



SCENIC RIM TRAIL

ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT 2024/25

Scenic Rim Trail - Thornton Trailhead to Spicers Canopy Nature Reserve, Queensland (EPBC 2016/7847).

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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 DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

EPBC number: 2016/7847

Project name: Scenic Rim Trail- Thornton Trailhead to Spicers Canopy Nature Reserve, Queensland

Approval holder and ACN: 137 592 593

The approved action: 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.

Location of the project: Main Range National Park

Person accepting responsibility for the report – Kira Klein, General Manager

Dates for the reporting period of the report: 9 December 2024 – 8 December 2025

Date of preparation of the report: 01 December 2025

2.0 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 9 December 2024 to 8 December 2025 for the Scenic Rim Trail (SRT) - Thornton Trailhead to Spicers Canopy Nature Reserve, Queensland (the Project).

3.0 BACKGROUND

On 18 January 2019, the Minister for the Environment and Energy (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 bush walk 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 21st June 2020.

4.0 CONDITION COMPLIANCE

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

4.1 UNAVOIDABLE IMPACTS ON MATTERS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

World Heritage Properties and National Heritage Places: No known unavoidable impacts have occurred 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.

4.1.1 MITIGATION MEASURES

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

4.1.2 PLAN AMENDMENTS

No amended plans have been resubmitted to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water as a result of an identified non-compliance or a request made by DCCEEW.

4.1.3 BASELINE DATA 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).

An application **has** been submitted with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water and an outcome is pending.

APPENDIX 1 EPBC APPROVAL CONDITIONS COMPLIANCE TABLE

Condition Number	Condition	Compliance	Evidence / Comments
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 Blackfellows 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 as 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 the 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. Surveys can be seen on the Scenic Rim Trail website under Baseline Data. https://scenicrimtrail.com/environmental-protection-and-biodiversity/
2.b	Ensure a suitably qualified person has completed, and fully documented, a survey of Rainforest Spinach within 50 meters of the proposed alignment of all new trails; and	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. Surveys can be seen on the Scenic Rim Trail website under Baseline Data. https://scenicrimtrail.com/environmental-protection-and-biodiversity/
2.c	Submit to the department a georeferenced map, shapefile and reports showing all Fleay's Frog habitat and records, and all	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

	Mountain Frog habitat and records, and the locations of any Rainforest Spinach identified under 2.a. and 2.b.		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, 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 Blackfellows Creek and Dalrymple Creek; and	Compliant	The construction of new trails has not cleared, disturbed or otherwise impacted 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. 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 all 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	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 as demonstrated in the Ecological Monitoring Program Annual Report 2025 with no corrective action required.
4	No less than 20 business days prior to the commencement of the action, the approval holder must submit a Baseline Data Collection Plan (BDCP) to the Minister. The BDCP must be consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines. 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. Refer to Scenic Rim Trail website under EPBC Approval 2019 heading. https://scenicrimtrail.com/environmental-protection-and-biodiversity/
4.a	Ensure that the BDCP is peer reviewed by a suitably qualified	Compliant	The BDCP was peer reviewed by a suitably qualified independent expert who provided a written report that evaluated

	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; and		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.
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: https://scenicrimtrail.com/environmental-protection-and-biodiversity/
4.c	Within 10 business 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 approval holder that the BDCP requires approval by the Minister.	Not applicable	The Department signed off on the BDCP on 19 July 2019.
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 meters 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; and		
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	Compliant	Onsite sewage or wastewater disposal has not been implemented. An application seeking approval for the dispersal of treated wastewater and approval for

	<p>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 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>		<p>SWMP and PWaSM has been submitted during the reporting period but had not been approved as of 08/12/2025.</p>
8A.a	<p>soil quality data of soil profiles within the boundaries of Woodcutters</p>		

	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;		
8A.b	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; and		
8A.c	riparian habitat quality data for all drainage channels outside of the Woodcutters Ecocamp and Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp likely to be 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 BOCP; and	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 BOCP.	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.
Scenic Rim Trail Management Plan			
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,	Compliant	The peer reviewed SRTMP and peer review report and statement were

	written report and statement on its website, prior to the commencement of the action, and ensure these remain available on the website for the life of the approval		published on the approval holder's website on 16 September 2020 prior to the commencement of the action on 16 September 2019. These reports can be found at: https://scenicrimtrail.com/environmental-protection-and-biodiversity/
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 July 2019. 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. The SRTMP can be found: https://scenicrimtrail.com/environmental-protection-and-biodiversity/
14.a.ii	Minimise, manage and remediate erosion along the Scenic Rim Trail;	Compliant	Trail maintenance completed in February 2025 by TrailWorx, the company who originally constructed the trails. This work remediated erosion issues identified in the 2024 natural values and trail report.
14.a.iii	Reduce the risk of spread of existing vertebrate pests, weeds and pathogens, including chytrid fungus;	Compliant	Operational vehicles are gurnied after each use to reduce the risk of spread. A boot washing station was installed in 2020 and continues to be maintained by the Scenic Rim Trail team.
14.a. iv	Reduce the risk of introduction and establishment of new vertebrate pests, weeds and pathogens, including chytrid fungus;		Weeds at camps within the leased area have been managed following the annual inspections with the Ecotourism Department and collaboration with Main Range National Park Ranger in Charge. Annual weed management conducted at Mt Mistake property adjoining MRNP. Including Lantana spraying, cool burn on paddocks adjoining MRNP and fireweed removal by hand along fenceline.
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;		
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 field guide manuals.
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	Refer to Appendix. 3 - Natural Values Report, which reports the findings of weeds, pests & pathogens and has been shared with the Department of Environment and Science and Senior Ranger in Charge of Main Range National Park. Re-growth post 2019 fires continue to show positive signs with no new weeds, pests or pathogens identified. Increase of pig activity has been observed by EcoGuides compared to last year. The HOGHOPPER program has not been maintained to the same level as the

			previous year by QPWS potentially due to resourcing constraints.
14.a.ix	Minimise the impact of artificial light and noise on the Hastings River Mouse at Timbergetters Ecocamp	Compliant	Light level audit conducted in 2024 with no recommendations made. The next audit will be conducted in 2027. No changes have been made to lighting.
14.a.x	Remove food waste and litter from the Scenic Rim Trail and at Timbergetters Ecocamp and Amphitheatre 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	Observations (if any) are recorded and shared with the Ranger in Charge and Ecotourism Department throughout the reporting period.
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:	Compliant	2025 is year five of the monitoring program. The SRTMP required under conditions 10-13 has specified the details of a 10-year annual ongoing monitoring program of the SRTMP.
	i. a decrease of the population of Hastings River Mouse at the Timbergetters Ecocamp compared to the baseline population established under condition 8.a.;	Compliant	Completed by BAAM Ecology, the 2024 survey is the third consecutive year that Hastings River Mouse has not been captured in the environs of the Woodcutters Ecocamp; however, the zero captures from 400 trap nights in 2024 is little different from the single capture from 400 trap nights during the baseline survey and the absence of captures at Woodcutters Ecocamp in 2024 was matched by an absence of captures at the control site; due to the naturally low and
	Capture of feral rodents during		

	Hastings River Mouse trapping surveys.		<p>variable trapping rates for this species, there is no evidence of a significant impact of the Project on Hastings River Mouse relative abundance in the vicinity of the ecocamp based on the monitoring</p> <p>No feral rodents were captured during the 2024 survey.</p> <p>No corrective action required.</p>
	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.;	Compliant	<p>Completed by BAAM Ecology, Frog abundance was significantly lower in operation year 5 compared with baseline surveys at both Blackfellow and Dalrymple creeks. However, since this change did not differ between upstream control and downstream impact sites, it indicates no significant impact under the BACI design.</p> <p>Tadpole abundance was not significantly different to the baseline at Blackfellow Creek but was significantly lower at Dalrymple Creek in operation year 5 compared with baseline surveys. However, since this change did not differ between upstream control and downstream impact sites, it indicates no significant impact under the BACI design. Refer to Appendix. 4 for the full report.</p> <p>No corrective action required.</p>
	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	Compliant	<p>Completed by Moreton Environmental and Health, there has been no change in water quality referred to in conditions 8A, 14.c. or 15A of the Conditions of Approval and no incident associated with the operation of the Scenic Rim Trail Eco Camps. Refer to Appendix. 5 for the full report.</p> <p>No corrective action required.</p>
	iv. a decrease of riparian habitat quality at either crossing of the	Compliant	<p>Completed by BAAM Ecology, there was no evidence of damage to riparian</p>

	new trails at Blackfellow Creek and Dalrymple Creek compared to the baseline established under condition 8.d.		<p>vegetation or evidence of feral animal activity within 100 m upstream or downstream of the Dalrymple Creek crossing. There was evidence of Feral Pig activity downstream of the Blackfellow Creek crossing; otherwise, no damage to riparian vegetation detected. Feral pigs were active in Blackfellow Creek during the baseline surveys, so the Feral Pig activity during the fourth year of operation is not attributable to the Project. Refer to Appendix. 4 for the full report.</p> <p>No corrective action required as QPWS already has Pig traps operational on the Winder Track above Blackfellow Creek.</p>
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	<p>The annual Water Quality Report conducted by Moreton Environmental and Health includes the triggers and corrective measures. The report can be found here: https://scenicrimtrail.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/MEH_Report_25007_Final_compressed.pdf?swcfpc=1</p>
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	<p>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 published in 2019. https://scenicrimtrail.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/SRT-Management-Plan-v3.0.pdf?swcfpc=1</p>
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; and	Compliant	<p>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 published in 2019. https://scenicrimtrail.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/SRT-Management-Plan-v3.0.pdf?swcfpc=1</p>

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 published in 2019. https://scenicrimtrail.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/SRT-Management-Plan-v3.0.pdf?swcfpc=1
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	Onsite sewage or wastewater disposal has not been implemented. An application seeking approval for the dispersal of treated wastewater and approval for SWMP and PWaSM has been submitted during the reporting period but had not been approved as of 08/12/2025.
15A.a	a) the measures to be implemented for the duration of the approval to: 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		

	<p>time); 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; iii. minimise the volume of treated sewage and wastewater disposed of from the Woodcutters Ecocamp and Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp; 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; 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 vi. ensure on-site staff are appropriately trained in the monitoring, maintenance and emergency response measures for the sewage and wastewater treatment system.</p>		
15A.b	<p>The details of a sampling program for treated effluent to ensure it meets the</p>		

	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.		
Corrective Action Plan			
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	Not applicable in this reporting period	No report has been made. Independent Ecologist BAAM Ecology provides Head Ranger with an update following each individual survey. Summary from annual report regarding Frog surveys is below: Frog abundance was significantly lower in operation year 5 compared with baseline surveys at both Blackfellow and Dalrymple creeks. However, since this change did not differ between upstream control and

	report this to the Department within 5 business days of being detected.		<p>downstream impact sites, it indicates no significant impact under the BACI design.</p> <p>Tadpole abundance was not significantly different to the baseline at Blackfellow Creek but was significantly lower at Dalrymple Creek in operation year 5 compared with baseline surveys. However, since this change did not differ between upstream control and downstream impact sites, it indicates no significant impact under the BACI design.</p>
17	<p>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 (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</p>	Not applicable in this reporting period	No report under condition 16 has been made.
18	<p>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.</p>	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.
Administration			
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 2019, 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, BDCP. The SWMP and PWaSM are not in operation.
Annual Compliance Reporting			
22	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	Notice received and reissue of report was implemented	Notice was received from the Department on 03/02/2026 seeking the preparation, re-submission and publication (on the Scenic Rim Trail website) of a revised compliance report which meets the requirements of condition 22A. This report was prepared and subsequently re-submitted and published on 01/03/2026.

	<p>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.</p> <p>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>		
Reporting non-compliance			
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 noncompliance. The notification must specify:</p>	Compliant	No incidents or non compliance occurred.

	<p>a. the condition which is or may be in breach; and</p> <p>b. a short description of the incident and/or non-compliance</p>		
Other			
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 later than 10 business days after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance, specifying:	Notified of incident	Vegetation transect survey of Winder trail. Completed by BAAM Ecology. The survey was completed in August 2025 only due to public access roads being blocked by treefall in March 2025 with the survey team unable to pass. BAAM Ecology notified Ranger in Charge and General Manager, Scenic Rim Trail.
24.a	any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future;	No action required	Vegetation transect survey of Winder trail was completed in August 2025.
24.b	the potential impacts of the incident or non-compliance; and	No impacts advised	No impacts advised by the Ecologist.
24.c	the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.	Not applicable	No remedial action advised by the Ecologist.
Independent Audit			
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	Not applicable in this reporting period	No direction has been received from the Minister.

	satisfaction of the Minister		
26	The BDCP, the SRTMP, the SWMP, the P WaSM 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	
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 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	Not applicable in this reporting period	

	<p>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:</p>		
28.a	<p>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.</p>		
28.b	<p>Implement the revised management plan from the date that the management plan is submitted to the Department.</p>		
28.c	<p>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.</p>		
29	<p>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</p>	<p>Not applicable in this reporting period</p>	

	<p>approval holder may revoke their choice under condition 28 at any time by notice to the Department. If the approval holder revokes the 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.</p>		
30	<p>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.</p>	<p>Not applicable in this reporting period</p>	
31	<p>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</p>	<p>Not applicable in this reporting period</p>	<p>No notice from the Minister has been received.</p>

	apply for one or more specified management plans required under the approval.		
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	
33	If condition 31 or 32 applies, the approval holder must:	Not applicable in this reporting period	
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.		
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	
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).

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APPENDIX 2. VEGETATION TRANSECT SURVEY - RE-OPENED WINDER TRAIL 2025

[Winder Vegetation Transect Survey 2025](#)

APPENDIX 3. NATURAL VALUES HEALTH CHECK REPORT 2025

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APPENDIX 4. ECOLOGY MONITORING REPORT 2024/2025

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APPENDIX 5. WATER MONITORING REPORT 2024/2025

[Water Quality Monitoring Report 2024/25](#)