

Planning and Urban Policy Division Input to Ministerial 22/21211 - Conservator's Brief

- What are the known environmental values for this area?

A Preliminary Ecological Review and Assessment of the Western Edge was undertaken in 2020-21. This identified known environmental values for the area and recommended that:

- additional flora and fauna surveys to appropriately identify and describe the significant ecological values that occur in the WEIA
- engaging experts to conduct additional reviews and analysis, particularly with respect to aquatic ecology and habitat connectivity, and
- engaging with the relevant groups in the Environment Division (EPSDD) to:
 - address fundamental issues on the overall impact of urban development on the ecological values that occur in the WEIA; and
 - identify potential conservation / future offset area.

- For the environmental assessments, what is the scope outlined in the scoping study?

Consultants are currently being procured to undertake a:

- Land Use Capability and Suitability Assessment, in broad terms:
 - Undertaking a land capability assessment;
 - Establishing land use areas and boundaries;
 - Undertaking a land suitability assessment;
 - Developing land use scenarios and analysis; and
 - Recommendations for next steps and further work.
- Aquatic and Riparian Literature Review (desktop study), in broad terms:
 - Reviewing and identifying aquatic and riparian values and impacts;
 - Identifying and mapping environmental and ecological values; and
 - Recommending future aquatic and riparian surveys.

In addition, it is expected that further studies will be procured this financial year, subject to available funding, as follows:

- Environmental surveys (targeted) consistent with best practice methodologies and EPBC criteria.
- Cultural Values Assessment.
- Aquatic and Riparian Benchmarking Study.

- What inputs from Environment and the Conservator have been provided to date, and what are the next stages at which input will be provided?

The Western Edge Investigations project is being run jointly with Environment Division. This includes:

- Environment Division representatives on the Western Edge Project Control Group (PCG).
- Environment Division reviewing all Western Edge consultancy briefs and providing comment.

The project will continue to be undertaken with Environment Division's full involvement.

- **Update on timeframes and processes, noting the previous briefing that was given in 2021.**
 - In response to budget reprofiling, the project now comprises three phases.
 - **Phase One** preliminary investigations have been completed.
 - The project has progressed to **Phase Two** (2021/22) investigations and procurement. This phase has available budget funding of \$477,000.
 - **Phase Three** investigations in 2022/23 may involve preparing preliminary land use options and undertaking the further ecological studies (subject to available budget funding of \$230,000 and the outcomes and the recommendations of the 2021/22 studies).
 - Further budget funding will be required to further progress the Western Edge investigations and undertake further environmental surveys.
 - There are no statutory environmental and planning approval processes within the current three phases, over the next one and a half year. Statutory approval processes would be sometime after 2022/23 and would need to be based on sufficient information and evidence.

- **How has information from the urban biodiversity tool been input into environmental studies?**
 - The urban biodiversity tool at its current stage of development does not encompass the Western Edge Investigation Area. This has been discussed with Environment Division and the relevant GIS files from preliminary investigations have been provided to ensure integration with the urban biodiversity tool as it develops and to support future iterations that can inform work on the Western Edge.
 - Input and advice from Environment Division in respect to urban biodiversity and habitat connectivity will continue to be provided and inform the outcomes of this project.

- **What buffers have been recommended to protect the environmental values above?**
 - No areas have yet been determined for land use change or development, and as such, no buffers have been identified or recommended.
 - These will in part, be informed by the findings of the Land Use Capability and Suitability Assessment and by environmental surveys.

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Cc: [Berrie, Lucinda](#)
Subject: FW: OVERDUE : FOR CLEARANCE - DUE TO GS - 8/03 - 22/21211 Ministerial-Information Brief - Vassarotti - Conservator brief - environmental studies for the western edge
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Dear G team

Please progress

Lucinda please bring to Geoffrey/Jim attention that we are CC Min G due to the interest/nature of this area. We have had good input from Strategic Planning.

Cheers Ian

Ian Walker

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Hi Ian,

Please see attached for your review and clearance, the MO requested brief about environmental studies for the Western Edge. I have cc'd Minister Gentleman in the brief.

Strategic Planning and CR provided input. This is running a bit overdue as SP input was only cleared yesterday. So **clearance asap would be ideal.**

Thanks,

Eliza Larson | A/g Conservator Liaison

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Eliza over to you please make sure PUP are aware engaged in this noting its from the Conservator.

Cheers Ian

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Hi Team

Conservator brief requested by MO below please.

Due to GS 08/03

Due to DDG 09/03

Due to MO 11/03

Thanks

Tash

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Subject: (tracking conservator brief) FW: List of briefs to be requested from MO attached (overlapping with budget process) and seeking your advice on timing

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Kind regards,

Paula

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Subject: T&C: ASAP Info Brief - Environmental studies for the Western Edge - 22-21211
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Hi Tash and Christy,

Please see attached Brief for Minister Vassarotti – Cleared to progress by DDG Brady, A/g DDG Corrigan and DG Ponton.

Critical Date: Routine

Note: DG Ponton has requested that the brief is provided to the MOs urgently (today) and we are of the understanding that the Offices expected this last week.

Thanks,

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Importance: High

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Hi Dorena

Could this please be sent to the Vassarotti and Gentleman offices as a matter of urgency.

Kind regards

Sarah

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Sent: Tuesday, 29 March 2022 9:02 AM
To: Niall, Sarah <Sarah.Niall@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: FOR DG clearance - Vassarotti Gentleman - Conservator brief - environmental studies for the Western Edge
Importance: High

Thanks Sarah – I made a few minor edits. This one is good to progress to the Gentleman and Vassarotti MOs as a matter of priority today please, if possible. Thanks again.

Cheers,

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Hi Ben

This is for your final clearance, I made the amendments as per your comments last week and Erin has made additional changes.

Kind regards

Sarah

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Subject: FW: FOR DDG clearance

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Hi Sarah

One for tomorrow – just confirming this one is right to go to Ben/progress.

I haven't done anything further.

Many thanks,

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Jim, Ben, Sarah

I've reviewed and amended slightly (got some context from Ben) and also created another att to show relationship between the two areas of land.

I'm okay with this.

Erin

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Erin – for review and clearance today please.

Ben indicated he would like this over at the MO this week

Many thanks,

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Subject: FOR DDG clearance

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Hi both

I have updated this brief to reflect Ben's comments and the need for it to go to both Minister's.

Can you please do one last QA and send to your DDGs for clearance.

Noting that Ben would like to have this by the end of the week.

Cheers

Sarah

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Cc: [Marcantonio, Laura](#); [Wright, Karen](#)
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Hi Brodie

In relation to Minister G's last comment about western edge report being cabinet in-confidence, I'm not sure how applicable this is? The completed reports in themselves are not directly subject to an active cabinet process. Erin a couple week's ago provided an updated on western edge to the planning subcommittee of cabinet but these report were not being specifically considered.

My understanding is that only report etc that are subject to an active cabinet process can be considered as cabinet in-confidence.

Further, we have a FOI request from [REDACTED] for completed WE reports that I will actioning shortly.

Could you please check with Erin on the Minister's comment?

Cheers,
Steven

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Morning Steven – FYI

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Good Morning,
Minister Gentleman has signed the Brief on Environmental Studies for the Western Edge with comment.

Min Gentleman and Min Vassarotti comments on this brief:

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Kind regards

Christy

Christy Fox | Directorate Liaison Officer

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Steven, Karen

When you have the western edge FOI package finalised – can you please make sure you have talking points prepared for the Minister.

The Minister's office has asked for these to be ready at the same time as the decision.

Thank you

Erin

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Tash

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Subject: RE: List of briefs to be requested from MO attached (overlapping with budget process) and seeking your advice on timing

Thanks so much Ian, really appreciate it.

Kind regards,
Paula

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Thanks Paula


The table looks fine, I will add some timeframes and "scope" to improve understanding.

We are way past the one liner space for budget 22/23 the one liners were discussed late last year.
In a timing sense we are completing Business Cases in the coming days.

We have
Rewilding
Food fibre
Invasive species
Offsets

I will pull out the summaries and send to you guys.

I will check my list in the morning. I feel I have missed something.

Maybe they are one of the other ministers 

I'm in hearings in morning then going bush for the arvo - and some media at lunch !

Thanks for your support

Cheers Ian

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Hi Ian

I fully appreciate that there's some capacity issues at the moment and it's been a busy time of year leading up to budget, amongst everything else. However, as we have spoken about we are looking to get a bit more strategic and organised.

In that vein, I wanted to give you a list of the briefs and information that the MO will be seeking coming up, noting that this can be broadly classified into two categories:

- Budget initiatives (including a plan for some more organisational context and information on resourcing, timing)
- Priority ongoing work that our office feels like we have lost visibility of in relation to timeframes

I am providing this to assist with forward planning, and also to seek your advice for some of them about when would be a good time to formally seek these briefs. I'm also aware we've got the following due dates locked in.

- 7 March - one liners with costings and wellbeing assessments due
- 28th March - Ministerially endorsed business cases

I note the action that came out of the briefing on Tuesday (replicating that spreadsheet to provide some detail on sequence of stages, timing for cabinet and other key dates, and resource allocation we've got against priority projects) and you've kindly agreed to have some shorthand spreadsheet around March 7. Thank you.

Imogen also suggested that we set aside one of the EPSD briefings (March 14) for you, Geoffrey, Imogen, the Minister and myself to go through this spreadsheet and some of the details on the sequence of stages, timing for Cabinet, and resource allocation we've got against the key enviro and heritage projects we're taking forward.

Please let me know if we can clarify any of this as there's a lot in here.

Thanks.

Kind regards,
Paula

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Subject: RE: MO Request - Priorities for Environment/Heritage - Vassarotti

Hmm, I note that budget one-liners are due by 7 March. Ideally we'd have something from this space to inform what we submit so we've got the full context and the Minister can make some decisions with the directorate.

Can we ask what's the possibility of something before then please, even if it's not complete

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Subject: RE: MO Request - Priorities for Environment/Heritage - Vassarotti

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Hi Imogen
EPSD is aiming to get this to the office the week of 14/03.
Hope that is suitable?

Thanks
Tash

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Subject: Re: Call for agenda items - 22/02

Probably best to explain but basically we really appreciated the spreadsheet and detail on sequence of stages, timing for cabinet and other key dates, and resource allocation we've got against projects for building stuff, we'd like to replicate it with environment and heritage. I think if the team prepped that we'd like an 30 mins- 1 hour with them to go through it.

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Subject: RE: Call for agenda items - 22/02

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Added BR feedback.

With the ENV one – to clarify, feedback on the session they gave on Jan 18 or set up another session to go over timings?

Tash

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Subject: RE: Call for agenda items - 22/02

Can I please add feedback on the building quality priorities session and request to do a similar process with Environment.

Hill, Libby

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Good Morning All

Please see brief signed and noted by Minister Vassarotti requesting to discuss with the following comment.

GS – Can we list for a future Min Briefing (I will confirm date as next week may be cancelled due to the sitting week).

Minister's Office Feedback

Thank you for this comprehensive brief. As discussed in planning sub committee, there is significant community interest in areas contained within the study area. I am keen to explore we can provide information into the public domain, particularly around environmental values particular areas that are known to provide a context to future decision making process. I also with interest the work occurring around the biodiversity tool, and the importance of connectivity considerations when considering the impacts of potential development of this type. I am keen to see how these will be integrated into future stages of the process. **Noted / Please Dis**

Thanks

Tash

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Subject: T&C: ASAP Info Brief - Environmental studies for the Western Edge - 22-21211
Importance: High

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Hi Tash and Christy,

Please see attached Brief for Minister Vassarotti – Cleared to progress by DDG Brady, A/g DDG Corrigan and DG Ponton.

Critical Date: Routine

Note: DG Ponton has requested that the brief is provided to the MOs urgently (today) and we are of the understanding that the Offices expected this last week.

Thanks,

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Subject: FW: FOR DG clearance - Vassarotti Gentleman - Conservator brief - environmental studies for the Western Edge
Importance: High

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Hi Dorena

Could this please be sent to the Vassarotti and Gentleman offices as a matter of urgency.

Kind regards
Sarah

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To: Niall, Sarah <Sarah.Niall@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: FOR DG clearance - Vassarotti Gentleman - Conservator brief - environmental studies for the Western Edge
Importance: High

Thanks Sarah – I made a few minor edits. This one is good to progress to the Gentleman and Vassarotti MOs as a matter of priority today please, if possible. Thanks again.

Cheers,

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Hi Ben

This is for your final clearance, I made the amendments as per your comments last week and Erin has made additional changes.

Kind regards
Sarah

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Hi Sarah

One for tomorrow – just confirming this one is right to go to Ben/progress.

I haven't done anything further.

Many thanks,

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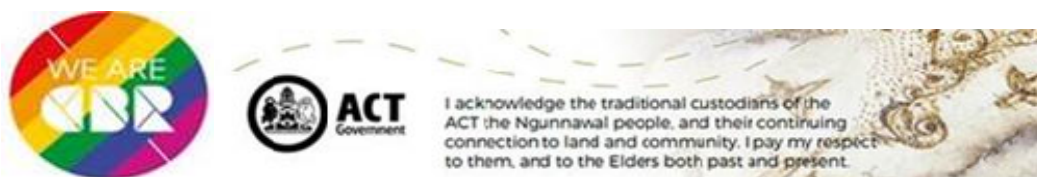
Jim, Ben, Sarah

I've reviewed and amended slightly (got some context from Ben) and also created another att to show relationship between the two areas of land.

I'm okay with this.

Erin

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Erin – for review and clearance today please.

Ben indicated he would like this over at the MO this week

Many thanks,

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Hi both

I have updated this brief to reflect Ben's comments and the need for it to go to both Minister's.

Can you please do one last QA and send to your DDGs for clearance.

Noting that Ben would like to have this by the end of the week.

Cheers
Sarah