

**EPBC Approval Number**

2016/7847

**Project Name**

Scenic Rim Trail – Thornton Trailhead to Spicers Canopy Nature Reserve, Queensland

**Proponent**

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**Action**

Spicers Retreats Hotels and Lodges Pty Ltd (Spicers) has developed a 53 km multi-day walk from the privately-owned Thornton View Nature Refuge to the privately-owned Spicers Peak Nature Reserve, via the Main Range National Park and Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area. The walk, named the Scenic Rim Trail, follows a series of existing tracks in the Park connected by a new series of tracks established by Spicers. Two eco camps have been constructed in the Park (outside of the World Heritage Area).

**Date of Preparation**

8 December 2020

**Declaration of accuracy**

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

Signed



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# Scenic Rim Trail- Thornton Trailhead to Spicers Canopy Nature Reserve, Queensland

## Approval EPBC 2016/7847

### 2019/20 Annual Compliance Report

16 September 2019 – 15 September 2020



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#### *Table of Terms and Abbreviations*

ALA	Atlas of Living Australia
BAAM	Biodiversity Assessment and Management Pty Ltd
BDCP	Baseline Data Collection Plan
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
DAWE	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
EPBC Act	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>
GRAWHP	Gondwana Rainforest of Australia World Heritage property
MNES	Matters of National Environmental Significance
PWaSM	Plan for Wastewater and Sewage Management
QPWS	Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service
SRT	Scenic Rim Trail - Thornton Trailhead to Spicers Canopy Nature Reserve
SRTMP	Scenic Rim Trail Management Plan
SWMP	Sewage and Wastewater Monitoring Plan

## 1.0 PURPOSE

This document sets out the status of compliance with the conditions imposed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) through Approval EPBC 2016/7847 within the required reporting period of 16 September 2019 to 15 September 2020 for the Scenic Rim Trail (SRT) - Thornton Trailhead to Spicers Canopy Nature Reserve, Queensland (the Project).

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

On 18 January 2019, the Minister for the Environment and Energy (now Minister for Agriculture, Water and the Environment) (the Minister) approved the construction and operation of the Scenic Rim Trail subject to conditions under the EPBC Act. The Minister, through EPBC 2016/7847, approved the proposed action of:

*To construct and operate a five to six day supervised bushwalk trail and four associated campsites from Mt Mistake to Spicers Peak Nature Refuge, within and adjacent to the Main Range National Park, Queensland.*

The controlling provisions to which EPBC 2016/7847 relates are:

- World Heritage Properties (sections 12 and 15A, EPBC Act).
- National Heritage Places (sections 15B and 15C, EPBC Act).
- Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 and 18A, EPBC Act).

The conditions of Approval EPBC 2016/7847 were varied by the Minister on 2 July 2019, to delete conditions 8, 9, 14, 16, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 32 attached to the approval and substitute with the conditions specified in the variation, and again on 10 March 2020, to delete attachments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 attached to the approval and substitute with the attachments specified in the variation.

The Action commenced on 16 September 2019 and construction was completed in April 2020. Commercial operation of the walking trail commenced on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

## 3.0 SCOPE

This Annual Compliance Report outlines key areas of works and activity in relation to EPBC 2016/7847. This Report assesses:

- Compliance with the conditions listed within EPBC 2016/7847 by Spicers and its contractors.
- Records of any unavoidable adverse impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES), mitigation measures applied to avoid adverse impacts on MNES and rehabilitation work undertaken in connection with any unavoidable adverse impacts on MNES.
- Non-compliance with the conditions of EPBC 2016/7847.
- Amendments to plans needed to achieve compliance with the conditions of EPBC 2016/7847.

This Annual Compliance Report covers the period of 16 September 2019 to 15 September 2020.

## 4.0 CONDITION COMPLIANCE

Condition 22 of EPBC 2016/7847 states:

*Within 60 business days of every 12 month anniversary of commencement of the action, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish a report on its website addressing compliance with each of the conditions, and any data, reports and analyses arising from the implementation of the SRTMP and BDCP and any other management plans as specified in the conditions. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval must be provided to the Department at the same time as the compliance report is published. Reports must remain on the website for the life of this approval. The Minister may provide written consent to the approval holder to cease reporting under this condition if satisfied additional reports are not warranted. Note: The first compliance report may report a period of less than 12 months so that it and subsequent compliance reports align with the similar requirement under state approval.*

### 4.1 COMPLIANCE

The status of compliance with each condition under EPBC 2016/7847 is set out in Appendix 1.

#### *4.1.1 Unavoidable Impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance*

##### **World Heritage Properties and National Heritage Places**

No known unavoidable impacts have occurred to World Heritage Properties or National Heritage Places during the reporting period.

##### **Listed threatened species and communities**

No known impacts on listed threatened species and communities are considered attributable to the Scenic Rim Trail Project during the reporting period.

#### *4.1.2 Mitigation Measures*

No additional mitigation measures have been implemented as a result of unavoidable impacts on MNES.

#### *4.1.3 Plan Amendments*

No amended plans have been resubmitted to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) as a result of an identified non-compliance or a request made by DAWE.

New and revised plans have been submitted to DAWE as per condition requirements. These are set out in Appendix 1.

## Appendices

### Appendix 1. Commonwealth EPBC 2016/7847 Compliance Status – Active Conditions

No.	Condition	Status	Comment
1	The approval holder must:		
1.a	Not clear more than 0.16 hectares of vegetation for the construction of the Woodcutters Ecocamp	Compliant	No more than 0.16 hectares of vegetation was cleared for the construction of the Woodcutters Ecocamp. This condition was overseen by a ranger from the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service during the construction of the Ecocamps.
1.b	Not clear more than 0.16 hectares of vegetation for the construction of the Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp	Compliant	No more than 0.16 hectares of vegetation was cleared for the construction of the Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp This condition was overseen by a ranger from the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service during the construction of the Ecocamps.
1.c	Not establish more than one crossing at Blackfellow Creek and one crossing at Dalrymple Creek by new trails	Compliant	Only one crossing has been established at each of Blackfellow Creek and Dalrymple Creek.
1.d	Construct Woodcutters Ecocamp and Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp and new trails within the sites indicated in Attachments 2 and 6.	Compliant	Woodcutters Ecocamp, Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp and new trails were constructed within the sites indicated in Attachments 2 and 6 of the EPBC 2016/7847 approval as varied on 10 March 2020.
2	Prior to commencement of the action, the approval holder must:		
2.a	Ensure a suitably qualified person has completed and fully documented a survey of Mountain Frog habitat along the proposed alignment of all new trails that occur within 250 metres of the location of any BAAM record or ALA record	Compliant	A survey was completed by a suitably qualified person on 4-5 June 2018 and a report on the survey was finalised on 10 December 2018, prior to commencement of the action on 16 September 2019.
2.b	Ensure a suitably qualified person has completed and fully documented a survey of Rainforest Spinach within 50 metres of the proposed alignment of all new trails	Compliant	A survey was completed by a suitably qualified person on 4-5 June 2018 and a report on the survey was finalised on 10 December 2018, prior to commencement of the action on 16 September 2019.
2.c	Submit to the Department a georeferenced map, shapefile and reports showing all Fleay's Frog habitat and records, and all Mountain Frog habitat and records, and the locations of any Rainforest Spinach identified under 2.a. and 2.b.	Compliant	Georeferenced maps, shapefiles and reports showing all Fleay's Frog habitat and records, and all Mountain Frog habitat and records, and the locations of any Rainforest Spinach identified under 2.a. and 2.b were submitted to the Department on 16 September 2019 prior to commencement of the action on 16 September 2019. The georeferenced maps were included in Appendix 1 of the EPBC 2016/7847 approval.
3	The approval holder must:		
3.a	Ensure that the construction of new trails does not clear,	Compliant	The construction of new trails has not cleared, disturbed or otherwise impacted on

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	disturb or otherwise result in impacts on Mountain Frog habitat or Fleay's Frog breeding habitat with the exception of the portions of new trails that cross Blackfellow Creek and Dalrymple Creek.		Mountain Frog habitat or Fleay's Frog breeding habitat with the exception of the portions of new trails that cross Blackfellow Creek and Dalrymple Creek. This condition was overseen by a ranger from the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service during the construction of the walking trails.
3.b	Ensure that the construction and operation of Woodcutters Ecocamp and Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp, including onsite disposal of sewage and wastewater, does not result in impacts on Mountain Frog habitat or Fleay's Frog breeding habitat or the world heritage values of the GRAWHP.	Compliant	An application for the approval for onsite disposal of sewage or wastewater has not been lodged and no onsite disposal of sewage or wastewater has been implemented. The construction and operation of Woodcutters Ecocamp and Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp has not resulted in impacts on Mountain Frog habitat or Fleay's Frog breeding habitat or the world heritage values of the GRAWHP.
Baseline data			
4	No less than 20 business days prior to commencement of the action, the approval holder must submit a Baseline Data Collection Plan (BDCP) to the Minister. The approval holder must:	Compliant	A Baseline Data Collection Plan (BDCP) was submitted to the Minister on 15 July 2019 and letter confirming submission was received from the Department on 19 July 2019, more than 20 business days prior to commencement of the action on 16 September 2019.
4.a	Ensure the BDCP is peer reviewed by a suitably qualified independent expert who must provide a written report that evaluates the adequacy of the monitoring proposed in the BDCP, includes a statement that endorses the BDCP and confirms that the BDCP will meet the aims and requirements set in condition 8.	Compliant	The BDCP was peer reviewed by a suitably qualified independent expert who provided a written report that evaluated the adequacy of the monitoring proposed in the BDCP, included a statement that endorses the BDCP and confirmed that the BDCP will meet the aims and requirements set in condition 8.
4.b	Publish the peer reviewed BDCP, written report and statement and all baseline data on its website, prior to the commencement of the action, and ensure these remain available on the website for the life of the approval.	Compliant	The peer reviewed BDCP, peer review report and statement and all baseline data reports have been published on the approval holder's website at: <a href="https://spicersretreats.com/scenic-rim-trail/about-us/environmental-protection-biodiversity-conservation-response/">https://spicersretreats.com/scenic-rim-trail/about-us/environmental-protection-biodiversity-conservation-response/</a>
4.c	Within 10 days after publishing the BDCP, report and statement, notify the Department of the actual date of publication.	Compliant	The Department was notified of publication on 16 September 2019.
4.d	The BDCP must be implemented prior to commencement of the action, subject to condition 6.	Compliant	The BDCP was implemented and the resulting baseline data reports were finalised prior to commencement of the action.
5	Within 20 business days of receipt of a BDCP required under condition 4 the Minister may provide a notice to the	Not applicable	The Department signed off on the BDCP on 19 July 2019.

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	approval holder that the BDCP requires approval by the Minister.		
6	If notice is provided under condition 5, condition 4.d. no longer applies.		
7	If the Minister provides notice under condition 5 the approval holder must:		
7.a	Not commence the action until the Minister has approved the BDCP in writing		
7.b	Implement the BDCP approved by the Minister		
8	The BDCP required under conditions 4-7 must outline the methods (including survey methodology, effort, timing, frequency, and responsibility) for the collection of:	Compliant	The BDCP required under conditions 4-7 outlined the methods for the collection of all necessary baseline data. The Department advised that the BDCP and SRTMP were approved by the Minister on 19 July 2019.
8.a	Baseline population data for Hastings River Mouse within 100 metres of Woodcutters Ecocamp		
8.b	Baseline population data for Fleay's Frog and Mountain Frog within 100 metres upstream and downstream of each crossing of the new trails at Blackfellow Creek and Dalrymple Creek		
8.c	Baseline water quality data within 100 metres upstream and downstream of each crossing of the new trails at Blackfellow Creek and Dalrymple Creek		
8.d	Baseline riparian habitat quality data within 100 metres upstream and downstream of each crossing of the new trails at Blackfellow Creek and Dalrymple Creek		
8A	The approval holder must not implement any onsite disposal of sewage or wastewater until the Minister has approved a Sewage and Wastewater Monitoring Plan (SWMP) specifying the methods (including survey methodology, effort, timing, frequency and responsibility) that will be implemented for the collection and analysis of data regarding soil quality, water quality and riparian habitat	Compliant	An application for the approval for dispersal of sewage or wastewater has not yet been lodged and no onsite disposal of sewage or wastewater has been implemented.

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	<p>quality to establish the baseline and subsequently detect any change from baseline outside the boundaries of the Woodcutters Ecocamp and Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp attributable to onsite disposal of sewage or wastewater. The SWMP must be reviewed by a suitably qualified independent expert and, when submitted to the Department for approval, accompanied by the written report of the suitably qualified independent expert that evaluates the adequacy of the proposed data collection and analysis methods and a signed certification by the suitably qualified independent expert that the proposed data collection methods are capable of detecting any change attributable to onsite disposal of sewage and wastewater. The SWMP must specify methods for collection and analysis of the following:</p>		
8A.a	<p>Soil quality data of soil profiles within the boundaries of Woodcutters Ecocamp and Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp and within all areas proposed for disposal of treated sewage and waste water and all areas within 50 metres of the Woodcutters Ecocamp and Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp</p>		
8A.b	<p>Water quality data including surface water and groundwater underlying Woodcutters Ecocamp and Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamps and all drainage channels and downstream water bodies outside of the boundaries of Woodcutters Ecocamp and Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp with potential hydraulic connectivity with sewage and waste water disposal areas</p>		
8A.c	<p>Riparian habitat quality data for all drainage channels outside of the Woodcutters Ecocamp and Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp likely to be</p>		

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	hydraulically connected with sewage and waste water disposal areas		
8A	The approval holder must implement the approved SWMP. The approval holder must publish the approved SWMP on its website within 10 business days of receiving the Minister's approval. The approved SWMP must remain on the website for the life of the approval.		
9	The approval holder must not commence the action at:		
9.a	Woodcutters Ecocamp, until the collection of the Hasting River Mouse baseline population data (condition 8.a.), has been completed in accordance with the approved BDCP	Compliant	Collection of Hasting River Mouse baseline population data (condition 8.a.) was completed on 8 August 2018, prior to commencement of the action at Woodcutters Ecocamp on 28 August 2020.
9.b	New creek trails, until the collection of the baseline data (conditions 8.b., 8.c. and 8.d.), has been completed in accordance with the approved BDCP	Compliant	Collection of baseline population data for Fleay's Frog and Mountain Frog (condition 8.b.) was completed on 9 March 2019, collection of baseline water quality data (condition 8.c.) was completed on 10 April 2019 and collection of baseline riparian habitat quality data (condition 8.d.) was completed on 9 March 2019, prior to commencement of the action on 16 September 2019.
<b>Scenic Rim Trail Management Plan</b>			
10	No less than 20 business days prior to commencement of the action, the approval holder must submit a Scenic Rim Trail Management Plan (SRTMP) to the Minister. The approval holder must:	Compliant	A Scenic Rim Trail Management Plan (SRTMP) was submitted to the Minister on 4 July 2019, more than 20 business days prior to the commencement of the action on 16 September 2019. The Department advised that the BDCP and SRTMP were approved by the Minister on 19 July 2019.
10.a	Ensure the SRTMP is peer reviewed by a suitably qualified independent expert who must provide a written report that evaluates the adequacy of the 10 year ongoing monitoring, mitigation and management measures of the SRTMP and includes a statement that endorses the SRTMP and confirms that the SRTMP will meet the aims and requirements set in condition 14	Compliant	The SRTMP was peer reviewed by a suitably qualified independent expert who provided a written report that evaluated the adequacy of the 10 year ongoing monitoring, mitigation and management measures of the SRTMP and included a statement that endorsed the SRTMP and confirmed that the SRTMP will meet the aims and requirements set in condition 14.
10.b	Publish the peer reviewed SRTMP, written report and statement on its website, prior to the commencement of the action, and ensure these	Compliant	The peer reviewed SRTMP and peer review report and statement were published on the approval holder's website on 16 September 2020 prior to the commencement of the action on 16 September 2019. These reports

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	remain available on the website for the life of the approval		can be found at: <a href="https://spicersretreats.com/scenic-rim-trail/about-us/environmental-protection-biodiversity-conservation-response/">https://spicersretreats.com/scenic-rim-trail/about-us/environmental-protection-biodiversity-conservation-response/</a>
10.c	Within 10 days after publishing the SRTMP, report and statement, notify the Department of the actual date of publication	Compliant	Notification to the Department was submitted on 16 September 2019.
10.d	The SRTMP must be in place prior to commencement of the action, subject to condition 12	Compliant	The SRTMP was in place prior to commencement of the action on 16 September 2019.
10.e	The SRTMP must be implemented, subject to condition 12	Compliant	The SRTMP has been implemented.
11	Within 20 business days of receipt of a SRTMP required under condition 10 the Minister may provide a notice to the approval holder that the SRTMP requires approval by the Minister.	Compliant	A Scenic Rim Trail Management Plan (SRTMP) was submitted to the Minister on 4 July 2019 more than 20 business days prior to the commencement of the action on 16 September 2019. The Department advised that the BDCP and SRTMP were approved by the Minister on 19 July 2019.
12	If notice is provided under condition 11, condition 10.e. no longer applies		
13	If the Minister provides a notice under condition 11 the approval holder must:		
13.a	Not commence the action until the Minister has approved the SRTMP in writing		
13.b	Implement the SRTMP approved by the Minister		
14	The SRTMP required under conditions 10-13 must:		
14.a	Describe measures to be implemented for the duration of the approval to:	Compliant	The SRTMP required under conditions 10-13 has described the relevant measures to be implemented for the duration of the approval under the following sections of the SRTMP: i) Section 3.3, 7.2.2, 7.3.1; Table 7 ii) Section 3.3, 7.2.2; Table 7 iii) Section 6; Table 7 iv) Section 6; Table 7, Table 10 v) Table 7, Table 10 vi) Section 10; Table 7, Table 10 vii) Section 12.2.1; Table 7, Table 10 viii) Table 7, Table 10 ix) Table 7, Table 10 x) Table 7, Table 10.
14.a.i	Minimise vegetation clearance for the construction of new trails;	Compliant	Class 5 track construction methodology was followed. This condition was overseen by a ranger from the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service during the construction of the walking trails.

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14.a.ii	Minimise, manage and remediate erosion along the Scenic Rim Trail;	Compliant	Spicers has engaged Trailworx (original trail builders) on an ongoing bi-annual maintenance basis to assess and repair erosion of trails. Annual photo monitoring of key points along trail is undertaken - refer Appendix 2. To minimise, manage and remediate erosion, all guides are trained to ensure groups remain on designated trails. Guides are required to report gps locations, condition and evidence of erosion along trail to Lead guide. Lead guide responsible for assessing scale of erosion and requirement for any remediation with Trailworx.
14.a.iii	Reduce the risk of spread of existing vertebrate pests, weeds and pathogens, including chytrid fungus;	Compliant	A boot washing station was installed prior to commencement of operations at the Thornton Trailhead. The boot washing station uses a Phytoclean solution – refer Appendix 3. During construction of Ecocamps, all vehicles entering site had tyres sprayed prior to entering MRNP with Phytoclean solution. Operational vehicles are hosed down at our property in Maryale before driving to the MRNP.
14.a. iv	Reduce the risk of introduction and establishment of new vertebrate pests, weeds and pathogens, including chytrid fungus;	Compliant	A boot washing station was installed prior to commencement of operations at the Thornton Trailhead. The boot washing station uses a Phytoclean solution – refer Appendix 3. During construction of Ecocamps, all vehicles entering site had tyres sprayed prior to entering MRNP with Phytoclean solution. Operational vehicles are hosed down at our property in Maryale before driving to the MRNP.
14.a. v	Control any new and existing weeds and pathogens outside of the Main Range National Park along the Scenic Rim Trail and at any camps;	Compliant	Following the devastating bush fires of November 2019 the land has needed time to recover. In 2021 we will undertake an ecology review in on our Mt Mistake property. Fire affected areas within MRNP are experiencing the same recovery with emergent weed species present.
14.a.vi	Ensure trail guides are trained to identify any new or existing invasive species of weeds;	Compliant	Trail guides receive training on weed identification via our extensive field guide manuals. Training in this regard is ongoing.
14.a.vii	Report any new or existing invasive species of weeds, pests or pathogens to the Queensland Government agency responsible for the management of the Main Range National Park;	Compliant	Guides are required to report gps locations, condition and evidence of new or existing invasive species of weeds, pests or pathogens along trail to Lead guide. Lead guide responsible for reporting key sightings to Steven Finlayson Ranger in Charge – Main Range National Park.
14.a. viii	Establish and implement a shoe cleaning and sterilisation facility at the entry point and protocols for staff and clients entering the Scenic Rim Trail;	Compliant	A boot washing station was installed prior to commencement of operations at the Thornton Trailhead. The boot washing station uses a Phytoclean solution – refer Appendix 3.

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14.a.ix	Minimise the impact of artificial light and noise on the Hastings River Mouse at Woodcutters Ecocamp	Compliant	No external lights other than marine environment approval solar powered amber <a href="#">deck dot</a> lights along walkways are installed at both Ecocamps. All internal wall lights are wall washing with only downward facing light source. Warm white light temperature globes are used throughout camp. Guests are briefed by guides on importance of switching lights off prior to leaving cabins and keeping noise levels to minimum from dusk to dawn.
14.a.x	Remove food waste and litter from the Scenic Rim Trail and at Woodcutters Ecocamp and Ampitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp to outside of the GRAWHP and Main Range National Park	Compliant	All rubbish including food waste is removed from the Ecocamps at the end of each walk and disposed of outside of Main Range National Park. Rubbish is stored within sealed waste containers whilst at camp.
14.b	Specify protocols to ensure that any observations of vertebrate pests or weeds, or evidence of pathogens along or in the vicinity of the Scenic Rim Trail are recorded and reported to the approval holder and subsequently to the Queensland Government agency responsible for the management of the Main Range National Park	Compliant	The SRTMP required under conditions 10-13 has specified the required protocols under Section 12.2.1, Table 7 and Table 10 of the SRTMP. Guides are required to report gps locations, condition and evidence of new or existing invasive species of weeds, pests or pathogens along trail to Lead guide. Lead guide responsible for reporting key sightings to Steven Finlayson Ranger in Charge – Main Range National Park
14.c	Specify the details of a 10-year annual ongoing monitoring program (including methodology, effort, timing, frequency and responsibilities) capable of predicting and detecting: i. a decrease of the population of Hastings River Mouse at the Woodcutters Ecocamp compared to the baseline population established under condition 8.a.; ii. a decrease of the population of Fleay's Frog and Mountain Frog at each crossing of the new trails at Blackfellow Creek and Dalrymple Creek compared to the baseline population established under condition 8.b.; iii. changes in water quality compared to the baseline established under condition 8.c. at either crossing of the new trails at Blackfellow Creek and Dalrymple Creek; and iv. a decrease of riparian habitat quality at either crossing	Compliant	The SRTMP required under conditions 10-13 has specified the details of a 10-year annual ongoing monitoring program under Sections 9, 9.2, 9.3, 9.5 and 9.6 of the SRTMP.  Findings from 2019/2020 monitoring program are outlined in Appendices 4 + 5  Results of the ongoing monitoring program will be tracked in a graphical format from 2021.

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	of the new trails at Blackfellow Creek and Dalrymple Creek compared to the baseline established under condition 8.d.		
14.d	Specify criteria that will trigger corrective action and indicative correction measures, if any decrease or change in water quality, populations or riparian habitat quality referred to in condition 14.c. is detected.	Compliant	The SRTMP required under conditions 10-13 has specified the required criteria and indicative correction measures under Sections 9.5.7, 9.2.7, 9.2.8, 9.3.7, 9.3.8, 9.4.7, 9.4.8, 9.5.7, 9.5.8, 9.6.7, 9.6.8, Table 7 and Table 10 of the SRTMP. Based on surveys undertaken during 2019/2020 there were no further corrective actions required. Refer appendices 4 + 5.
14.e	Include an assessment of potential risks that may prevent successful implementation of the management measures, detail the control measures that will be implemented to mitigate these risks, and assess residual risk ratings	Compliant	The SRTMP required under conditions 10-13 has included an assessment of potential risks that may prevent successful implementation of the management measures, details the control measures that will be implemented to mitigate these risks, and assessed residual risk ratings under Section 8 and Table 10 of the SRTMP.
14.f	Take account of relevant conservation advice, recovery plans and threat abatement plans for Hastings River Mouse and Fleay's Frog and provide information (for example in a table) as to where this has been addressed.	Compliant	The SRTMP required under conditions 10-13 has taken account of relevant conservation advice, recovery plans and threat abatement plans under Tables 5 and 7 of the SRTMP.
14.g	Take account of all relevant management plans for managing the GRAWHP.	Compliant	The SRTMP required under conditions 10-13 has taken account of all relevant management plans for managing the GRAWHP under Table 5 of the SRTMP.
15	Revoked		
15A	The approval holder must not implement any onsite disposal of sewage or wastewater until the Minister has approved a Plan for Wastewater and Sewage Management (PWaSM). The PWaSM must be reviewed by a suitably qualified independent expert and, when submitted to the Department for approval, accompanied by the written report of the suitably qualified independent expert that evaluates the adequacy of the PWaSM and a signed certification by the suitably qualified independent expert that the PWaSM is appropriate for the purposes specified below. The PWaSM must specify:	Compliant	An application for the approval for dispersal of sewage or wastewater has not been lodged and no onsite disposal of sewage or wastewater has been implemented.

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15A.a	<p>a) the measures to be implemented for the duration of the approval to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. ensure that all sewage and wastewater to be disposed of to land within the boundaries of the Woodcutters Ecocamp and Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp is treated to advanced secondary standard to produce class A quality effluent, in accordance with the Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code (2017) (as replaced or amended from time to time);</li> <li>ii. ensure that treated sewage and wastewater is only disposed of to the sub-surface of land within the boundaries of the Woodcutters Ecocamp and Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp as defined on the map at Attachment 2;</li> <li>iii. minimise the volume of treated sewage and wastewater disposed of from the Woodcutters Ecocamp and Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp;</li> <li>iv. ensure that there are no adverse changes from baseline soil and water quality and riparian habitat quality outside the boundaries of the Woodcutters Ecocamp and Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp as a result of disposal to land of treated sewage and wastewater;</li> <li>v. ensure that the disposal of treated sewage and wastewater does not introduce new pathogens or increase the extent of existing pathogens or invasive species of weeds, both within and outside the boundaries of the Woodcutters Ecocamp and Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp; and</li> <li>vi. ensure on-site staff are appropriately trained in the monitoring, maintenance and emergency response measures for the sewage and wastewater treatment system.</li> </ul>		
15A.b	The details of a sampling program for treated effluent to		

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	ensure it meets the standard specified in condition 15A.a.i. before disposal to land.		
15A.c	Corrective actions and subsequent further correction measures to be implemented if samples from the program required under condition 15A.b. do not meet the specified standard and/or contain contaminants that could harm the Hastings River Mouse, Fleay's Frog or the world heritage values of the GRAWHP, including the Mountain Frog.		
15A.d	The protocols, corrective actions and subsequent further correction measures that will be implemented in the event that the onsite sewage and wastewater treatment monitoring and diagnostic system triggers an alarm or in the event that the treatment system experiences a failure. Interim measures to manage sewage and wastewater to prevent contamination of soil or water, or habitat for the Hastings River Mouse, Fleay's Frog, and Mountain Frog, must be included.		
<b>Corrective Action Plan</b>			
16	If, at any time during the life of the approval, the approval holder detects that a decrease in a population, or change in soil, water or habitat quality referred to in condition 8A, 14.c. or 15A has occurred or is likely to occur, the approval holder must report this to the Department within 5 business days of being detected.	Not applicable in this reporting period	There has been no detection of a decrease in a population, or change in soil, water or habitat quality referred to in condition 8A, 14.c. or 15A.
17	Within 40 business days of making such a report under condition 16, the approval holder must submit to the Department a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for approval by the Minister. The CAP must provide details of the detected or predicted decrease in a population, or change in soil, water or habitat quality, the cause of the change and the corrective actions to be taken	Not applicable in this reporting period	No report under condition 16 has been made.

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	(including timeframes for reporting the outcomes of those actions to the Department), the measures to be implemented to prevent subsequent decreases in a population or change in soil, water or habitat quality and justification for these measures referring to the most likely cause(s) of the decrease in a population or change in soil, water or habitat quality		
18	The approval holder must publish the CAP and outcomes on its website within 10 business days of receiving the Minister's approval in accordance with condition 17. The CAP must remain on the website for the life of the approval.	Not applicable in this reporting period	No report under condition 16 has been made.
19	The approved CAP must be implemented.	Not applicable in this reporting period	No report under condition 16 has been made.
<b>Administration</b>			
20	Within 20 business days following commencement of the action, the approval holder must advise the Department in writing of actual date of commencement of the action.	Compliant	Notification was submitted to the Department in writing on 16 September 2016, within 20 business days following commencement of the action on 16 September 2019 and confirmation of submission was received from the department on 8 October 2019.
21	The approval holder must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the management plans required by this approval and results of the CAP, SRTMP, SWMP, PWaSM and BDCP, and make them available upon request to the Department. Such records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the Department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through general media.	Compliant	The approval holder maintains accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the management plans required by this approval and results of the CAP, SRTMP, SWMP, PWaSM and BDCP.
<b>Annual Compliance Reporting</b>			

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22	<p>Within 60 business days of every 12 month anniversary of commencement of the action, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish a report on its website addressing compliance with each of the conditions, and any data, reports and analyses arising from the implementation of the SRTMP and BDCP and any other management plans as specified in the conditions. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval must be provided to the Department at the same time as the compliance report is published. Reports must remain on the website for the life of this approval. The Minister may provide written consent to the approval holder to cease reporting under this condition if satisfied additional reports are not warranted. Note: The first compliance report may report a period of less than 12 months so that it and subsequent compliance reports align with the similar requirement under state approval.</p>	Compliant	<p>Action commenced on 16 September 2019. The compliance report and reports arising from implementation of the SRTMP and BDCP were published on the approval holders' website on 8 December 2020. These reports can be found at:  <a href="https://spicersretreats.com/scenic-rim-trail/about-us/environmental-protection-biodiversity-conservation-response/">https://spicersretreats.com/scenic-rim-trail/about-us/environmental-protection-biodiversity-conservation-response/</a></p> <p>Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval were provided to the Department on 7 December 2020.</p>
<b>Reporting non-compliance</b>			
23	<p>The approval holder must notify the Department in writing of any: incident; non-compliance with the conditions; or non-compliance with the commitments made in plans. The notification must be given as soon as practicable, and no later than 2 business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance. The notification must specify:</p>	Compliant	No incident or non-compliance with the conditions has been identified.
23.a	The condition which is or may be in breach		
23.b	A short description of the incident and/or non-compliance		
24	The approval holder must provide to the Department the details of any incident or non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in plans as soon as practicable and no	Not applicable in this reporting period	No incident or non-compliance with the conditions has been identified.

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	later than 10 business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance, specifying:		
24.a	Any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future.		
24.b	The potential impacts of the incident or non-compliance.		
24.c	The method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.		
<b>Independent audit</b>			
25	Upon the direction of the Minister, the approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions is conducted and a report submitted to the Minister. The independent auditor and criteria must be approved by the Minister prior to the commencement of the audit. The audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the Minister.	Ongoing Compliance	No direction has been received from the Minister.
26	The BDCP, the SRTMP, the SWMP, the PWaSM and the CAP prepared under these conditions must be consistent with the Department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines.	Compliant	The BDCP, the SRTMP and the SWMP are consistent with the Department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines
27	The approval holder may choose to revise a management plan prepared in accordance with condition 4, 8A, 10 or 15A, if the taking of the action in accordance with the revised management plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact. If the approval holder makes this choice they must:	Not applicable in this reporting period	No revision of a management plan has been made.
27.a	Notify the Department in writing that the management plan has been revised and provide the Department with an electronic copy of the revised management plan		
27.b	Implement the revised management plan from the date		

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	that the management plan is submitted to the Department		
27.c	For the life of this approval, maintain a record of the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the revised management plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.		
28	If, under condition 5 or 11, a management plan was prepared in accordance with condition 4 or condition 10 was required to be approved by the Minister; and in respect of a plan prepared under condition 8A or condition 15A; the approval holder may choose to revise an approved management plan without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if the taking of the action in accordance with the revised management plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact. If the approval holder makes this choice they must:	Not applicable in this reporting period	-
28.a	Notify the Department in writing that the approved management plan has been revised and provide the Department with an electronic copy of the revised management plan.		
28.b	Implement the revised management plan from the date that the management plan is submitted to the Department.		
28.c	For the life of this approval, maintain a record of the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the revised management plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.		
29	If under condition 5 or 11, a management plan was required to be approved by the Minister; and in respect of a plan prepared under condition 8A or condition 15A; the approval holder may revoke their choice under condition 28 at any time by notice to the Department. If the approval holder revokes the	Not applicable in this reporting period	

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	choice to implement a revised management plan, without approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, the approval holder must implement the action management plan in force immediately prior to the revision undertaken under condition 28.		
30	Within 20 business days of receipt by the Department of a revised management plan under condition 27 or 28, the Minister may provide a notice to the approval holder that the revised management plan requires approval by the Minister on the basis that the Minister is satisfied that the revised management plan would be likely to have a new and increased impact.	Not applicable in this reporting period	No revision of a management plan has been made.
31	If the Minister gives a notice to the approval holder under condition 30 then: condition 27 or condition 28 (whichever is relevant) does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the revised management plan. To avoid any doubt, this condition does not affect any operation of conditions 27 and 28 in the period before the day the notice is given. At the time of giving the notice the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time that condition 27 or condition 28 does not apply for one or more specified management plans required under the approval.	Not applicable in this reporting period	No notice from the Minister under condition 30 has been received by the approval holder.
32	If the approval holder proposes to amend a management plan prepared in accordance with condition 4, 8A, 10 or 15A, that the approval holder thinks that taking the action in accordance with the revised management plan would be likely to have a new or increased impact, the revised management plan must be submitted to the Minister for approval at least 20 business days before the revised plan is proposed to be implemented.	Not applicable in this reporting period	The approval holder does not propose to amend a management plan.
33	If condition 31 or 32 applies, the approval holder must:	Not applicable in	Neither condition 31 nor condition 32 applies.

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33.a	Ensure the management plan is peer reviewed by a suitably qualified independent expert who must provide a report to the approval holder that evaluates the adequacy of the revised management plan and who must endorse the revised management plan.	this reporting period	
33.b	Publish the revised management plan, peer review report, written statement of endorsement and all supporting data on its website prior to the implementation of the revised management plan, and ensure these remain available on the website for the life of the approval.		
33.c	Within 10 days after publishing the revised management plan, report and statement, notify the Department of the actual date of publication.		
33.d	Not implement the revised management plan until the Minister has approved the plan in writing.		
33.e	Implement the revised management plan approved by the Minister.		
34	Conditions 27 to 33 are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the EPBC Act which allows the approval holder to submit a revised management plan to the Minister for approval.	Not applicable in this reporting period	The approval holder does not propose to submit a revised management plan to the Minister for approval.
35	If, at any time after five (5) years from the date of this approval, the approval holder has not commenced the action, then the approval holder must not commence the action without the written agreement of the Minister.	Compliant	Initial approval date 18/01/2019, varied on 02/07/2019 and 10/03/2020. Action commenced on 16/09/2019 (prior to 5 years).

**Appendix 2. Scenic Rim Trail Condition Report 2020**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NT\\_eyzTABNcViWxJxgDS\\_xtPUc2AiZWX/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NT_eyzTABNcViWxJxgDS_xtPUc2AiZWX/view)

**Appendix 3. SRT Boot Cleaning Station Photographs**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L-Jcj42Ljmlfjml7OynmXSU49oWEeC8f/view>

**Appendix 4. SRT Ecological Monitoring Report 2020**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xqeEtBNK2mAfhQYQTd2Kh5rZ8ckXCfS8/view>

**Appendix 5. SRT Water Quality Report 2020**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sIJrqDegDssBNhHwDh6zZiDRLu8qsOiD/view>