 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 <b>Dulacca Woodland Snail</b> , the approval holder must not <b>clear</b> more than a total of 1.49 hectares (ha) of <b>Dulacca Woodland Snail</b> habitat, and this clearing must be in the Key impact areas for Dulacca Woodland Snail habitat within the study area.	Not applicable	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. No additional clearance impacts on the Dulacca Woodland Snail have occurred during the reporting period; thus, the condition is not applicable.
2	The approval holder must undertake pre-clearance surveys of all areas to be <b>cleared</b> , to identify any <b>protected matters</b> , prior to undertaking <b>clearing</b> . All pre-clearance surveys must be undertaken by a <b>suitably qualified ecologist</b> and undertaken in accordance with the Department's survey guidelines.	Not applicable	Pre-clearance surveys were undertaken prior to the clearance of all areas. These surveys were undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist. The major construction for the project has been completed, and no further clearing is required. Pre-clearance surveys are not applicable to this reporting period.

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3	Prior to the <b>commencement of the action</b> , the approval holder must publish a Final Layout Plan showing in detail the final layout of the action within the <b>study area</b> . The Final Layout Plan must specify the extent (in hectares) and locations of all <b>protected matters</b> and/or their habitat. The Final Layout Plan must demonstrate that the proposed placement of infrastructure has avoided <b>impacts on protected matters</b> as informed by pre-clearance surveys and the advice of a <b>suitably qualified ecologist</b> . The Final Layout Plan must remain published on the website for the period this approval has effect.	Compliant	The action commenced on 5 October 2021. The 'Final Project Layout Plan' was finalised on 20 August 2021 and published online. <a href="https://www.dulaccawindfarm.com.au/epbc">https://www.dulaccawindfarm.com.au/epbc</a> . The Final Project Layout Plan details the extent (in hectares) and location of protected matters. The Final Project Layout Plan also demonstrates that the proposed infrastructure has avoided impacts on protected matters. The Final Project Layout Plan has remained unchanged since it was published on the Dulacca Wind Farm website and remains consistent with the published version.
4	The approval holder must not <b>construct</b> more than 43 wind turbines within the <b>study area</b> . Each turbine must not exceed 250 metres (m) tip height, as specified in the <b>Preliminary documentation</b> .	Compliant	The Dulacca Wind Farm turbines have been constructed as specified in the preliminary documentation.
5	The approval holder must implement the <b>Vegetation and Fauna Management Plan</b> 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> '. The Vegetation and Fauna Management Plan has remained unchanged during the reporting period. The VFMP commits to ecological condition monitoring at a frequency of every year during construction (Section 6.3.2.4). Baseline ecological condition monitoring was undertaken prior to construction

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			<p>activities in September 2021. Annual full ecological condition monitoring was undertaken in November 2023 during the reporting period.</p> <p>The VFMP commits that rehabilitation monitoring and maintenance will be undertaken in 6 monthly intervals for the first two years (section 6.3.2.5). Rehabilitation monitoring in the reporting period was undertaken in November 2023, and in March and June 2024.</p> <p>The VFMP commits to the preparation of an annual monitoring report during the construction term and for two years postconstruction, to confirm compliance with the VFMP and the performance criteria, including survey data, mitigation measures implemented (Section 6.4). This is achieved through the full ecological monitoring reporting.</p>
	a. prior to the <b>commencement of the action</b> , undertake <b>weed</b> management control across all areas within the <b>study area</b> subject to disturbance;	Not applicable	This sub-condition relates to ‘prior to commencement of the action’ and is not relevant to the reporting period.
	b. during the <b>construction</b> , undertake <b>weed</b> management control across all areas within the <b>study area</b> 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 <b>weed</b> control within disturbed areas until such time	Compliant	Disturbance has ceased with the focus now on rehabilitation, which includes weed spraying and



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	that <b>weed</b> presence in these areas cannot be attributed to disturbance associated with <b>construction</b> activities; and		reseeding in accordance with the Weed Management Plan and Rehabilitation Plan.
	d. undertake <b>weed</b> management and control within 1 m of any <b>project infrastructure</b> 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 <b>weed</b> cover occurring, suppress any outbreak that occurs, and remove any <b>weeds</b> that may occur.	Compliant	The project is now in the testing and commissioning phase, and weed management has been conducted under condition 5c.
6	To minimise risk of injury or mortality of <b>EPBC Act listed threatened species</b> and <b>EPBC Act listed migratory species</b> as a result of turbine strike within the <b>study area</b> , the approval holder must implement the <b>Bird and Bat Management Plan (BBMP)</b> for the duration of this approval. In particular, the approval holder must engage a <b>suitably qualified ecologist</b> to undertake:	Compliant	The 'Bird and Bat Management Plan (July 2021, Report No. 19130 (2.14))' has been prepared by Nature Advisory, a suitably qualified ecologist, and has been published online. A review of the BBMP was completed on 29 November 2022 (refer to condition 10), with Nature Advisory issuing a letter advising no revision was required. This review, 'Bird and Bat Management Plan (30 November 2022)', is published on the project website.
	a. bird and bat utilisation surveys over a period of at least 24 months (or another timeframe agreed to in writing by the <b>Department</b> ) prior to the <b>first full operation</b> , including at least two surveys undertaken at or adjacent to survey points and reference sites (as	Not applicable	Bird and bat utilisation surveys were completed during the previous reporting period. The monitoring concluded that all turbines within the study area are considered to meet the EPBC Act approval condition definition of low-risk turbines.

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	identified in the <b>BBMP</b> ) over at least one wet season and one dry season in succession;		This sub-condition is not applicable to this reporting period.
	b. bird and bat utilisation surveys over a period of at least 24 months commencing within 3 months after <b>first full operation</b> , including at least one survey undertaken at or adjacent to survey points and reference sites (as identified in the <b>BBMP</b> ) over at least two wet seasons and two dry seasons in succession; and	Not applicable	First full operation of the Project has not commenced. This sub-condition is not applicable to this reporting period.
	c. <b>turbine strike monitoring</b> in accordance with the <b>BBMP</b> at monitoring sites identified in the <b>BBMP</b> , and at all <b>high-risk turbines</b> identified as required under condition 9, for a minimum of 24 contiguous months within 30 months after <b>first full operation</b> .	Not applicable	First full operation of the Project has not commenced. This sub-condition is not applicable to this reporting period.
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.	Not applicable	Bird and bat utilisation surveys were completed during previous reporting periods. No White-throated Needletail and Fork-tailed Swift individuals were observed during the surveys. Since the previous annual compliance report, no new surveys have been conducted, as the first full operation has not yet commenced. This sub-condition is not applicable to this reporting period.

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8	The approval holder must report on the results of the bird and bat utilisation surveys required under condition 6 in each annual <b>compliance report</b> required under condition 27 until all bird and bat utilisation surveys have been completed and so reported.	Compliant	The results of the bird and bat utilisation surveys were reported in previous annual compliance reports. Since the previous annual compliance report, no new surveys have been conducted, as the first full operation has not yet commenced. The findings of incidental searches are reported under condition 11. The findings remain consistent with the previous conclusions of the Bird and Bat Utilisation Survey Reports, refer to condition 6a.
9	To inform <b>turbine strike monitoring</b> , the approval holder must engage a suitably qualified ecologist to:	Compliant	Nature Advisory was engaged as a suitably qualified ecologist.
	a. assign a <b>risk profile</b> to each turbine within the <b>study area</b> prior to <b>first full operation</b> using the results of the bird and bat utilisation surveys required under condition 6(a); and	Compliant	The risk profile of each turbine was assigned during the previous reporting period. A letter was sent to RES Australia on 29 November 2022 from Nature Advisory (Ecologist) confirming that no bird species listed as threatened or migratory under the EPBC Act were recorded during the two years of pre-operational BUS, and therefore all turbines are defined as low-risk turbines.
	b. re-assign a turbine to be a <b>high-risk turbine</b> within five <b>business days</b> if, during the bird and bat utilisation surveys required under condition 6(a), or any other monitoring or incidental observation during	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.

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	operation, one or more individual/s of an <b>EPBC Act listed threatened species</b> or <b>EPBC Act</b> 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 <b>suitably qualified ecologist</b> to revise the BBMP to include the following:	Not applicable	This condition was completed during the previous reporting period. 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. This condition is not applicable to this reporting period.
	a. the results of the bird and bat utilisation surveys required under condition 6;	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	b. the <b>risk profile</b> of each turbine within the <b>study area</b> ; and	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	c. any additional or improved <b>mitigation measures</b> (including timing, frequency and longevity) that will be implemented to ensure that <b>impacts on EPBC Act listed threatened species and EPBC Act listed migratory species</b> are minimised.	Not applicable	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.	Not applicable	This condition was completed during the previous reporting period. The Bird and Bat Utilisation Surveys were consolidated into two summary reports (refer to

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			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
	Note: Condition 25 specifies when the revised <b>BBMP</b> must be published on the website.	Not applicable	
11	The approval holder must implement the <b>BBMP</b> revised in accordance with condition 10 from the date that the revised <b>BBMP</b> is published on the <b>website</b> . If subsequently the <b>BBMP</b> is revised under s143 of the <b>EPBC Act</b> , the approval holder must implement the revised BBMP revised under s143 of the <b>EPBC Act</b> from the date the revised BBMP is approved by the <b>Minister</b> .	Not compliant	<p>The relevant component of BBMP implementation during the reporting period relates to the commissioning period. The BBMP requires monitoring during the commissioning phase of the project, focusing on opportunistic/informal monitoring of turbines for carcasses (incidental finds) by onsite personnel with reporting through the incidental carcass find protocol.</p> <p>Dulacca Wind Farm has been monitored by onsite personnel during the commissioning phase of the project.</p> <p>During the reporting period, the detection of incidental finds have not met the definition of an impact trigger under the BBMP. No detections have warranted regulatory actions or changes to the current management plan.</p> <p>It was noted that a carcass data sheet (Appendix 2 of the BBMP) was completed without all relevant details.</p>

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			This is recorded as a non-compliance, and a notification was made under Condition 29.
12	If an <b>impact trigger</b> is reached or exceeded, the approval holder must provide a report to the <b>Minister</b> on the steps taken and outcomes of implementing the relevant commitments in the <b>adaptive management framework</b> in the first annual <b>compliance report</b> required under condition 27 that follows each instance of reaching or exceedance of an <b>impact trigger</b> and/or the implementation of <b>mitigation measures</b> . Each such report must include details of the <b>mitigation measures</b> that have been or will be implemented and an assessment of their likely effectiveness.	Not applicable	Refer to condition 11.
13	If the <b>Minister</b> writes to the approval holder stating that he/she considers that the <b>mitigation measures</b> will not prevent further reaching or exceedance of an <b>impact trigger</b> , then the approval holder must curtail the operation of any wind turbine that presents an ongoing risk of reaching or exceeding an <b>impact trigger</b> within an identified <b>period of risk</b> to the <b>impacted EPBC Act listed threatened species</b> or <b>EPBC Act listed migratory species</b> until such time as alternate <b>mitigation measures</b> can be identified to support the	Not applicable	The Project has not reached full operation. No correspondence has been received.

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	ongoing operation of the turbine. Where <b>mitigation measures</b> cannot be identified, the approval holder must engage a <b>suitably qualified person</b> to develop a species-specific <b>curtailment</b> protocol for the turbine to allow the turbine to be operated for periods outside of identified <b>period of risk</b> to the <b>impacted species</b> .		
14	Any request to the <b>Minister</b> by the approval holder to cease or reduce a <b>curtailment</b> required under condition 13 must include an <b>evidence-based</b> assessment by a <b>suitably qualified ecologist</b> demonstrating how the ceasing or reducing of the <b>curtailment</b> will not reasonably be expected to result in any subsequent reaching or exceedance of an <b>impact trigger</b> .	Not applicable	The Wind Farm has not reached full operation. No request has been received.
15	<b>Environmental Offsets</b>		
	To compensate for the <b>clearance</b> of 1.49 ha of <b>Dulacca Woodland Snail habitat</b> , the approval holder must:	Not applicable	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] <b>Property Offset area</b> as described in the <b>Biodiversity Offset Plan (BOP)</b> , prior to the <b>commencement of the action</b> . The approval holder must ensure the [REDACTED] <b>Property</b>	Not applicable	Compliance with this sub-condition achieved in the previous reporting periods. The landowner offset agreement was executed on 27/7/21. The declaration was requested on 8 February

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	Offset area is legally secured within 6 months of the commencement of the action;		2022 and received from Department of Resources on 6 April 2022. This sub-condition is not applicable to this reporting period.
	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	Not applicable	Compliance with this sub-condition achieved in the previous reporting periods. Written evidence was provided to the Department on 12 April 2022 including shapefiles. This sub-condition is not applicable to this reporting period.
	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.
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.	Not compliant	The BOP is being implemented at the Offset Area. However quarterly monitoring was not completed in August 2024 due to the unavailability of suitably qualified contractors. A new subcontractor, a reputable third-party ecologist, with significant experience has now been appointed and inspections have been scheduled for the next four quarters.



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			This is recorded as a non-compliance, and a notification was made under Condition 29.
17	The approval holder must achieve the following BioCondition attributes across the [REDACTED] <b>Property Offset area</b> by the end of <b>year 10</b> and subsequently maintain or exceed these attributes within the <b>benchmark</b> for <b>Regional Ecosystem 11.9.1</b> 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 <b>benchmark</b> for Regional Ecosystem 11.9.1;	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	c. tree canopy median height of greater than 40% of the <b>benchmark</b> height (>6 m);	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
	d. average tree canopy cover >50% or =200% of the <b>benchmark</b> 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.
	g. the abundance of non-native species is no greater than baseline levels; and	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.

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	h. species stocking rate of the <b>Dulacca Woodland Snail</b> increased from baseline by 50% of the <b>modelled quality scenario with offset</b> as described in the BOP.	Not applicable	Refer to above comment.
18	The approval holder must engage a <b>suitably qualified ecologist</b> to complete an assessment of the <b>Property Offset area</b> within 3 months after the end of each of <b>year 5, year 10, year 15</b> and <b>year 20</b> . Each assessment must set out the opinion of the <b>suitably qualified ecologist</b> and provide the evidence on which the opinion is based, as to whether the BioCondition attributes specified in the <b>BOP</b> in respect of the particular period (including, for <b>year 10</b> , 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 <b>website</b> within 1 month of completion and provided to the <b>Department</b> within five (5) <b>business days</b> of being published on the <b>website</b> .	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 <b>BOP</b> and under condition 17 in respect of <b>Year 10</b> have not been met at the end of <b>Year 10</b> , or the <b>suitably qualified ecologist</b> has advised that any BioCondition attributes required for the subsequent periods is not likely to be achieved by the end of <b>Year 10</b> , the	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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	approval holder must, within 6 months of the end of <b>Year 10</b> , submit a revised version of the <b>BOP</b> to the <b>Department</b> for the <b>Minister's</b> approval, revised on the advice of the <b>suitably qualified ecologist</b> 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 <b>Department</b> 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 <b>BOP</b> has not been approved by the <b>Minister</b> within 12 months of the end of <b>Year 10</b> , the approval holder must cease the action until a revised version of the <b>BOP</b> is approved by the <b>Minister</b> . Note: The <b>Department</b> will, within 6 weeks of receiving the revised <b>BOP</b> , provide the approval holder written comments detailing any changes that the <b>Department</b> considers need to be made to the revised <b>BOP</b> before it can recommend approval of the revised <b>BOP</b> to the <b>Minister</b> (or delegate of the <b>Minister</b> ).	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	<b>Notification of date of commencement of the action</b>		
	The approval holder must notify the <b>Department</b> in writing of the date of <b>commencement of the action</b> within 10 <b>business days</b> after the date of <b>commencement of the action</b> .	Not applicable	Compliance with this condition was achieved in the previous reporting period. This condition is not relevant to the reporting period.
22	If the <b>commencement of the action</b> does not occur within 5 years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not <b>commence the action</b> without the prior written agreement of the <b>Minister</b> .	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	<b>Compliance records</b>		
	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete <b>compliance records</b> .	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 <b>Department</b> makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of <b>compliance records</b> to the <b>Department</b> within the timeframe specified in the request, or another timeframe agreed to in writing by the <b>Department</b> subsequent to the receipt of a written request from the approval holder.</p> <p><b>Note: Compliance records</b> may be subject to audit by the <b>Department</b> or an <b>independent</b> auditor in accordance with section 458 of the <b>EPBC Act</b>, and or used to verify compliance with the conditions. Summaries of the result of an audit may be published on the <b>Department's</b> website or through the general media.</p>	Not applicable	No requests were received during the reporting period.
25	<b>Preparation and publication of plans</b>	Compliant	<p>The following plans are required under the approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Layout Plan</li> <li>• Vegetation and Fauna Management Plan</li> <li>• Bird and Bat Management Plan</li> <li>• Biodiversity Offset Plan.</li> </ul>
	The approval holder must:		
	a. submit <b>plans</b> electronically to the <b>Department</b> ;	Compliant	<p>The following plans have been submitted electronically to the Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetation and Fauna Management Plan submitted 6 April 2021</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bird and Bat Management Plan submitted 6 April 2021</li> <li>Biodiversity Offset Plan submitted 6 April 2021.</li> </ul>
	b. publish each <b>plan</b> on the <b>website</b> within 20 <b>business days</b> of the date of this approval, or of the date that the <b>plan</b> is revised or, if required, approved by the <b>Minister</b> , unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the <b>Minister</b> ;	Compliant	All plans have been published online. The BBMP has been reviewed by Nature Advisory, concluding that a revision is not required. The review has been published online, refer to, 'Bird and Bat Management Plan (30 November 2022).
	c. exclude or redact <b>sensitive ecological data</b> from <b>plans</b> published on the <b>website</b> 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 <b>plans</b> published on the <b>website</b> 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 <b>Minister</b> 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

Condition No.	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence/Comments
	a. notify the <b>Department</b> in writing that the approved action management plan has been revised and provide the <b>Department</b> 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 <b>new or increased impact</b>	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 <b>business days</b> after the date of providing notice of the revision of the action management plan, or a date agreed to in writing with the <b>Department</b> .	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 <b>Department</b> . 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

Condition No.	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence/Comments
	25A, the approval holder must implement the action management plan in force immediately prior to the revision undertaken under condition 25A.		
25D	If the <b>Minister</b> gives a notice to the approval holder that the <b>Minister</b> is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would be likely to have a <b>new or increased impact</b> , 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 <b>Minister</b> in the notice.	Not applicable	No notice has been received.
25E	At the time of giving the notice under condition 25D, the <b>Minister</b> 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.
	<b>Note:</b> conditions 25A, 25B, 25C and 25D are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the <b>EPBC Act</b> which allows the approval holder to submit a revised action management plan, at any time, to the <b>Minister</b> for approval.	Not applicable	No notice has been received.
26	The approval holder must ensure that any <b>monitoring data</b> (including <b>sensitive ecological data</b> ), 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



Condition No.	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence/Comments
	<b>plan</b> and conditions of this approval, is prepared in accordance with the <b>Department's Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data</b> (2018) and submitted electronically to the <b>Department</b> in accordance with the requirements of the <b>plan</b> and conditions.		submissions to the Department, including sensitive ecological data, have not been required.
27	<b>Annual compliance reporting</b>		
	The approval holder must prepare a <b>compliance report</b> for each 12-month period following the date of <b>commencement of the action</b> , or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the <b>Minister</b> . The approval holder must:	Compliant	A compliance report was prepared for the period 6 October 2022 to 5 October 2023, covering the second 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action.  This report has been prepared to satisfy this condition for the subsequent 12 month period, covering the reporting period of 6 October 2023 - 5 October 2024. It will be published on the Dulacca Wind Farm website. This is required to be compliant with this condition.
	a. publish each <b>compliance report</b> on the <b>website</b> within <b>60 business days</b> following the relevant 12-month period;	Compliant	The previous compliance report was published on 21 December 2023, within the required 60-day period.  The 12-month period associated with this report ended on 5 October 2024. Therefore, following 60 business days, the report publication due date is 2 January 2025. This is required to be compliant with this condition.

Condition No.	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence/Comments
	b. notify the <b>Department</b> by email that a <b>compliance report</b> has been published on the <b>website</b> and provide the weblink for the <b>compliance report</b> within five <b>business days</b> of the date of publication;	Compliant	The Department was notified by email within 5 days of the 2023 compliance report being published.
	c. keep all <b>compliance reports</b> publicly available on the <b>website</b> until this approval expires;	Compliant	The previous compliance report remains publicly available on the website.
	d. exclude or redact <b>sensitive ecological data</b> from <b>compliance reports</b> published on the <b>website</b> ; and	Not applicable	There is no sensitive ecological data included in the compliance report.
	e. where any <b>sensitive ecological data</b> has been excluded from the version published, submit the full <b>compliance report</b> to the <b>Department</b> within 5 <b>business days</b> of publication. <b>Note: Compliance reports</b> may be published on the <b>Department's</b> website.	Not applicable	As per Condition 27 d
28	<b>Reporting non-compliance</b>		
	The approval holder must notify the <b>Department</b> in writing of any: <b>incident</b> ; non-compliance with the conditions; or non-compliance with the commitments made in <b>plans</b> . The notification must be given as soon as practicable, and no later than two <b>business days</b> after becoming aware of the <b>incident</b> or non-compliance. The notification must specify:	Not Compliance	Two non-compliances were reported to the Department on 18 October 2022, with regards to implementation of the BBMP (Condition 11) and Quarterly monitoring at the offset location (condition 16). However, the notifications did not occur within two business days after becoming aware of the non-compliances.

Condition No.	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence/Comments
	a. any condition which is or may be in breach;	Compliant	The notifications made to the Department included the required description.
	b. a short description of the <b>incident</b> and/or non-compliance; and	Compliant	The notifications made to the Department included the required description.
	c. the location (including co-ordinates), date, and time of the <b>incident</b> and/or non-compliance. In the event the exact information cannot be provided, provide the best information available.	Compliant	The notifications made to the Department included the required information.
29	The approval holder must provide to the <b>Department</b> the details of any <b>incident</b> or non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in <b>plans</b> as soon as practicable and no later than 10 <b>business days</b> after becoming aware of the <b>incident</b> or non-compliance, specifying:	Compliant	Refer to condition 28. The notifications were made within ten business days after becoming aware of the non-compliances.
	a. any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future;	Compliant	The notifications made to the Department included the required information.
	b. the potential <b>impacts</b> of the <b>incident</b> or non-compliance; and	Compliant	The notifications made to the Department included the required information.
	c. the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.	Compliant	The notifications made to the Department included the required information.
30	<b>Independent audit</b>		

Condition No.	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence/Comments
	The approval holder must ensure that <b>independent audits</b> of compliance with the conditions are conducted as requested in writing by the <b>Minister</b> .	Not applicable	No request has been made for an independent audit
31	For each <b>independent audit</b> , the approval holder must:		
	a. provide the name and qualifications of the independent auditor and the draft audit criteria to the <b>Department</b> ;	Not applicable	Refer to Condition 30
	b. only commence the <b>independent audit</b> once the audit criteria have been approved in writing by the <b>Department</b> ; and	Not applicable	Refer to Condition 30
	c. submit an audit report to the <b>Department</b> 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 <b>website</b> within 10 <b>business days</b> of receiving the <b>Department's</b> approval of the audit report and keep the audit report published on the <b>website</b> until the end date of this approval.	Not applicable	Refer to Condition 30
33	<b>Completion of the action</b> Within 30 <b>business days</b> after the <b>completion of the action</b> , the approval holder must notify the <b>Department</b> in writing and provide <b>completion data</b> .	Not applicable	The action has not been completed.

### 3 New Environmental Risks

Although no new environmental risks have been identified during the reporting period, the following provides a summary of focus areas for the project over the next reporting period:

- Additional weed management activities to control Buffel grass, Green panic, and Scotch thistle (where necessary) aligned with the VFMP.
- Ongoing rehabilitation activities aligned with the VFMP.
- Ongoing monitoring activities in line with the requirements of the BBMP.

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.