

# Appendix A

## Additional Information Required – Cross Reference Table

June-2022  
Genex Kidston Connection Project - Preliminary Documentation (2021/9060)

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<b>1. Description of the Action</b>	
<p>The description of the action must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details of the location, boundaries and size (in hectares) of the disturbance footprint and of any adjoining areas which may be indirectly impacted by the proposal, including nearby vegetation;</li> <li>• a description of all components of the action, including the anticipated timing and duration (including start and completion dates) of each component of the project. Any components which were included in the referral material, but are no longer part of the proposed action, must be clarified;</li> <li>• a description of the surrounding land uses; and</li> <li>• an indicative layout plan for the proposed action area, including the location and type of land use, key infrastructure, camp sites and (where possible) the number, height, and location of power poles. Sufficient context must be provided using descriptions in text, maps, diagrams and other information as required.</li> </ul>	Section 2.0
<b>2. Habitat Assessment</b>	
<p><u>Species general information</u></p> <p>The preliminary documentation must provide findings from the August 2021 survey on Lot and plans 5234/SP275834 and 1/OC64. It must also include an assessment determining the nature and extent of potential significant impacts on the listed threatened species, and an investigation to determine if the project will act as a movement barrier for any listed threatened species.</p>	Section 3.1.1
<p><u>Species specific information</u></p> <p><u>Yakka Skink (<i>Egernia rugosa</i>) – Vulnerable</u></p> <p>The preliminary documentation must provide additional targeted surveys to meet the minimum requirements of the draft referral guidelines for nationally listed Brigalow Belt reptiles. Alternatively, rationale and justification should be provided where additional surveys are not required.</p> <p><u>Ghost Bat (<i>Macroderma gigas</i>) - Vulnerable</u></p> <p>The preliminary documentation must provide additional targeted surveys to meet the minimum requirements of the Queensland Targeted Species Survey Guidelines – Ghost Bat (Hourigan, 2011). Alternatively, rationale and justification must be provided where additional surveys are not required.</p>	Section 3.1.2
<b>3. Impact Assessment</b>	
<p><u>Listed threatened species</u></p> <p>The preliminary documentation must provide an assessment of the likely impacts associated with the vegetation clearance, construction and operation/maintenance of the project. This must include the direct and indirect loss and/or disturbance of threatened species and habitat as a result of the proposed action, including clearing for new tracks and temporary camp sites. The quality of the impacted habitat and quantification of the individuals and habitat area (in hectares) to be impacted must also be included.</p> <p>Assessments regarding the impacts of habitat fragmentation and the likely duration of impacts to MNES resulting from the proposed action must be included in the preliminary documentation. This must also consider the species movement patterns, the likelihood of the repetition of impacts (e.g., due to maintenance) and whether any impacts are likely to be unknown, unpredictable, or irreversible.</p> <p>The preliminary documentation must provide justification, with supporting evidence, as to how the proposed action will not be inconsistent with:</p>	Section 4.0

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australia's obligations under the Biodiversity Convention, the Convention on Conservation of Nature in the South Pacific (Apia Convention), and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); and</li> <li>• Any relevant recovery plan or threat abatement plan.</li> </ul> <p>The preliminary documentation must assess the impacts of noise, vibration, dust and vehicle strike resulting from the construction and operation of the project to threatened species and their habitat in the project site and surrounding areas.</p> <p>A map indicating temporary camp site locations and information on any impacts on any protected matters must be provided.</p> <p>Also, information regarding the total width of the easement, including existing electricity infrastructure, and implications on the dispersal ability of threatened species (e.g. Greater Glider) must be included.</p> <p>Details on the positioning of transmission towers in relation to watercourses and sediment and erosion control measures to be implemented must be outlined in the preliminary documentation. This must also include consideration of soil characteristics and the presence of acid sulfate soils, along with potential downstream impacts to MNES.</p> <p>The frequency and activities involved with transmission line maintenance and any associated impacts must also be provided, along with the risk assessment of obstruction and entanglement of threatened species. This must also consider transmission line height and possible launch/glide heights of the Greater Glider.</p>	
4. Avoidance, Mitigation, and Management Measures	
<p>The preliminary documentation must include a detailed summary of measures proposed to be undertaken by the proponent to avoid, mitigate and manage relevant impacts of the proposed action on relevant MNES, including those required through other Commonwealth, State and local government approvals.</p> <p>The preliminary documentation must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Environmental Management Plan.;</li> <li>• a Decommissioning Management Plan;</li> <li>• a Rehabilitation Monitoring Plan;</li> <li>• an assessment of the expected or predicted effectiveness of the proposed measures;</li> <li>• proposed measures based on best available practices, appropriate standards, with evidence of success for other similar actions and supported by published scientific evidence;</li> <li>• completion criteria, including timeframes for the habitat restoration for relevant listed threatened species;</li> <li>• a procedure summary, including contingency measures to achieve the rehabilitation completion criteria;</li> <li>• details of tangible, on-ground corrective actions if the monitoring programs indicate that the environmental outcomes have not or will not be achieved;</li> <li>• details of ongoing management, including monitoring programs to support an adaptive management approach, validating the effectiveness of the proposed measures and demonstrates the overall environmental outcomes will be achieved; and</li> <li>• details of Queensland and local government agencies that approve any of the proposed measures.</li> </ul> <p>The preliminary documentation must include details of specific and measurable environmental outcomes to be achieved for relevant MNES, and all commitments</p>	Section 5.0

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<p>must be drafted using committal language when describing the proposed measures. All proposed measures for MNES must be drafted to meet the 'S.M.A.R.T' Principle outlined in the DAWE.</p> <p>Information regarding timing, frequency and duration of the proposed avoidance, mitigation, management and monitoring measures, and any corrective actions must be implemented and included in the preliminary documentation. Any statutory or policy basis for the proposed measures, including reference to the SPRAT Database and relevant approved conservation advice, recovery plan or threat abatement plan, and a discussion on how the proposed measures are not inconsistent with relevant plans must also be provided.</p>	
<b>5. Offsets</b>	
<p>Based on the referral information, the department outlines the proposed action must provide an assessment of the likelihood of residual significant impacts occurring on relevant MNES, after avoidance, mitigation and management measures have been applied. A summary of the proposed environmental offset and key commitments to achieve a conservation gain for each protected matter must also be included. The proposed offset must meet the principles of the Department's <i>EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy</i> (2012).</p> <p>If an offset area has not been nominated, a draft OMS must be included as an appendix to the PD. The draft OMS must meet the information requirements set out in Appendix B.1. In the event that offset area/s have been nominated, include a draft OAMP as an appendix to the PD.</p> <p>The draft OAMP must meet the information requirements set out in Appendix B.2, and must be prepared by a suitably qualified ecologist and in accordance with the department's <i>Environmental Management Plan Guidelines</i> (2014), available at: <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/publications/environmental-management-plan-guidelines">www.environment.gov.au/epbc/publications/environmental-management-plan-guidelines</a>.</p>	Section 6.0, Appendix G and Appendix H
<b>6. Ecologically Sustainable Development</b>	
<p>The preliminary documentation must provide a description of how the proposed action meets the principles of ESD, as defined in section 3A of the EPBC Act. More information on ESD is available at <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/about-us/esd/publications/national-esd-strategy">www.environment.gov.au/about-us/esd/publications/national-esd-strategy</a>.</p>	Section 7.0
<b>7. Economic and Social Matters</b>	
<p>The economic and social impacts of the proposed action, both positive and negative, must be analysed. Matters of interest may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details of any public consultation activities undertaken and their outcomes;</li> <li>• details of consultation with Indigenous stakeholders, including with reference to the department's Guidance for proponents on best practice Indigenous engagement for environmental assessments under the EPBC Act (2016);</li> <li>• projected economic costs and benefits of the proposed action, including the basis for their estimate through cost/benefit analysis or similar studies; and</li> <li>• employment opportunities expected to be generated by the proposed action (including construction and operational phases).</li> </ul>	Section 8.0
<b>8. Environmental Record of the Person Proposing to Take the Action</b>	
<p>The preliminary documentation must include details of any past or present proceedings under a Commonwealth, State or Territory law for the protection of the environment or the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The person proposing to take the action;</li> </ul>	Section 9.0

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• for an action for which a person has applied for a permit, the person making the application;</li><li>• if the person is a body corporate—the history of its executive officers in relation to environmental matters; and</li><li>• if the person is a body corporate that is a subsidiary of another body or company (the parent body)—the history in relation to environmental matters of the parent body and its executive officers.</li></ul>	