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Definitions

Term	Definition
CEMP	Monaro Highway Upgrade Package 1C – Striped Legless Lizard Habitat Construction Environmental Management Plan, v.5, 14 August 2025.
OMP	Offset Management Plan for Striped Legless Lizard Habitat, v.11, 31 July 2026.
CoA	Conditions of Approval, v2.2, 14 August 2025.
SLL	Striped Legless Lizard (<i>Delma impar</i>)
EPBC Act	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cwth)
MHU	Monaro Highway Upgrade
DWR	David Warren Road
SS	Sheppard Street
LDI	Lanyon Drive Interchange
AMC	Alexander Maconochie Centre
ESA	ACT Emergency Services Agency
NCA	National Capital Authority
PSP	Preliminary Sketch Plan

1 Introduction

1.1 Introduction

The Monaro Highway Upgrade Project is a jointly funded initiative of the Australian and ACT Governments aimed at improving safety, traffic efficiency, and network capacity on the Monaro Highway corridor. The project will upgrade the Monaro Highway to a posted speed limit of 100 km/h between the Alexander Maconochie Centre and Isabella Drive and includes grade-separated interchanges at Lanyon Drive, Tralee Street and Isabella Drive.

The project is being delivered in stages by Infrastructure Canberra, with Package 1 divided into Packages 1A, 1B and 1C, and a future Package 2. Package 1A has been completed, Package 1B is currently under construction, and Package 1C construction is due to commence in late 2026. Package 1C was referred under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* (Cwth) (EPBC Act) on 13 July 2020 and subsequently declared a controlled action. As part of the Commonwealth environmental approval requirements under the EPBC Act, approval processes have included the preparation and assessment of environmental management documentation, including the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and Offset Management Plan (OMP).

1.2 Purpose of this report

The purpose of this report is to document compliance with the conditions for the approval EPBC 2020/8768 in accordance with section 143 of the EPBC Act. This report covers the period between 14 August 2025 and 13 August 2026 (the reporting period).

2 Description of Activities

2.1 Overview of the project

Infrastructure Canberra is delivering the Monaro Highway Upgrade project between the AMC and Isabella Drive in Hume, ACT.

The project is divided into following Packages:

- Safety improvement works. Williamsdale Road to Old Cooma Road – additional overtaking lane and two rural intersection upgrades. Works are complete.
- Package 1 – Lanyon Drive Interchange (LDI):
 - Package 1A – Early utility relocations in the National Capital Authority (NCA) designated area highway corridor (Works are complete).
 - Package 1B – Approx. 2.4km of highway upgrade within the NCA designated area corridor, including an approx. 900m of new two-lane southbound carriageway and flyover (construction in progress).

- Package 1C Early Works and Main Works– LDI work primarily in Territory Land including a new southbound off-ramp and extension of David Warren Road (DWR) to Lanyon Drive.
- Package 2 – Future Isabella Drive Interchange and Hume Overpass. Not yet funded for construction. Design complete to Preliminary Sketch Plan stage (PSP).

The overall scope of works for Package 1C includes:

- Early Works
 - Construct northern stub opposite Sheppard Street for the upgraded Lanyon Drive intersection.
 - Fencing and security measures at ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) and AMC.
 - Gas main relocations and protection measures.
- Main Works
 - David Warren Road upgrade and extension.
 - Connect DWR to the new signalised intersection at Lanyon Drive / Sheppard Street.
 - Realign the southbound offramp and connect to DWR through a new roundabout intersection.
 - New three span bridge across Dog Trap Creek
 - Conversion of signals at Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC) to emergency vehicles only (except southbound from Monaro Highway).

2.2 Project Activities undertaken during reporting period

Package 1C Early Works has received all planning and approvals and construction is due to commence in late 2026. The following activities were undertaken during reporting period.

2.2.1 Construction Environmental Management Plan Implementation

The CEMP received Ministerial approval on 14 August 2025. During the reporting period, activities focused on maintaining compliance with the approved CEMP requirements. No construction activities associated with the Controlled Action were undertaken during the reporting period.

2.2.2 Offset Management Plan Implementation

The OMP was approved by the Minister on 31 July 2026 to address the residual significant impacts of the project on the Striped Legless Lizard habitat area. Written evidence regarding the initiation of offset site securement was provided to DCCEEW on 26 June 2026. No on-ground offset management activities were required during the reporting period as the Controlled Action had not commenced.

3 Compliance Summary

Condition number/ reference	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition (Compliant/Non-compliant/ Not triggered)	Evidence/Comments
1	To minimise impacts to the Striped Legless Lizard, the approval holder must not:		
1.a	clear more than 4.05 hectares (ha) of striped Legless Lizard Habitat within the site.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
1.b	clear outside of the site.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
2	The approval holder must		
2.a	submit a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) to the department for the Minister's approval to avoid and mitigate harm to protected matters within the site.	Compliant	CEMP submitted on 14 August 2025 (Refer to forwarding letter Appendix A).
2.b	not commence the Action unless the Minister has approved the CEMP in writing.	Compliant	CEMP approval was received on 14 August 2025 (Refer to approval letter Appendix A).
2.c	commence implementing the CEMP approved by the Minister prior to the commencement of the Action.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
2.d	continue to implement the approved CEMP until the completion of the Action.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
3	By implementing the CEMP, the approval holder must achieve the following environment outcome:		
3.a	prevent any avoidable harm to protected matters and mitigate unavoidable and accidental harm to protected matters.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
4	The CEMP must be prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist. All commitments, including environmental outcomes, management	Compliant	CEMP was approved by DCCEEW on 14 August 2025. (Refer to approval letter Appendix A).

	measures, corrective measures, trigger values and performance indicators in the CEMP must be SMART and based on referenced or included evidence of effectiveness. The CEMP must be consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines, and must include:		
4.a	details of the relevant protected matters and a reference to EPBC Act approval conditions to which the plan refers,	Compliant	Refer sections 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 of CEMP. See section 12, Table 20 of the CEMP.
4.b	a table of commitments made in the plan to achieve the environmental outcomes, and a reference to exactly where these commitments are detailed in the plan,	Compliant	Refer section 12, Table 20 of the CEMP.
4.c	commitments capable of ensuring that the environmental outcomes are achieved,	Compliant	Refer section 6, section 8.0, section 10.0 and section 12, Table 20 of the CEMP.
4.d	management measures to avoid and mitigate harm to Striped Legless Lizards, including artificial lighting management and a relocation protocol to safely relocate any Striped Legless Lizard individual away from an area of clearing or construction by a fauna spotter catcher,	Compliant	Refer section 6.0, section 8.0 and section 10.1 of the CEMP.
4.e	reporting and review mechanisms to demonstrate compliance with the commitments made in the plan,	Compliant	Refer section 9, section 10 and section 11 of the CEMP.
4.f	an assessment of risks relating to achieving the environmental outcomes and risk management strategies and/or mitigation measures that will be applied to address identified risks,	Compliant	Refer section 8, tables 10 to 13 of the CEMP.
4.g	impact avoidance, mitigation and/or repair measures, and the timing of those measures, and	Compliant	Refer section 8, tables 10 to 13 of the CEMP.
4.h	a monitoring program, which must include:	Compliant	Refer to section 10.1, table 14 of the CEMP.
4.h.i	performance indicators,	Compliant	Refer to section 10.1, table 14 of the CEMP.
4.h.ii	triggers values for corrective measures,	Compliant	Refer to section 10.1, table 14 of the CEMP.

4.h. iii	the timing and frequency of monitoring, ensuring monitoring is capable of detecting trigger values and changes in the performance indicators.	Compliant	Refer to section 10.1, table 14 of the CEMP.
4.i	Details describing the Package 1C Early Works including,	Compliant	Refer section 2.1, table 2 of the CEMP.
4.i. i.1	The location and extent of where clearing will be undertaken	Compliant	Refer section 2.1 table 2, figure 3 (Appendix A), and section 1.3 of the CEMP.
4.i.i.2	The location and extent of Striped Legless Lizard habitat and Striped Legless Lizard exclusion fencing to provide a minimum 5-meter buffer from Striped Legless Lizard habitat.	Compliant	Refer Appendix A of the CEMP.
4.i. ii	details of sub plans to the CEMP that will be used to implement Package 1C Early Works.	Compliant	Refer section 2.1 and Appendices D, E, F and G of the CEMP.
5	To compensate for the residual significant impact on Striped Legless Lizard, the approval holder must submit to the department for approval by the Minister an Offset Management Plan (OMP). The approval holder must not undertake any clearing, construction or other physical activity associated with the Action outside of the Package 1C Early Works Boundary unless the OMP is approved in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must implement the approved OMP from the date of approval by the Minister and continue to implement the approved OMP at least until the expiry date of this approval.	Compliant	OMP approval was received on 31 July 2026 (Refer to approval letter, Appendix B).
6	The OMP must meet the requirements of the Environmental Offsets Policy and the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines to the satisfaction of the Minister. All commitments, including environmental outcomes, management measures, corrective actions, trigger values and performance indicators in the OMP must be SMART and based on referenced or included evidence of effectiveness. The OMP must be prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist and must include:		OMP approval was received on 31 July 2026 (Refer to approval letter, Appendix B).
6.a	detailed information on the residual impacts to Striped Legless Lizard that will be compensated for by the offset (comprising both the securement of all offset sites and the habitat quality	Compliant	Refer section 1.1, section 1.5, section 1.6, section 5.3, section 6 and Table 1-1 of the OMP.

	improvements to be achieved at each offset site), including all areas of habitat, and the habitat quality, for Striped Legless Lizard at all locations impacted by the Action which the offset is to address,		
6.b	the relevant protected matters and a reference to the EPBC Act approval conditions to which the OMP refers,	Compliant	Refer Table 1-1 of the OMP.
6.c	detailed information and a shapefile specifying the location, area and boundaries of each offset site,	Compliant	Refer section 1.6 and figure 1 of the OMP.
6.d	detailed baseline information on the areas of the habitat, and the habitat quality, for protected matters at each offset site,	Compliant	Refer section 1.1, section 1.5, section 1.6, section 5.3, section 6 and table 1-1 of OMP.
6.e	achievable offset outcomes, relevant to the conservation of Striped Legless Lizard, for each offset site and the timeframes in which they will be achieved,	Compliant	Refer section 1.6 and Table 1-1 of the OMP.
6.f	a table summarising all commitments to achieve the offset outcomes for protected matters at each offset site and a reference to where each commitment is detailed in the OMP,	Compliant	Refer commitments made within section 6 of the OMP.
6.g	reporting and review mechanisms to inform the department annually regarding compliance with the implementation of management measures and the attainment and maintenance of the offset outcomes,	Compliant	Refer sections 7.1 to 7.3.3 and table 7-1 of the OMP.
6.h	an assessment of risks to achieving each offset outcome and what risk management measures and/or strategies will be applied to address these,	Compliant	Refer section 4 and Appendix C of the OMP.
6.h. i	a monitoring program, which must specify:	Compliant	Refer section 3 and table 3-1 of the OMP.
6.h. ii	measurable performance indicators and the timeframes for their achievement to gauge attainment of each offset outcome for the protected matters.	Compliant	Refer table 2-1 and section 2.2 of OMP.
6.h. iii	trigger values for corrective actions, and	Compliant	Refer table 2-1 and table 2-2 of the OMP.

6.h. iv	the proposed timing (including season/time of day/frequency) methods and effort, and an explanation of how these will be effective for this purpose, of monitoring to detect trigger values, changes in the performance indicators and to gather evidence that effectively demonstrates actual progress towards, attainment of and maintenance of all offset outcomes for the protected matters,	Compliant	Refer section 3, table 3-1 and table 2-1 of the OMP.
6.i	corrective actions to be implemented to ensure all offset outcomes for the protected matters are achieved or maintained if trigger values are reached or performance indicators are not achieved in the specified timeframes,	Compliant	Refer table 2-2 and table 6-6 of the OMP.
6.j	references to related plans and conditions of approval,	Compliant	Refer table 1-1 and section 8.0 of the OMP.
6.k	how each offset site will be protected, including securement, and all offset outcomes maintained or improved, at least until the expiry of the approval.	Compliant	Refer section 1.5 and section 6.0 of the OMP.
7	To compensate for the residual impacts of the Action on Striped Legless Lizard, the approval holder must provide written evidence of the initiation of securement of all offset sites specified in the approved OMP before undertaking any clearing, construction or other physical activity associated with the Action outside of the Package 1C Early Works Boundary and provide written evidence of final securement within 18 months of the commencement of the Action.	Compliant	Letter to DCCEEW regarding securing the offset site was sent on 26 June 2026 (Refer to copy of letter Appendix C).
8	The approval holder must achieve all offset outcomes for each offset site specified in the approved OMP by the time specified in the OMP. Once achieved, the approval holder must maintain or exceed the offset outcomes at least until the expiry date of this approval. From the date of approval of the OMP the approval holder must:		

8.a	have each offset site assessed annually by a suitably qualified ecologist to determine if the offset outcomes specified in the OMP have been achieved	Not Triggered	The OMP was approved on 31 July 2026 and actions will commence in the next reporting period.
8.b	submit to the department a report prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist detailing the presence of Striped Legless Lizard and habitat quality of and their habitat within each offset site within 20 business days after each ACR period, and	Not Triggered	The OMP was approved on 31 July 2026 and actions will commence in the next reporting period.
8.c	notify the department in writing of any offset outcomes that has not been achieved at all offset sites and the likely reasons that this/these offset outcomes have not been met.	Not Triggered	The OMP was approved on 31 July 2026 and actions will commence in the next reporting period.
9	The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan approved by the Minister by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act. If the Minister approves a revised action management plan (RAMP) then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the RAMP in place of any previous version of the action management plan.	Not Triggered	
10	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 5 business days of the date of:		
10.a	commencement of the Action, following commencement of the Action.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
10.b	Undertaking the first instance of any on-site clearing, construction or other physical activity associated with the Action outside of the Package 1C Early Works Boundary.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
11	The approval holder must not commence the Action later than 15 March 2027.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
12	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records and document the procedure for recording and storing compliance records.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.

13	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.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
14	Wherever these conditions require the approval holder to submit any plan to the department, all such plans must be submitted to the department electronically.	Compliant	Refer to submission of letters/emails (Appendices A, B and C)
15	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish each plan on the website within 15 business days of the date:	Non-compliant	Refer to response to condition 15.a.
15.a	the plan is approved by the Minister in writing, if the plan requires the approval of the Minister,	Non-Compliant	The Construction Environmental Management Plan was not published within the set limit. Details provided in the Incident Summary (section 4 of this report).
15.b	the plan is submitted to the department in accordance with a requirement of these conditions, if the plan does not require the approval of the Minister.	Compliant	
16	The approval holder must keep all plans published on the website, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, from the first date which that plan must be published and until the expiry date of this approval. This requirement applies to all current and superseded versions of plans.	Not Triggered	Plans to be submitted in the next reporting period.
17	The approval holder is required to exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from any version of a plan before that plan is published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from a plan, the approval holder must notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website.	Not Triggered	Plans to be submitted in the next reporting period.
18	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this	Not Triggered	To be submitted under the Environmental Offsets Ecological Monitoring Program (EOEMP). Refer to section 3.0 of the OMP.

	approval are prepared in accordance with the <i>Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2018, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.		
19	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the <i>Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2021, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Not Triggered	To be submitted under the Environmental Offsets Ecological Monitoring Program (EOEMP). Refer to section 3.0 of the OMP.
20	The approval holder must submit all monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the department within 20 business days following the end each ACR period except where otherwise specified in a plan.	Not Triggered	To be submitted under the Environmental Offsets Ecological Monitoring Program (EOEMP). Refer to section 3.0 of the OMP.
21	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each Annual Compliance Report period (ACR period).	Compliant	This report. 2026 Annual Compliance Report EPBC 2020/8768.
22	The approval holder must ensure each compliance report includes:		
22.a. i	accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance with each condition attached to this approval decision, and	Compliant	See section 3 and 4 (Pages 9 to 25) of this report.
22.a. ii	all commitments made in each plan,	Not triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
22.b	a schedule of all plans in effect in relation to these conditions during the ACR period,	Not triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
22.c	accurate and complete details of how each plan was implemented during the ACR period, and	Not triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
22.d	if any incident occurred, accurate and complete details of each incident.	Compliant	The Construction Environmental Management Plan was not published within the set limit. Details provided in the Incident Summary (section 4 of this report).

23	The approval holder must ensure each compliance report is completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and is consistent with the <i>Annual Compliance Report Guidelines</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2023.	Compliant	This report. 2026 Annual Compliance Report EPBC 2020/8768.
24	The approval holder must, within 20 business days following the end each ACR period, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, publish on the website:		
24.a	each compliance report, and	Compliant	This report. 2026 Annual Compliance Report EPBC 2020/8768.
24.b	a shapefile showing all clearing of protected matters, and their habitat, undertaken within the ACR period.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
25	The approval holder must:		
25.a	Exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from each compliance report and shapefile published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.	Not triggered.	Compliance reports and/or shapefiles to be published in the next reporting period.
25.b	sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from a version of a compliance report published or otherwise provided to a member of the public, submit the full compliance report to the department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.	Not triggered.	Compliance reports and/or shapefiles to be published in the next reporting period.
25.c	If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from a version of a shapefile published or otherwise provided to a member of the public, submit the full shapefile to the department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.	Not triggered.	Compliance reports and/or shapefiles to be published in the next reporting period.
26	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 5 business days of each date of publication that the	Not Triggered	Compliance reports and/or shapefiles to be published in the next reporting period.

	compliance report has been published on the website. In this notification, the approval holder must provide the department with the web address for where the compliance report and related shapefile are published on the website.		
27	The approval holder must keep each compliance report and related shapefile published on the website from the first date which that compliance report must be published and until the expiry date of this approval.	Not Triggered	Compliance report to be published in the next reporting period.
28	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 2 business days of becoming aware of any incident. The approval holder must specify in each notification:		
28.a	any condition or commitment made in a plan which has been or may have been not complied with,	Not Compliant	The Construction Environmental Management Plan was not published within the set limit. Details provided in the Incident Summary (section 4 of this report).
28.b	a short description of the incident, and	Not Compliant	The Construction Environmental Management Plan was not published within the set limit. Details provided in the Incident Summary (section 4 of this report).
28.c	the location (if applicable, including co-ordinates), date and time of the incident.	Not Compliant	The Construction Environmental Management Plan was not published within the set limit. Details provided in the Incident Summary (section 4 of this report).
29	The approval holder must provide to the department in writing, within 12 business days of becoming aware of an incident, the details of that incident. The approval holder must specify:		
29.a	all corrective measures and investigations which the approval holder has already taken in respect of the incident,	Not Compliant	The Construction Environmental Management Plan was not published within the set limit. Details provided in the Incident Summary (section 4 of this report).

29.b	the potential impacts of the incident,	Not Compliant	The Construction Environmental Management Plan was not published within the set limit. Details provided in the Incident Summary (section 4 of this report).
29.c	the method and timing of any corrective measures that the approval holder proposes to undertake to address the incident, and	Not Compliant	The Construction Environmental Management Plan was not published within the set limit. Details provided in the Incident Summary (section 4 of this report).
29.d	any variation of these conditions or revision of a plan that will be required to prevent recurrence of the incident and/or to address its consequences.	Not Compliant	The Construction Environmental Management Plan was not published within the set limit. Details provided in the Incident Summary (section 4 of this report).
30	The approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions is conducted for every audit period.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
31	The approval holder must submit details of the proposed independent auditor and their qualifications to the department within 10 business days following the end of each audit period.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
32	The approval holder must ensure the scope of each independent audit is sufficient to determine the compliance status for each condition of approval, and each commitment made in each plan.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
33	The approval holder must ensure the criteria for each independent audit and the undertaking of each independent audit are consistent with the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2019.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
34	The approval holder must submit an audit report to the department for written agreement from the department within 3 months following the end of each audit period, or as otherwise directed by the Minister in writing.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.

35	The approval holder must ensure each audit report is completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and is consistent with the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2019.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
36	The approval holder must publish each audit report on the website, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, within 10 business days of the date of the department agrees to the audit report in writing.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
37	The approval holder must notify the department within 5 business days of the date the audit report is published on the website. In this notification, the approval holder must provide the department with the web address for where the audit report is published on the website.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
38	The approval holder must keep each audit report published on the website from the first date which that audit report must be published and until the expiry date of this approval.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
39	Within 20 business days after the completion of the Action, and, in any event, at least 20 business days before this approval expires, the approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of completion of the Action and provide completion data. The approval holder must submit any spatial data that comprises completion data as a shapefile.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.
40	The approval holder must notify the department electronically 60 business days prior to the expiry date of this approval, that the approval is due to expire.	Not Triggered	Controlled action has not commenced.

4 Incidents Summary

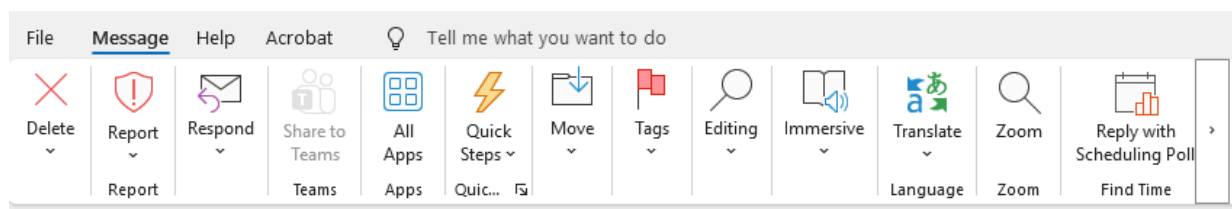
Condition number/reference	Condition	Non-Compliance description	Detection and Notification	Corrective Action	Close-out & Recurrence prevention
15a	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish each plan on the website within 15 business days of the date the plan is approved by the Minister in writing, if the plan requires the approval of the Minister	CEMP not published on website within 15 business days of approval of the plan by the Minister.	Detected by: Project consultant. Date detected: July 2026 Department notified: No Date: N/A	The plans to be published in the next reporting period. Responsible: iCBR	Commenced: July 2026 Completed: Not yet completed at the time of issue of this report. Prevention Measures: Project team made aware of relevant conditions of approval. Status: Open
28a	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 2 business days of becoming aware of any incident. The approval holder must specify in each notification: a. any condition or commitment made in a plan which has been or may have been not complied with, b. a short description of the incident, and c. the location (if applicable, including co-ordinates), date and time of the incident.	Non-compliance with condition 15a was not notified to the department.	Detected by: Project consultant Date detected: July 2026 Department notified: No Date: N/A	The plans to be published in the next reporting period and notify the department. Responsible: iCBR	Commenced: July 2026 Completed: Not yet completed at the time of issue of this report. Prevention Measures: Project team made aware of relevant conditions of approval. Status: Open

29a	The approval holder must provide to the department in writing, within 12 business days of becoming aware of an incident, the details of that incident. The approval holder must specify: - all corrective measures and investigations which the approval holder has already taken in respect of the incident, - the potential impacts of the incident, - the method and timing of any corrective measures that the approval holder proposes to undertake to address the incident, and - any variation of these conditions or revision of a plan that will be required to prevent recurrence of the incident and/or to address its consequences.	Details of the incident (non-compliance with condition 15a) were not provided to the department.	Detected by: Project consultant Date detected: July 2026 Department notified: No Date: N/A	Notify the department once the plan has been published. Responsible: iCBR	Commenced: July 2026 Completed: Not yet completed at the time of issue of this report. Prevention Measures: Project team made aware of relevant conditions of approval. Status: Open
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5 New Environmental Risks

No new environmental risks were identified in this reporting period.

Appendix A: Submission and approval of Construction Environmental Management Plan



RE: EPBC 2020//8768 -notification of internal review and wording to vary condition 7/ align CE...



Tracey, Josh <josh.tracey@stantec.com>

To Tony RICHARDS

Cc Baker, Stephen; Hare, Steven; Carmona, Nicole; Andy HUXHAM;
Oxborrow, Stuart; Spackman, Scott

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Hi Tony,

Thanks for providing the amended conditions below and providing some advice regarding their implications. The CEMP has been updated to below changes in EPBC 2020//8768 conditions of 7, 8 & 10 while also amending the timing of the independent audit noted in the CEMP, the updated EPBC approval you provided is attached for reference . We consider this addresses the newly updated EPBC conditions and your comments below. I understand these updates were needed to enable the Department to continue your review of the CEMP, prior to being provided to the Delegate, is that correct?

☐ [2025.08.14 EPBC2020-8768 Monaro Highway Package 1C CEMP Rev5 \(minor condition updates\)](#) – if you could please upon this link on receipt and confirm you can access and download the files.

In the folder link above includes the following versions of the CEMP

- [5052201701-MHU-1C-SLL-CEMP REV5 14.08.2025.docx](#) – **clean version**, submitted for approval
- [5052201701-MHU-1C-SLL-CEMP REV5 14.08.2025.pdf](#) – **pdf**, submitted for approval
- [5052201701-MHU-1C-SLL-CEMP REV5 \(tracked changes\) 14.08.2025.docx](#) – **tracked version**, with comments tagging changes, provided for the Department to understand the changes.

Thanks for your comments in the CEMP, they were useful in pointing where changes needed to be made but we also undertook a full review of the document and changes were required in several other parts of the CEMP. For ease to see where there have been changes, I have tagged these with comments, in addition to the text being shown as tracked changes.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss any of the changes, or the CEMP in general,

Kind Regards,

Josh

Josh Tracey

Senior Environmental Engineer/Team Leader Environment

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Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

EPBC 2020/8768

Mr Stuart Oxborrow
Senior Engineer
Transport Canberra and City Services
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Approval of condition variation and draft plan for Monaro Highway Upgrade Package 1C

Dear Mr Oxborrow

Thank you for your correspondence dated 20 November 2023 and 5 June 2024 to the department requesting the variation of conditions attached to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) approval, and approval of the draft Construction Environment Management Plan as required under condition 2, which was submitted for approval on 14 August 2025 and entitled:

Monaro Highway Upgrade Package 1C – Striped Legless Lizard Habitat Construction Environmental Management Plan, v.5, 14 August 2025

Officers of this department have reviewed the variation request. As delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water, I have varied the conditions attached to EPBC Act approval 2020/8768 under section 143(1)(c) of the EPBC Act. The action must now be taken in accordance with the varied conditions specified in the variation notification, which has been attached for your information.

Officers of this department have advised me on the Construction Environment Management Plan and the requirements of the conditions of the approval for this project. On this basis, and as a delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water, I have decided to approve the Construction Environment Management Plan. This plan must now be implemented.

As you are aware, the department has an active monitoring program which includes monitoring inspections, desktop document reviews and audits. Please ensure that you maintain accurate records of all activities associated with, or relevant to, the conditions of approval so that they can be made available to the department on request.

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Should you require any further information please contact Tony Richards by email to Tony.richards@dcceew.gov.au or telephone +61 2 5162 1740.

Yours sincerely



Brendan Linton-Smith
Acting Branch Head
Environment Assessments (Vic, Tas) and Post Approvals Branch
Environment Regulation Division
14 August 2025

Attachment:

- Notice of variation of conditions

Appendix B: Approval of Offset Management Plan



EPBC 2020/8768

Steven Hare
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**Approval of Offset Management Plan for Monaro Highway - Lanyon Drive Upgrade
Package 1C, Hume, ACT**

Dear Mr Hare

Thank you for your email dated 25 May 2026 to the National Environmental Protection Agency (the agency) seeking approval of the Offset Management Plan, in accordance with conditions 5 and 6 of the above project under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Officers of the agency have advised me on the Offset Management Plan and the requirements of the conditions of approval for this project. On this basis, and as a delegate of the Minister, I have decided to approve the *West Kenny Offset Management Plan, Final, 4 May 2026*.

Now this plan has been approved, it must be implemented. The approved plan must also be published in accordance with your conditions of approval.

As you are aware, the agency has an active monitoring program which includes monitoring inspections, desk top document reviews and audits. Please ensure that you maintain accurate records of all activities associated with, or relevant to, the conditions of approval so that they can be made available to the agency on request. Should you require any further information please contact Ben Baghurst by email to PostApproval@NationalEPA.gov.au or telephone 02 5162 1603.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Reachill, Acting Branch Head, Environment Assessments (NSW, ACT)

31 July 2026

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Appendix C: Written evidence of the initiation of securement of offset site



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Andy Huxham

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Environment Regulation Division
Environment Assessments (VIC, TAS) and Post Approvals Branch
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
GPO BOX 3090 CANBERRA ACT 2601

By email: andy.huxham@dcceew.gov.au; postapproval@dcceew.gov.au

Dear Andy,

Re: Monaro Highway Lanyon Drive Upgrade Package 1C, Hume, ACT (EPBC Approval 2020/8768)
– Securing the Offset

ACT Government, Infrastructure Canberra (iCBR) (the proponent) seeks agreement from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) on the protection mechanism to secure the offset site for the Monaro Highway Lanyon Drive Upgrade Package 1C (EPBC Approval 2020/8768). The approved offset site has been designated within Block 739, Gungahlin ACT.

Condition 7 of the Approval requires the approval holder:

“To compensate for the residual impacts of the Action on Striped Legless Lizard, the approval holder must provide written evidence of the initiation of securement of all offset sites specified in the approved OMP before undertaking any clearing, construction or other physical activity associated with the Action outside of the Package 1C Early Works Boundary and provide written evidence of final securement within 18 months of the commencement of the Action.”

The Approval states that “Secure, securement or secured means to provide conservation protection on the title of land in perpetuity through a legal mechanism that establishes either a nature reserve overlay under the ACT Territory Plan (ACT) and incorporates the offset in to the Canberra Nature Park, or another enduring protection mechanism agreed to in writing by the department, to provide protection for the site against development incompatible with conservation. Where the legal mechanism of securement is a nature reserve overlay under the ACT Territory Plan, evidence of the initiation of securement is the submission of an application under the *Planning Act 2023* (ACT) to amend the ACT Territory Plan.”

iCBR proposes the following arrangements to secure the offset site:

1. Commence a Major Plan Amendment process (previously known as a Territory Plan Variation) to add a Nature Reserve (Public Land) Overlay in the Territory Plan to the area. The Major Plan Amendment process is expected to take 12 to 18 months.
2. Block 739 comprises two existing land use zonings (Non-Urban Zone 3: Hills, Ridges and Buffers in the north, and Non-Urban Zone 1: Broadacre in the south). A new block will be created through the Major Plan Amendment process with a Non-Urban Zone 3 land use zoning and a Nature Reserve (Pc) Overlay. This zoning will be consistent with the adjacent Nadjung Mada nature reserve, which abuts the offset site on the east. The Territory Plan

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2023 (made under the *Planning Act 2023* (ACT)) has strict requirements regarding development that can occur in land zoned as Non-Urban Zone 3.

3. The site is unleased land and ACT Government Parks and Conservation Services (PCS) is the land custodian. PCS supports the approved offset site and confirms that the block is secure from other development. PCS has commenced environmental management of the offset site under an agreement between PCS and iCBR.
4. iCBR have committed to provide funding to PCS to establish the offset site.

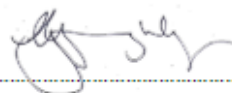
We consider that these arrangements will protect and secure the offset site from development until the Major Plan Amendment is approved. We will advise DCCEE in writing within 5 business days after the Major Plan Amendment is approved. This commitment to secure the offset site is endorsed by the below ACT Government agencies.

Name: Dr Rosie Cooney
Position: Executive Branch Manager, Parks and Conservation
Directorate: City and Environment

Signature: 

Date: 17 June 2026

Name: Gillian Geraghty
Position: Director General
Directorate: Infrastructure Canberra

Signature: 

Date: 28 June 2026

If there are any questions or if further information is required, please let me know.

Yours sincerely



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