

ADDENDUM REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS SOUTH COAST CORRECTIONAL CENTRE - STAGED EXTENSION AND ASSOCIATED FACILITY UPGRADES

1.0 INTRODUCTION

A Review of Environmental Factors (REF) was prepared by the NSW Department of Justice (Justice NSW) in September 2016 for the staged expansion of the South Coast Correctional Centre (SCCC). The REF was determined on 6 October 2016 under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The approved REF provided for a staged expansion of accommodation on site, in addition to various associated works to upgrade the correctional centre facilities, including:

- site preparation, vegetation removal, bulk earthworks and the provision of utilities and services;
- construction of a new 160 bed maximums security ward;
- construction of a new 200 bed minimum security ward;
- upgrades to the existing minimum security ward;
- providing an additional staff and visitor parking;
- upgrading the road layout;
- associated site infrastructure and support facilities upgrades/modifications;
- landscaping;
- stormwater Management; and
- the demolition of buildings as required.

2.0 PURPOSE OF THE ADDENDUM REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

The approved REF erroneously referred to the incorrect version of the Flora and Fauna Assessment Report. The purpose of this Addendum REF is to amend the error.

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE AMENDMENT

Section 7.2 of the approved REF referred to the May 2016 version of the Flora and Fauna Assessment Report. This report was revised during the preparation of the approved REF, with the version used to inform the approved REF being the version dated August 2016.

The main change between the May and August versions of the Flora and Fauna Assessment Report was to assess the ecological impacts of a design refinement in the south-east corner of the SCCC incorporated to ensure that the expansion would not involve works or clearing of vegetation within the E2 Environmental Conservation zone.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The approved REF was prepared based on the August 2016 Flora and Fauna Assessment Report, and took into account the ecological assessment of the design refinement.

The conclusions of the August 2016 version of the Flora and Fauna Assessment Report were reflected in the approved REF, and included that:

- The activity is not likely to have a significant impact on any threatened species, populations or communities listed under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*, or their habitats, and the preparation of a Species Impact Statement is not warranted.
- The activity is not likely to have a significant impact on any matter of national environmental significance listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Commonwealth). Referral to the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment for assessment and approval is therefore not warranted.
- The site is not potential Koala habitat.
- There will be no works that directly impact vegetation within riparian corridors.

The error was limited to the report reference and schedule of mitigation measures in Section 7.2 of the approved REF. As such, there is no environmental impacts associated with the REF amendment, no further environmental impact assessment is warranted.

4.1 Consideration of Clause 228(2) Matters

Table 1 below provides a summary checklist of matters to be considered under clause 228 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*. The assessment provided below on Table relates to the amendment to the approved REF described above. In summary, the proposed amendment is not expected to have any impact to any of the environmental matters listed in Clause 228.

Table 1 – Summary checklist of matters to be considered

Factor	Impact
(a) any environmental impact on a community Long-term benefits for the comfort, safety and security of inmates by accommodating for a growing prison population. Modern and high-quality facilities will support the operation of this important piece of social infrastructure.	-ve <input type="checkbox"/> Nil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +ve <input type="checkbox"/>
(b) any transformation of a locality The subject site is confined by thick bushland on all sides, with no sensitive receivers in closer proximity. The SCC has the capacity to expand into undeveloped parts of the site whilst maintaining this vegetated buffer.	-ve <input type="checkbox"/> Nil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +ve <input type="checkbox"/>
(c) any environmental impact on the ecosystems of the locality The removal of nominated trees surrounding the building footprints and work site will not result in displacing any flora and fauna, creating a barrier to their movement, or introducing noxious weeds, vermin or feral species.	-ve <input type="checkbox"/> Nil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +ve <input type="checkbox"/>
(d) any reduction of the aesthetic, recreational, scientific or other environmental quality or value of a locality The activity will not reduce the aesthetic, recreational, scientific or other environmental quality or value of a locality.	-ve <input type="checkbox"/> Nil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +ve <input type="checkbox"/>
(e) any effect on a locality, place or building having aesthetic, anthropological, archaeological, architectural, cultural, historical, scientific or social significance or other special value for present or future generations The development will not significantly increase or decrease the significance of the site.	-ve <input type="checkbox"/> Nil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +ve <input type="checkbox"/>
(f) any impact on the habitat of protected fauna (within the meaning of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974) The development will not impact on the habitat of any protected fauna.	-ve <input type="checkbox"/> Nil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +ve <input type="checkbox"/>
(g) any endangering of any species of animal, plant or other form of life, whether living on land, in water or in the air The development will not endanger any species of animal, plant or other living thing.	-ve <input type="checkbox"/> Nil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +ve <input type="checkbox"/>
(h) any long-term effects on the environment There will be no long term effects on the environment.	-ve <input type="checkbox"/> Nil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +ve <input type="checkbox"/>
(i) any degradation of the quality of the environment There will be no degradation of the quality of the environment as a result of the works being carried out.	-ve <input type="checkbox"/> Nil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +ve <input type="checkbox"/>

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<p>(j) any risk to the safety of the environment The activity will not risk the safety of the environment.</p>	-ve <input type="checkbox"/> Nil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +ve <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>(k) any reduction in the range of beneficial uses of the environment The activity will not alter the potential for the environment to be utilised.</p>	-ve <input type="checkbox"/> Nil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +ve <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>(l) any pollution of the environment Appropriate mitigation measures will be implemented to ensure that the environment will not be polluted during the demolition.</p>	-ve <input type="checkbox"/> Nil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +ve <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>(m) any environmental problems associated with the disposal of waste No environmental problems are anticipated with the disposal of waste from the Activity. Should any asbestos materials be identified during works, appropriate measures will be undertaken to manage and dispose of these materials in accordance with legislative requirements and OH&S documents.</p>	-ve <input type="checkbox"/> Nil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +ve <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>(n) any increased demands on resources (natural or otherwise) that are, or are likely to become, in short supply The activity will have no significant impacts in terms of demand for scarce resources.</p>	-ve <input type="checkbox"/> Nil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +ve <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>(o) any cumulative environmental effect with other existing or likely future activities The activity will assist with delivering future benefits with additional and renewed facilities, without contributing to any known environmental stresses in the locality.</p>	-ve <input type="checkbox"/> Nil <input type="checkbox"/> +ve <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>(p) any impact on coastal processes and coastal hazards, including those under projected climate change conditions. The Activity will have no impact on coastal processes and coastal hazards, including those under projected climate change conditions.</p>	-ve <input type="checkbox"/> Nil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> +ve <input type="checkbox"/>

4.2 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Checklist

The proposed amendment to the approved REF is not likely to have a significant impact on any matter of national environmental significance and referral to the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment for assessment and approval is not warranted. Consideration of the matters of national environmental significance under *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* is provided in **Table 2**.

Table 2 – EPBC Checklist

Factor	Impact
Any significant impact on a declared World Heritage Property?	N/A - No World Heritage Properties are located in the vicinity of the site.
Any significant impact on a National Heritage place?	N/A - No National Heritage places are located in the vicinity of the site.
Any significant impact on a declared Ramsar wetland?	N/A - No Ramsar wetlands are located in the vicinity of the site.
Any significant impact on Commonwealth listed threatened species or endangered community?	The Flora and Fauna Assessment concludes that the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vegetation to be cleared at the site is not an endangered ecological community under the EPBC Act. - Removal of vegetation on the site is not likely to significantly impact on the Commonwealth listed threatened species. - The habitats on the site are very unlikely to provide habitat for protected migratory species.
Does any part of the proposal involve nuclear actions?	N/A - The proposal does not involve a nuclear action.
Any significant impact on Commonwealth marine areas?	N/A - No Commonwealth Marine Areas are located in the vicinity of the site.
Any significant impact on Commonwealth land?	N/A - The site does not comprise Commonwealth land.

4.3 Mitigation Measures

The Flora and Fauna Mitigation Measures set out in Section 9 should be updated to include the following recommendation of the Flora and Fauna Assessment Report:

Issue	Mitigation Measure
Flora and Fauna	To ensure the adjoining Spotted Gum – Paperbark Forest (floodplain forest) is protected, both during the construction period and afterwards, clearing should be minimised within 10m of it. The batter in the south-east corner should be designed to maintain a minimum distance of 10 metres from the edge of the floodplain forest and be outside the E2 Environmental Conservation zone boundary.

5.0 CONCLUSION

This Addendum REF has been prepared for the NSW Department of Justice to assess the potential environmental impacts that could arise from an amendment to the approved REF for a staged expansion to inmate accommodation and associated upgrades to the facilities of the SCCC.

This Addendum REF has been prepared in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, *State Environment Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007*, and other applicable Commonwealth and State Legislation including the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. It examines and takes into account to the fullest extent possible all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment as a result of the amendment to the approved REF.

Based on the information presented in this Addendum REF and the mitigation measures indicated, it is unlikely that there will be any significant environmental impacts associated with the proposal.

Certification

This REF provides an accurate review of the proposal in relation to its potential effects on the environment.

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