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- OTL and Substation, Worlds End SA**

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GLOSSARY AND ABBREVIATION OF TERMS

CEMP	Construction Environmental Management Plan
ha	hectare(s)
INTG	Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia
INTG TEC OMP	Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia Threatened Ecological Community Offset Management Plan
km	kilometre(s)
m	metre(s)
MW	Megawatts
MWh	Megawatt hours
NEOEN	NEOEN Australia Pty Ltd
OMP	Offset Management Plan
OTL	Overhead Transmission Line
PBTL	Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard (<i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i>)
PBTL Management Plan	The <i>Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility PBTL Management Plan</i> prepared by EBS Ecology for NEOEN Australia Pty Ltd (version 3 of 28 June 2022 or subsequent versions thereof).
PBTL OMP	Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard Offset Management Plan
PBTL Research Plan	Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard Scientific Monitoring and Research Plan
SA	South Australia
TEC	Threatened Ecological Community
WTG	wind turbine generator

DEFINITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH EPBC 2021/8959

Access tracks	means the areas enclosed by the dashed blue lines, dashed red lines and dashed green lines and labelled 'existing public road', 'existing private access track' and 'new access track', respectively, on the maps at <u>Attachments D and D1-D3</u> (attached to the EPBC approval) for the purpose of establishing, using and maintaining access and maintenance routes to the overhead transmission line and substation located within the project area .
Business day	means a day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday in the state or territory of the action.
CEMP	means the Construction Environmental Management Plan required under and currently approved in accordance with the requirements of condition 9 of the SA development approval .
Clear / Clearing	means the cutting down, felling, thinning, logging, removing, killing, destroying, poisoning, ringbarking, uprooting or burning of vegetation.
Commencement of the action / Commence the action	means the first instance of any specified activity associated with the action including clearing and construction . Commencement of the action/Commence the action does not include minor physical disturbance necessary to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. undertake pre-clearance surveys or monitoring programs;ii. install signage and /or temporary fencing to prevent unapproved use of the project area;iii. protect environmental and property assets from fire, weeds and pests, including installation of temporary fencing, and use of existing surface access tracks;iv. install temporary site facilities for persons undertaking pre-commencement activities so long as these are located where they have no impact on the protected matters; orv. undertaking geotechnical investigations if it causes only minor physical disturbance and is required well in advance of most site works to inform design.
Commence operation / Commencement of operation	means the first instance the transmission line and substation are used for commercial purposes.
Completion data	means an environmental report and spatial data clearly detailing how the conditions of this approval have been met. The Department's preferred spatial data format is shapefile .
Completion of the action	means the date on which all specified activities associated with the action have permanently ceased.
Compliance records	means all documentation or other material in whatever form required to demonstrate compliance with the conditions of approval in the approval holder's possession or that are within the approval holder's power to obtain lawfully.

Compliance report(s)	means written reports: <ol style="list-style-type: none">providing accurate and complete details of compliance, incidents, and non-compliance with the conditions and the plans;consistent with the <i>Annual Compliance Report Guidelines</i>, Commonwealth of Australia 2014;include a shapefile of any clearance of any protected matters, or their habitat, undertaken within the relevant 12 month period;annexing a schedule of all plans prepared and in existence in relation to the conditions during the relevant 12 month period; andadvising of the identity and current contact details of all persons authorised to act for the approval holder in relation to this approval.
Construct / Construction	means the erection of a building or structure that is or is to be fixed to the ground and wholly or partially fabricated on-site; the alteration, maintenance, repair or demolition of any building or structure; preliminary site preparation work which involves breaking of the ground (including pile driving); the laying of pipes and other prefabricated materials in the ground, and any associated excavation work; but excluding the installation of temporary fences and signage.
Department	means the Australian Government agency responsible for administering the EPBC Act .
Environmental Management Plan Guidelines	means the <i>Environmental Management Plan Guidelines</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2014.
Environmental Offsets Policy	means the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Environmental Offsets Policy</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2012, or any subsequent official revision produced by the Department .
EPBC Act	means the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth).
Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility	is a renewable energy development located between Burra and Robertstown in the Mid North of South Australia. The Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility includes, in addition to the action subject of this approval, the proposed actions described in the EPBC Act referrals EPBC 2021/8957, EPBC 2021/8958 and EPBC 2021/8960.
Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects	means the <i>Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2021.
Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data	means the <i>Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2018.
Impact (verb)	means to cause any measurable direct or indirect disturbance or harmful change as a result of any activity associated with the action.
Incident	means any event which has the potential to, or does, impact on one or more protected matter .

Independent audit	means an audit conducted by an independent and suitably qualified person as detailed in the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2019.
Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC	means the EPBC Act listed threatened ecological community (TEC) Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia (INTG).
Legal securing mechanism	means the legal agreement and/or legally binding mechanism under relevant South Australia state legislation, or equivalent, implemented to provide enduring protection for the offsets against development incompatible with conservation.
Minister	means the Australian Government Minister administering the EPBC Act including any delegate thereof.
Monitoring data	means the data required to be recorded under the conditions of this approval.
New or increased impact	means a new or increased environmental impact or risk relating to any protected matter , when compared to the likely impact of implementing the action management plan that has been approved by the Minister under condition 3, including any subsequent revisions approved by the Minister , as outlined in the <i>Guidance on 'new or increased impact' relating to changes to approved management plans under EPBC Act environmental approvals</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2017.
Operation	means the usage of the transmission line and substation for the purposes of transforming and/or redistributing electric current.
Peep Hill Hop-bush	means the EPBC Act listed threatened species <i>Dodonaea subglandulifera</i> .
Plan(s)	means any of the documents required to be prepared, approved by the Minister , implemented by the approval holder and/or published on the website in accordance with these conditions (includes action management plans and/or strategies).
Project area	means the location of the action, represented by the area shown enclosed by the orange line labelled 'OTL and Substation Project Area' on the map at Attachment A and the maps at Attachment A1-A15 (attached to the EPBC approval).
Protected matter(s)	means a matter protected under a controlling provision in Part 3 of the EPBC Act for which this approval has effect.
Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard / PBTL	means the EPBC Act listed threatened species <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> .
Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat	means remnant native grassland and grassy woodland with a sparse overstorey of trees, including but not limited to the areas represented on the map at Attachment F (attached to the EPBC approval) as shown: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Shaded in dark green and enclosed by a light green line and labelled as 'PBTL habitat Likely'; andShaded in light green and enclosed by a dark green line and labelled as 'PBTL habitat Potential'.

SA development approval	means the approved development application number 422/V009/20 R1 (or subsequent approved revisions thereof) granted under section 131 (19) of the <i>Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016</i> (SA) for the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility .
Secure / secured / securing	means to execute a legal agreement and/or legally binding mechanism under relevant South Australia state legislation, or equivalent, to provide enduring protection for the offsets against development incompatible with conservation.
Senecio species	means any plant of the <i>Senecio</i> genus which, subject to identification at the species level, may be an EPBC Act listed threatened species (which includes <i>Senecio macrocarpus</i> (Large-fruit Fireweed) and <i>Senecio megaglossus</i> (Superb Groundsel)).
Sensitive ecological data	means data as defined in the <i>Sensitive Ecological Data – Access and Management Policy V1.0</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2013.
Shapefile	means location and attribute information of the action provided in an Esri shapefile format. Shapefiles must contain '.shp', '.shx', '.dbf' files and a '.prj' file that specifies the projection/geographic coordinate system used. Shapefiles must also include an '.xml' metadata file that describes the shapefile for discovery and identification purposes.
Significant impacts	are impacts which are important, notable, or of consequence, having regard to their context or intensity, and assessed within the framework of the <i>Matters of National Environmental Significance – Significant Impact Guidelines 1.1</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2013.
Spiller's Wattle	means the EPBC Act listed threatened species <i>Acacia spilleriana</i> .
Suitably qualified person	means a person who has professional qualifications, training, skills and/or experience related to the nominated subject matter and can give authoritative independent assessment, advice and analysis on performance relative to the subject matter using the relevant protocols, standards, methods and/or literature.
Website	means a set of related web pages located under a single domain name attributed to the approval holder and available to the public.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Goyder Wind Farm Common Asset Pty Ltd received approval in accordance with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA (EPBC 2021/8959), (referred to as the Common Asset), on 28 July 2022 (Appendix 1). A variation to the conditions of approval was received on 19 December 2022 (Appendix 2).

NEOEN Australia Pty Ltd (NEOEN) is contracted by Goyder Wind Farm Common Asset Pty Ltd to ensure compliance with the approval, which is subject to specific conditions of approval (refer to Appendix 1 for the approval documentation). In particular, Condition 13 refers to annual compliance reporting, as follows:

13. *The approval holder must prepare a **compliance report** for each 12 month period following the date of **commencement of the action**, or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the **Minister**. The approval holder must:*
 - a. *publish each **compliance report** on the **website** within 60 **business days** following the relevant 12 month period;*
 - b. *notify the **Department** by email that a **compliance report** has been published on the **website** and provide the weblink for the **compliance report** within 5 **business days** of the date of publication;*
 - c. *keep all **compliance reports** publicly available on the **website** until this approval expires;*
 - d. *exclude or redact **sensitive ecological data** from **compliance reports** published on the **website**; and*
 - e. *where any **sensitive ecological data** has been excluded from the version published, submit the full **compliance report** to the **Department** within 5 **business days** of publication.*

Note: Compliance reports may be published on the **Department's** website.

As such this document has been prepared to provide an annual compliance report for the OTL and Substation (Common Asset) of the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility (EPBC 2021/8959), which commenced on 22 August 2022. This is the first annual compliance report for the OTL and Substation (Common Asset) and applies to the first 12 months of the Project, from 22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023. During this timeframe, construction works have commenced and continued on site.

A summary of the approved action and compliance report details is provided in Table 1 on the following page.

Table 1. Summary of approved action and compliance report details.

EPBC Number	2021/8959
Project name	Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA (referred to as the Common Asset)
Approval holder	Goyder Wind Farm Common Asset Pty Ltd
Approval holder ACN / ABN	649 966 138
The approved action	To construct and operate an overhead transmission line and substation within the Regional Council of Goyder, South Australia.
Location of the Project	Approximately 10 km south of Burra to approximately 5 km north-east of Robertstown, South Australia (refer to Figure 1).
Person accepting responsibility for the report	Mr. Louis de Sambucy
Date of commencement of the action	22 August 2022
Annual compliance report reporting period	22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023 (inclusive)
Date of preparation of this annual compliance report	14 November 2023

1.1 Project background

NEOEN is developing the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility (the Goyder South Project; the Project) between Burra and Robertstown in the Mid North of South Australia (SA). The Project combines wind, solar and energy storage in one integrated project and will be capable of delivering a steady, reliable, dispatchable output of power throughout the day and night. The Goyder South Project will generate more than 4,800,000 Megawatt hours (MWh) of power annually and is comprised of:

- A wind farm of up to 163 turbines with a capacity of up to 1200 Megawatts (MW), a maximum hub height of 121 metres (m), a maximum blade length of 78 m and an overall maximum height (tip height) of 199 m;
- A solar farm (across two sites) of up to 3000 hectares (ha) of solar panels with a capacity of up to 600 MW;
- An energy storage facility (lithium-ion battery) with a capacity of up to 900 MW / 1,800 MWh (2 hours);
- Associated infrastructure for connection to the electricity grid including three substations, access tracks, underground connection cabling and overhead transmission lines (OTLs);
- Permanent operations and maintenance compounds;
- Temporary construction compounds for both wind and solar components, including concrete batching plants; and
- A number of meteorological masts (in addition to those already on the site) to record wind speed and other meteorological data, both pre- and post- construction.

As the Goyder South Project will total up to \$3 billion in investment, NEOEN propose to implement the Project in stages, with each stage having its own legal entity, construction contracts and financing packages. An overview of each stage currently proposed for development, along with the corresponding EPBC approvals sought and obtained is outlined in Table 2.

Table 2. Current proposed stages and corresponding EPBC approvals for the Goyder South Project.

Project Stage / Proposed Action	Legal Entity	EPBC Referral Reference	EPBC Referral Decision	Date EPBC Approval Received
Stage 1A (38 WTGs and associated infrastructure)	Goyder Wind Farm 1A Pty Ltd	2021/8958	Controlled Action	5/07/2022
Stage 1B (37 WTGs and associated infrastructure)	Goyder Wind Farm 1B Pty Ltd	2021/8957	Controlled Action	13/07/2022
OTL and Substation (Common Asset)	Goyder Wind Farm Common Asset Pty Ltd	2021/8959	Controlled Action	28/07/2022
			Variation of conditions attached to approval	Variation received 19/12/2022
Battery	NEOEN Australia Pty Ltd	2021/8960	Not a Controlled Action	Not required

Each of the currently proposed stages of the Project are shown in Figure 1. Other components of the Goyder South Project, including the remaining wind farm areas, the two solar farms, overhead transmission lines and substations are potential future stages.

As stated previously, this annual compliance report is for the OTL and Substation (Common Asset) component of the Goyder South Project.

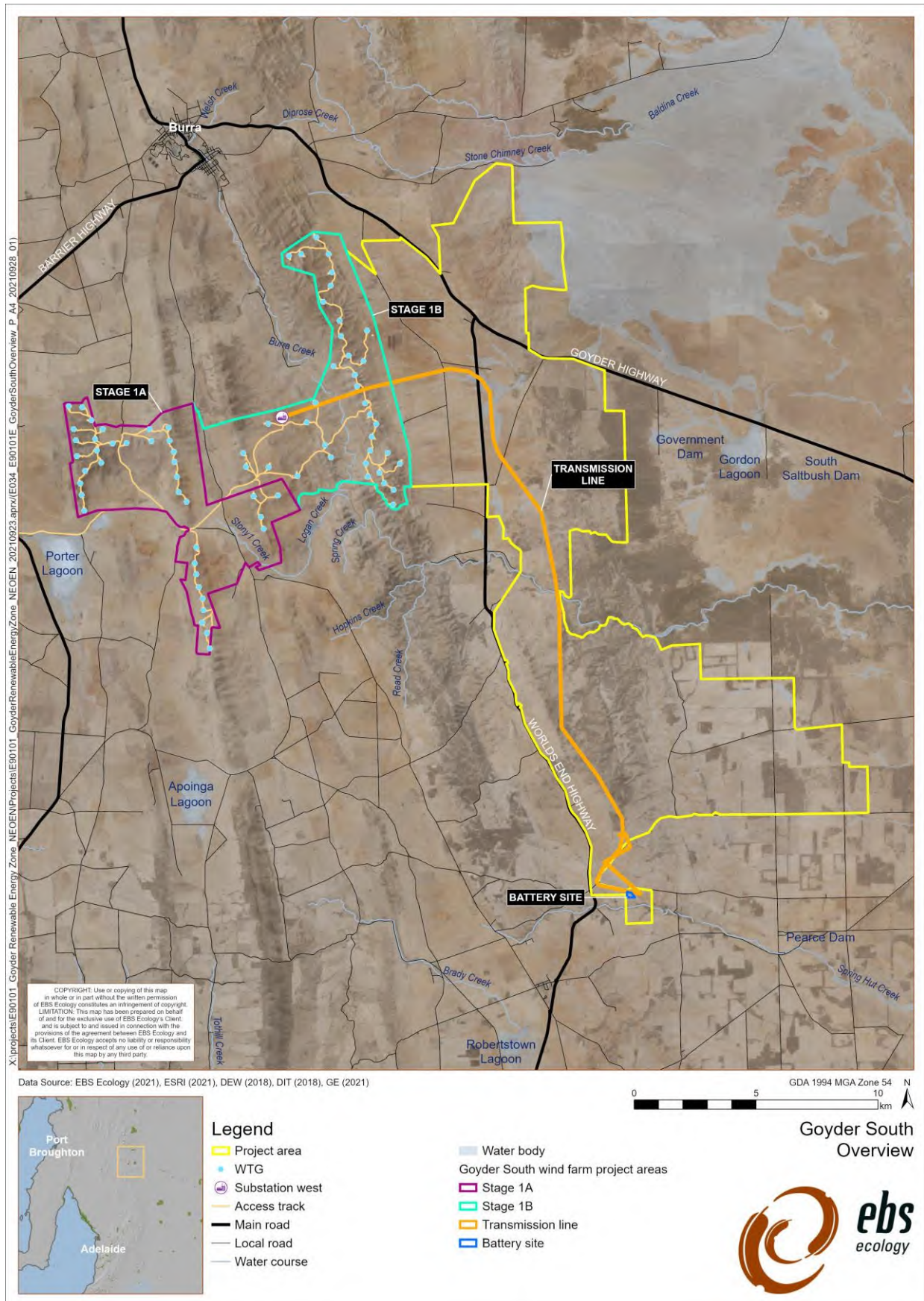


Figure 1. Current proposed stages of the Goyder South Project.

2 COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Compliance with the conditions associated with the EPBC 2021/8959 OTL and Substation (Common Asset) approval and variation is presented in Table 3 on the following pages.

Compliance has been achieved for all conditions of approval applicable to the timeframe of this annual compliance report (22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023), while several conditions of approval are not applicable to this annual compliance report.

Table 3. Conditions of approval associated with the OTL and Substation (Common Asset) EPBC approval (2021/8959).

Condition of approval	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence / Commentary
Part A – Conditions specific to the action		
Impact limits		
1. The approval holder must not:		
a) clear more than 1.36 hectares (ha) of Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC within the project area;	Compliant	The approval holder has not cleared more than 1.36 ha of Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC within the OTL and Substation. No Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC occurs within the Substation. Approximately 0.38 ha ¹ of Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC was cleared within the OTL in the timeframe applicable to this annual compliance report (22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023). Refer to Appendix 3 for mapping showing the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC cleared within the OTL.
ab) clear more than 3.88 ha of Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat within the project area;	Compliant	The approval holder has not cleared more than 3.88 ha of Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat within the OTL and Substation. Approximately 3.26 ha ² of Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat was cleared in the timeframe applicable to this annual compliance report (22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023). Refer to Appendix 3 for mapping showing the Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat cleared within the OTL and Substation.
ac) translocate and/or relocate or otherwise impact more than 60 Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizards ;	Compliant	The approval holder has not translocated and/or relocated or otherwise impacted more than 60 Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizards within the OTL and Substation. A total of 44 Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizards have been translocated out of the Substation and 4 have been relocated out of the OTL, prior to their habitat being cleared during construction works. Access track within the OTL has been micro-sited around individual Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizards to avoid relocation of them. Refer to Appendix 3 for mapping showing PBTLs translocated out of the Substation and relocated out of the OTL.

¹ Clearance (i.e., impact) spatial data has been supplied by the construction contractor and overlaid onto mapping of **Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC** patches to calculate the area of clearance, but has not yet been validated or verified, as construction works are still in progress. As such, there may be some errors or inaccuracies in reported clearance areas. Final clearance is proposed to be checked at the completion of construction works.

² Clearance (i.e., impact) spatial data has been supplied by the construction contractor and overlaid onto mapping of **Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat** to calculate the area of clearance, but has not yet been validated or verified, as construction works are still in progress. As such, there may be some errors or inaccuracies in reported clearance areas. Final clearance is proposed to be checked at the completion of construction works.

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b) impact any Spiller's Wattle or Peep Hill Hop-bush or Senecio species without the Minister's prior approval in writing under condition 1A of this approval; or	Compliant	The approval holder has not impacted any Spiller's Wattle or Peep Hill Hop-bush or Senecio species within the OTL or Substation. No Spiller's Wattle or Peep Hill Hop-bush or Senecio species occurred within the Substation. Refer to Appendix 3 for mapping showing Spiller's Wattle, Peep Hill Hop-bush and Senecio species within and/or adjacent to the OTL.
c) impact any protected matter , except for what is allowed under conditions 1a, 1ab, 1ac, and 1b, within the project area or within access tracks .	Compliant	The approval holder has not impacted any protected matter , except for what is allowed under conditions 1a, 1ab, 1ac, and 1b, within the project area or within access tracks .
1A) Any request by the approval holder to have any impact to protected matters beyond the limit specified at condition 1b of this approval or subsequently granted by the Minister in writing under this condition, must include: a) details of the proposed increased impact to protected matters (including identification of any Senecio species , and the number and location of individuals proposed to be affected); b) details of any avoidance and mitigation measures to minimise impacts , including details of monitoring to verify their effectiveness (e.g. post-translocation success); c) details, with relevant supporting evidence, of any residual significant impact to protected matters ; and d) a commitment to submit, within 28 business days of the Minister granting approval of such a request, a version of the Offset Management Plan revised to specify how the approval holder will compensate for any residual significant impact to protected matters informed by monitoring following implementation of any avoidance and mitigation measures detailed in condition 1Ab of this approval.	Not applicable	The approval holder has not requested to have any impact to protected matters beyond the limit specified at condition 1b of this approval or subsequently granted by the Minister in writing under this condition. As such, this condition is not applicable.

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Environmental Management Plans		
2. To minimise impacts to protected matters during the construction and operation, the approval holder must implement the CEMP.	Compliant	The approval holder has implemented the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) required under condition 9 of the SA development approval, since the action commenced on 22 August 2022. The approval holder intends to continue to implement the CEMP for the duration of construction.
3. For the protection of the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC, the approval holder must implement the INTG TEC Management Plan for the duration of this approval.	Compliant	The approval holder has implemented the INTG TEC Management Plan since the action commenced on 22 August 2022 and intends to continue to implement it for the duration of the EPBC approval.
3A) The approval holder must submit a PBTL Management Plan for the Minister's approval. If the Minister approves the PBTL Management Plan, then the approval holder must implement the PBTL Management Plan approved by the Minister.	Compliant	The approval holder submitted a PBTL Management Plan (version 4, dated 22/09/2023) for the Minister's approval (after the timeframe applicable to this compliance report (22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023)). The approval holder expects to receive Minister's approval of the PBTL Management Plan within the timeframe of the next compliance report (i.e., within 22 August 2023 to 21 August 2024).
3B) The approval holder must not commence operation unless the PBTL Management Plan has been approved by the Minister in writing.	Compliant	The approval holder has not yet commenced operation. The approval holder expects to receive Minister's approval of the PBTL Management Plan prior to commencing operation and within the timeframe of the next compliance report (i.e., within 22 August 2023 to 21 August 2024).
3C) The implementation of the PBTL Management Plan must achieve the following environmental objectives: a) avoid, mitigate and rehabilitate impacts of the action on pygmy blue-tongue lizard and pygmy blue-tongue lizard habitat; and b) impacts of the Action to Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard and Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat do not exceed those specified at condition 1 of this approval.	Compliant	Although the approval holder has not yet received Minister's approval of the PBTL Management Plan, the approval holder has implemented the PBTL Management Plan during construction works for the OTL and Substation. The PBTL Management Plan aims to avoid and minimise impacts of the action on Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard and Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat; and ensure that impacts of the action on Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard and Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat do not exceed those specified at condition 1 of the OTL and Substation EPBC approval.

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3D) The PBTL Management Plan must be consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines , and must include: a) details of the relevant EPBC Act protected matter/s and a reference to EPBC Act approval conditions to which the plan refers.	Compliant	The PBTL Management Plan (version 4, dated 22/09/2023) has been prepared in accordance with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines and includes details of the relevant EPBC Act protected matter/s (Section 4 <i>PBTL Profile</i> in the PBTL Management Plan) and a reference to EPBC Act approval conditions to which the plan refers (Table 3 in the PBTL Management Plan).
b) a table of commitments made in the plan to achieve the environmental objectives, and a reference to exactly where these commitments are detailed in the plan.	Compliant	The PBTL Management Plan (version 4, dated 22/09/2023) includes a table (Table 2) of commitments made in the plan to achieve the environmental objectives, and a reference to exactly where these commitments are detailed in the plan.
c) commitments capable of ensuring that the environmental objectives are achieved, including details of the methods for planning, undertaking and monitoring the outcomes of any proposed relocation and/or translocation of Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizards , which must be consistent with the South Australian government Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild and Release Protected Animals to the Wild for conservation purposes (Permit number: T40145).	Compliant	Section 13 and Section 14 of the PBTL Management Plan (version 4, dated 22/09/2023) includes commitments capable of ensuring that the environmental objectives are achieved, including details of the methods for planning, undertaking and monitoring the outcomes of any proposed relocation and/or translocation of Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizards , which must be consistent with the South Australian government Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild and Release Protected Animals to the Wild for conservation purposes (Permit number: T40145).
d) reporting and review mechanisms to demonstrate compliance with the commitments made in the plan.	Compliant	Section 14 and Section 10.4 of the PBTL Management Plan (version 4, dated 22/09/2023) include reporting and review mechanisms to demonstrate compliance with the commitments made in the plan.
e) an assessment of risks relating to achieving the environmental objectives and risk management strategies and/or mitigation measures that will be applied to address identified risks.	Compliant	Section 10.3 of the PBTL Management Plan (version 4, dated 22/09/2023) includes an assessment of risks relating to achieving the environmental objectives and risk management strategies and/or mitigation measures that will be applied to address identified risks.
f) impact avoidance, mitigation and/or repair measures, and the timing of those measures.	Compliant	Section 5, Section 11 and Section 12 of the PBTL Management Plan (version 4, dated 22/09/2023) includes impact avoidance, mitigation and/or repair measures, and the timing of those measures.

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<p>g) a monitoring program, which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) measurable performance indicators ii) trigger values for corrective actions iii) the timing and frequency of monitoring, ensuring monitoring is capable of detecting trigger values and changes in the performance indicators; and iv) proposed corrective actions if trigger values are reached. 	Compliant	Section 14 of the PBTL Management Plan (version 4, dated 22/09/2023) includes a monitoring program which includes measurable performance indicators; trigger values for corrective actions; the timing and frequency of monitoring, ensuring monitoring is capable of detecting trigger values and changes in the performance indicators; and proposed corrective actions if trigger values are reached.
Environmental offsets		
<p><i>Offset Management Plan</i></p> <p>4. To compensate for residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC, Pygmy Blue-tongue lizard, and any other protected matters, the approval holder must submit to the Department for the Minister's approval an Offset Management Plan (OMP) within 6 months of the date of this approval.</p>	Compliant	<p>The approval holder submitted a Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard Offset Management Plan (PBTL OMP) and an Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia Threatened Ecological Community Offset Management Plan (INTG TEC OMP) to the Department on 5 January 2023, within 6 months of the date of the approval (28 July 2022) (refer to Appendix 4 for submission emails).</p> <p>Each OMP was specifically prepared to satisfy the requirements of this condition of approval.</p> <p>Revised versions of the PBTL OMP and INTG TEC OMP were submitted to the Department on 12 June 2023.</p> <p>The approval holder received comments from the Department on each of the OMPs submitted to the Department on 5 September 2023, which is after the timeframe applicable to this annual compliance report (22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023).</p> <p>Both OMPs have been revised and re-submitted to the Department for the Minister's approval (after the timeframe applicable to this annual compliance report).</p> <p>The approval holder expects to receive Minister's approval of both of the OMPs within the timeframe of the second annual compliance report.</p> <p>The approval holder has not yet commenced commissioning of the Project.</p> <p>The approval holder intends to implement the approved OMPs for the periods specified in the approved OMPs.</p>

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The OMP must: a. be consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines ;	Compliant	Both the PBTL OMP and INTG TEC OMP have been prepared in accordance with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines .
b. include a reference to the EPBC Act approval conditions to which the OMP refers;	Compliant	Both the PBTL OMP and INTG TEC OMP include reference to the EPBC Act approval conditions to which each OMP refers (Table 2 in the PBTL OMP; Table 2 in the INTG TEC OMP).
c. include summary information on the residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC , Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard , and any other protected matters , that will be compensated for by the offset(s);	Compliant	Section 3.6 of the INTG TEC OMP includes summary information on the residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC that will be compensated for by the INTG TEC offset. Section 3.6 of the PBTL OMP includes summary information on the residual significant impacts to the Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard that will be compensated for by the PBTL offset.
d. identify a suitable environmental offset(s) to compensate for residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC , Pygmy Blue-tongue lizard , and any other protected matters , which meets the requirements of the Environmental Offsets Policy to the satisfaction of the Minister ;	Compliant	Section 4 (including sub-sections) of the INTG TEC OMP identifies a suitable environmental offset to compensate for residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC , which meets the requirements of the Environmental Offsets Policy . Section 4 (including sub-sections) of the PBTL OMP identifies a suitable environmental offset to compensate for residual significant impacts to the Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard , which meets the requirements of the Environmental Offsets Policy .
e. include the size of the proposed offset(s) in hectares, maps that visually describe the location and the accurate boundaries of the offset(s), in accordance with the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects , and detailed baseline habitat quality information on the proposed offset(s);	Compliant	Section 4 (including sub-sections) of the INTG TEC OMP includes the size of the proposed INTG TEC offset in hectares, maps that visually describe the location and the accurate boundaries of the INTG TEC offset, in accordance with the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects , and detailed baseline habitat quality information on the proposed INTG TEC offset. Section 4 (including sub-sections) of the PBTL OMP includes the size of the proposed PBTL offset in hectares, maps that visually describe the location and the accurate boundaries of the PBTL offset, in accordance with the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects , and detailed baseline habitat quality information on the proposed PBTL offset.

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<p>f. specify the nature and timing of the proposed legal mechanism to secure the offset area(s), with proposed contingency measures for if the specified legal mechanism is not established within the specified timeframe;</p>	Compliant	<p>Section 4.8 (including sub-section 4.8.1) of the INTG TEC OMP specifies the nature and timing of the proposed legal mechanism to secure the INTG TEC offset area, with proposed contingency measures for if the specified legal mechanism is not established within the specified timeframe.</p> <p>Section 4.7 of the PBTL OMP specifies the nature and timing of the proposed legal mechanism to secure the INTG TEC offset area, with proposed contingency measures for if the specified legal mechanism is not established within the specified timeframe.</p>
<p>g. commit to measurable and achievable ecological benefits and provide timeframes for their achievement;</p>	Compliant	<p>Section 6.1 of the INTG TEC OMP commits to measurable and achievable ecological benefits and provides timeframes for their achievement.</p> <p>Section 6.1 and Section 6.3 (including sub-sections) of the PBTL OMP commits to measurable and achievable ecological benefits and provides timeframes for their achievement.</p>
<p>h. detail how the offset(s) will be protected, and how ecological benefits will be maintained once achieved;</p>	Compliant	<p>Section 4.8 and Section 6.1 of the INTG TEC OMP detail how the offset(s) will be protected, and how ecological benefits will be maintained once achieved.</p> <p>Section 4.7 and Section 6.1 (including sub-sections) of the PBTL OMP detail how the offset(s) will be protected, and how ecological benefits will be maintained once achieved.</p>
<p>i. detail a monitoring program which will determine progress towards achievement and maintenance of the ecological benefits of the proposed offset(s), which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. measurable performance indicators to monitor the progress of the offset towards the achievement of the ecological benefits; ii. trigger values for corrective actions; and iii. the timing and frequency of monitoring to detect trigger values and changes in the performance indicators. 	Compliant	<p>Section 6.5 of the INTG TEC OMP details a monitoring program which will determine progress towards achievement and maintenance of the ecological benefits of the proposed INTG TEC offset, which includes measurable performance indicators to monitor the progress of the offset toward the achievement of the ecological benefits; trigger values for corrective actions; and the timing, and frequency of monitoring to detect trigger values and changes in the performance indicators.</p> <p>Section 6.5 (including sub-sections) of the PBTL OMP details a monitoring program which will determine progress towards achievement and maintenance of the ecological benefits of the proposed PBTL offset, which includes measurable performance indicators to monitor the progress of the offset toward the achievement of the ecological benefits; trigger values for corrective actions; and the timing, and frequency of monitoring to detect trigger values and changes in the performance indicators.</p>
<p>j. include an assessment of risks to achieving the ecological benefit(s) and what risk management strategies will be applied to address these;</p>	Compliant	<p>Section 6.4 of the INTG TEC OMP includes an assessment of risks to achieving the ecological benefit(s) and what risk management strategies will be applied to address these.</p> <p>Section 6.4 of the PBTL OMP includes an assessment of risks to achieving the ecological benefit(s) and what risk management strategies will be applied to address these.</p>

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<p>k. specify how and at what frequency offset(s) management results, monitoring program findings and assessments of ecological benefits will be reported to the Department and the public;</p>	Compliant	<p>Section 3.6.3 of the INTG TEC OMP specifies how and at what frequency INTG TEC offset management results, monitoring program findings and assessments of ecological benefits will be reported to the Department and the public.</p> <p>Section 6.3.9 of the PBTL OMP specifies how and at what frequency PBTL offset management results, monitoring program findings and assessments of ecological benefits will be reported to the Department and the public.</p>
<p>l. propose corrective actions if trigger values are reached, or if performance indicators are not attained, to ensure ecological benefit are achieved and maintained once achieved;</p>	Compliant	<p>Table 16 in the INTG TEC OMP proposes corrective actions if trigger values are reached, or if performance indicators are not attained, to ensure ecological benefit are achieved and maintained once achieved.</p> <p>Section 6.3.11 in the PBTL OMP proposes corrective actions if trigger values are reached, or if performance indicators are not attained, to ensure ecological benefit are achieved and maintained once achieved</p>
<p>m. include links to referenced plans and applicable conditions of approval (including State approval conditions), if any; and</p>	Compliant	<p>Section 2.1 in the INTG TEC OMP includes links to referenced plans and applicable conditions of approval (including State approval conditions),</p> <p>Section 2.1 in the PBTL OMP includes links to referenced plans and applicable conditions of approval (including State approval conditions).</p>
<p>n. justify and specify the period for which the OMP will be implemented.</p> <p>The approval holder must not commence operation until the OMP has been approved by the Minister in writing. The approval holder must implement the approved OMP for the period described in the approved OMP.</p>	Compliant	<p>Section 6.3.1 in the INTG TEC OMP justifies and specifies the period for which the INTG TEC OMP will be implemented.</p> <p>Section 6.3.1 in the PBTL OMP justifies and specifies the period for which the PBTL OMP will be implemented.</p> <p>Neither the INTG TEC OMP nor the PBTL OMP were approved by the Minister within the timeframe applicable to this annual compliance report (22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023). The approval holder did not commence operation within the timeframe applicable to this annual compliance report.</p> <p>Once the OMPs are approved by the Minister, the approval holder intends to implement the INTG TEC OMP and PBTL OMP for the period described in each of the OMPs.</p>

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<p>5. If the OMP (required under Condition 4) has not been approved by the Minister in writing within 18 months of the date of this approval, and the Minister notifies the approval holder that the submitted OMP is not suitable for approval, the Minister may, at least 2 months after so notifying the approval holder, approve a version of the OMP revised by the Department.</p>	Not applicable	<p>This document is the first annual compliance report for the OTL and Substation (Common Asset) and covers the first 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action, from 22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023.</p> <p>While the OMP (required under Condition 5) has not yet been approved by the Minister, 18 months since the date of EPBC approval (28 July 2022) has not yet lapsed. As such, this Condition is not applicable to this annual compliance report (22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023).</p>
<p>6. The approval holder must provide written evidence to the Department that the offset site(s) required under the approved OMP has/have been acquired and secured within 12 months of the OMP approval date. The approval holder must provide written evidence to the Department identifying the legal securing mechanism by which each offset site will be permanently protected for conservation within 10 business days of securing the offset.</p> <p>Note: The approval holder may choose to combine the OMPs required as conditions of approval for other proposed elements of the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility. In this case, the approval holder must clearly demonstrate how the offset requirement(s) for each individual proposed element is being met and identify unique offset area(s) for each approved action geospatially.</p>	Not applicable	<p>This Condition is not applicable to this annual compliance report (22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023) as the OMP has not yet been approved by the Minister.</p>
<p>Part B – Standard administrative conditions</p>		
<p>Notification of date of commencement of the action</p>		
<p>7. The approval holder must notify the Department in writing of the date of commencement of the action and the date of commencement of operation within 10 business days after the date of commencement of the action and after the date of commencement of operation.</p>	Compliant	<p>NEOEN (on behalf of the approval holder) notified the Department in writing on 1 August 2022 of the date of commencement of the action, prior to the date of commencement of the action (22 August 2022). Refer to Appendix 5 for correspondence regarding commencement of the action.</p> <p>Commissioning did not commence within the timeframe applicable to this annual compliance report (22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023).</p>

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8. If the commencement of the action does not occur within 5 years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not commence the action without the prior written agreement of the Minister.	Compliant	Commencement of the action occurred on 22 August 2022.
Compliance records		
9. The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records.	Compliant	The approval holder is maintaining accurate and complete compliance records.
10. If the Department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the Department within the timeframe specified in the request. Note: Compliance records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, and or used to verify compliance with the conditions. Summaries of the result of an audit may be published on the Department's website or through the general media.	Compliant	The Department did not make a request in writing for electronic copies of compliance records within the timeframe applicable to this annual compliance report (22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023).

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<p>Submission and publication of plans</p> <p>11. The approval holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. submit plans electronically to the Department for approval by the Minister; b. unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, publish each plan on the website within 20 business days of the date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. of this approval decision if the version of the plan to be implemented is specified in these conditions; or ii. the plan is approved by the Minister if these conditions require that the plan be approved by the Minister; or iii. the plan is approved by a responsible State minister or State authority if the plan is required as part of the SA development approval; iv. a revised action management plan is submitted to the Minister or the Department if the plan is submitted in accordance with condition 23; c. exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or provided to a member of the public; and d. keep plans published on the website until the end date of this approval. 	<p>Compliant</p>	<p>The Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and INTG TEC Management Plan were provided to the Department as part of the Preliminary Documentation during the EPBC referral assessment process.</p> <p>The CEMP is available on the Project's website at: https://goyderenergy.com.au/documents/</p> <p>The INTG TEC Management Plan is available on the Project's website at: https://goyderenergy.com.au/documents/</p> <p>The PBTL Management Plan was not applicable to the OTL and Substation during the EPBC referral assessment process and so was not provided to the Department as part of the Preliminary Documentation during the EPBC referral assessment process. However, the PBTL Management Plan is applicable to the OTL and Substation EPBC approval variation (refer to Condition 3A). As such, the approval holder has submitted the PBTL Management Plan (version 4, dated 22/09/2023) electronically to the Department for approval by the Minister (but this occurred after the timeframe applicable to this annual compliance report (22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023)).</p> <p>The approval holder expects to receive Minister's approval of the PBTL Management Plan within the timeframe of the next annual compliance report (i.e., within 22 August 2023 to 21 August 2024). The PBTL Management Plan will be published on the Project's website within 20 business days of it being approved by the Minister.</p> <p>Neither the PBTL OMP nor the INTG TEC OMP have yet been approved by the Minister. These plans will be uploaded to the Project's website within 20 business days of being approved by the Minister.</p> <p>The approval holder intends to keep these plans published on the Project's website until the end date of the EPBC approval.</p>

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12. The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under a plan is prepared in accordance with the Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data , and submitted electronically to the Department in accordance with the requirements of the plan .	Not applicable	<p>This document is the first annual compliance report for the OTL and Substation (Common Asset) and covers the first 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action, from 22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023.</p> <p>Neither the PBTL OMP nor the INTG TEC OMP were approved by the Minister prior to the end of the timeframe applicable to this annual compliance report.</p> <p>The approval holder will ensure that monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under a plan (such as the PBTL OMP and INTG TEC OMP) is prepared in accordance with the <i>Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data</i>, Commonwealth of Australia (2018), and submitted electronically to the Department in accordance with the requirements of the plans.</p>
Annual compliance reporting		
13. The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action , or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the Minister . The approval holder must:	Compliant	<p>The action commenced on 22 August 2022.</p> <p>This document is the first annual compliance report for the OTL and Substation (Common Asset) and covers the first 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action, from 22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023.</p>
a. publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the relevant 12 month period;	Compliant	<p>This annual compliance report will be published on the Project's website within 60 business days following the first 12 month period, which equates to 14 November 2023.</p> <p>This annual compliance report will be available at the following website page: https://goyderenergy.com.au/documents/</p>
b. notify the Department by email that a compliance report has been published on the website and provide the weblink for the compliance report within 5 business days of the date of publication;	Compliant	<p>NEOEN will notify the Department by email that this compliance report has been published on the Project's website and provide the weblink for the compliance report within 5 business days of the date of publication (which equates to ~21 November 2023).</p>
c. keep all compliance reports publicly available on the website until this approval expires;	Compliant	<p>NEOEN will keep all compliance reports publicly available on the Project's website until the EPBC Act approval expires, which is 31 December 2057.</p>
d. exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance reports published on the website ; and	Compliant	<p>Sensitive ecological data will be excluded or redacted from compliance reports published on the Project's website.</p>

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<p>e. where any sensitive ecological data has been excluded from the version published, submit the full compliance report to the Department within 5 business days of publication.</p>	Compliant	The full compliance report containing sensitive ecological data will be submitted to the Department within 5 business days of publication (which equates to ~21 November 2023).
<p>Note: Compliance reports may be published on the Department's website.</p>		Noted.
<p>Reporting non-compliance</p>		
<p>14. 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. any condition which is or may be in breach; b. a short description of the incident and/or non-compliance; and c. the location (including co-ordinates), date, and time of the incident and/or non-compliance. In the event the exact information cannot be provided, provide the best information available. 	Compliant	<p>On Thursday 10 August 2023, the approval holder notified the Department in writing of a potential incident and potential non-compliance, which the approval holder became aware of on Tuesday 8 August 2023. The notification was given as soon as practicable and no later than 2 business days after becoming aware of the potential incident and potential non-conformance.</p> <p>The notification included reference to approval conditions which may be in breach, a short description of the potential incident and potential non-conformance, location information and date / timeframe of the potential incident and potential non-conformance. Refer to Appendix 6 for the initial notification of the potential incident and potential non-conformance.</p>

Condition of approval	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence / Commentary
<p>15. 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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future; the potential impacts of the incident or non-compliance; and the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder. 	Compliant	<p>On 22 August 2023, the approval holder provided to the Department further details of the potential incident and potential non-compliance, within 10 business days after becoming aware of the potential incident and potential non-compliance (Tuesday 8 August 2023). Information provided to the Department included preliminary findings of an investigation, corrective actions undertaken, potential impacts of the incident and discussion on remedial action. Refer to Appendix 7 for correspondence to the Department.</p> <p>However, as key personnel of the principal contractor, GE Renewable Energy Australia Pty Ltd, were on annual leave at the time of the investigation, the approval holder was unable to finalise the investigation and requested an extension for providing further information to the Department (as outlined in the letter in Appendix 7).</p> <p>The approval holder provided the Department with the finalised incident and investigation report on 29 August 2023 (which, although this date is after the timeframe applicable to this annual compliance report, it has been included in this annual compliance report for completeness). Refer to Appendix 8 for the letter to the Department with the final incident report and investigation report.</p>
<p>Independent audit</p>		
<p>16. The approval holder must ensure that independent audits of compliance with the conditions are conducted as requested in writing by the Minister.</p>	Not applicable	No independent audit of compliance with the conditions has been requested in writing by the Minister .
<p>17. For each independent audit, the approval holder must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> provide the name and qualifications of the independent auditor and the draft audit criteria to the Department; only commence the independent audit once the audit criteria have been approved in writing by the Department; and submit an audit report to the Department within the timeframe specified in the approved audit criteria. 	Not applicable	Not applicable for this annual compliance report .

Condition of approval	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence / Commentary
18. The approval holder must publish the audit report on the website within 10 business days of receiving the Department's approval of the audit report and keep the audit report published on the website until the end date of this approval.	Not applicable	Not applicable for this annual compliance report .
Revision of action management plans		
19. The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan approved by the Minister or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act . If the Minister approves a revised action management plan (RAMP) then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the RAMP in place of the previous action management plan.	Not applicable	This document is the first annual compliance report for the OTL and Substation (Common Asset) and covers the first 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action, from 22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023. The approval holder did not apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan approved by the Minister , within the first 12 month period following the date of the commencement of the action (22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023), so this condition of approval is not applicable.
20. The approval holder may choose to revise an action management plan approved by the Minister under condition 3, or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act , if the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact .	Not applicable	This document is the first annual compliance report for the OTL and Substation (Common Asset) and covers the first 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action, from 22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023. The approval holder did not revise an action management plan approved by the Minister , within the first 12 month period following the date of the commencement of the action (22 August 2022 to 21 August 2023), so this condition of approval is not applicable.

Condition of approval	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence / Commentary
<p>21. If the approval holder makes the choice under condition 20 to revise an action management plan without submitting it for approval, the approval holder must:</p> <p>a. notify the Department in writing that the approved action management plan has been revised and provide the Department with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. an electronic copy of the RAMP; ii. an electronic copy of the RAMP marked up with track changes to show the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP; iii. an explanation of the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP; iv. the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact; and v. written notice of the date on which the approval holder will implement the RAMP (RAMP implementation date), being at least 20 business days after the date of providing notice of the revision of the action management plan, or a date agreed to in writing with the Department. <p>b. subject to condition 23, implement the RAMP from the RAMP implementation date.</p>	Not applicable	Not applicable for this annual compliance report.

Condition of approval	Is the project compliant with this condition?	Evidence / Commentary
22. The approval holder may revoke their choice to implement a RAMP under condition 20 at any time by giving written notice to the Department . If the approval holder revokes the choice under condition 20, the holder must implement the action management plan in force immediately prior to the revision undertaken approval under condition 20.	Not applicable	Not applicable for this annual compliance report.
23. If the Minister gives a notice to the approval holder that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would be likely to have a new or increased impact , then: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. condition 20 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the RAMP; and b. the approval holder must implement the action management plan specified by the Minister in the notice. 	Not applicable	Not applicable for this annual compliance report.
24. At the time of giving the notice under condition 23, the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time, condition 20 does not apply for one or more specified action management plans.	Not applicable	Not applicable for this annual compliance report.
Note: conditions 20, 21, 22 and 23 are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the EPBC Act which allows the approval holder to submit a revised action management plan, at any time, to the Minister for approval.		Noted.
Completion of the action		
25. Within 20 business days after the completion of the action , and, in any event, before this approval expires, the approval holder must notify the Department electronically of the date of completion of the action and provide completion data .	Not applicable	The action has not yet been completed, so this condition of approval is not applicable for this annual compliance report.

3 APPENDICES

Appendix 1. EPBC Act approval documentation



	Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
APPROVAL	
Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA (EPBC 2021/8959)	
This decision is made under sections 130(1) and 133(1) of the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth) (the EPBC Act). Note that section 134(1A) of the EPBC Act applies to this approval, which provides in general terms that if the approval holder authorises another person to undertake any part of the action, the approval holder must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the other person is informed of any conditions attached to this approval, and that the other person complies with any such condition.	
Details	
Person to whom the approval is granted (approval holder)	Goyder Wind Farm Common Asset Pty Ltd
ACN of approval holder	649 966 138
Action	To construct and operate an overhead transmission line and substation within the Regional Council of Goyder, South Australia. [See EPBC Act referral 2021/8959].
Approval decision	
My decisions on whether or not to approve the taking of the action for the purposes of each controlling provision for the action are as follows.	
Controlling Provisions	
Listed Threatened Species and Communities	
Section 18	Approve
Section 18A	Approve
Period for which the approval has effect	
This approval has effect until 31 December 2057.	
Decision-maker	
Name and position	Kylie Calhoun Assistant Secretary Environment Assessments West (WA, SA, NT) Branch
Signature	
Date of decision	28 July 2022
Conditions of approval	
This approval is subject to the conditions under the EPBC Act as set out in ANNEXURE A.	

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<p>ANNEXURE A – CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL</p> <hr/> <p>Part A – Conditions specific to the action</p> <hr/> <p>Impact limits</p> <p>1. The approval holder must not:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">clear more than 1.08 hectares of Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC within the project area;impact any Spiller's Wattle or Peep Hill Hop-bush, including within the locations shown in the maps at Attachment B and Attachment C, respectively; andimpact any protected matter, except for what is allowed under condition 1.a., within the project area or within access tracks. <p>Environmental management plans</p> <p>2. To minimise impacts to protected matters during construction and operation, the approval holder must implement the CEMP.</p> <p>3. For the protection of the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC, the approval holder must implement the INTG TEC Management Plan for the duration of this approval.</p> <p>Environmental offsets</p> <p><i>Offset Management Plan</i></p> <p>4. To compensate for residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC, the approval holder must submit to the Department for the Minister's approval an Offset Management Plan (OMP) within 6 months of the date of this approval.</p> <p>The OMP must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">be consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines;include a reference to the EPBC Act approval conditions to which the OMP refers;include summary information on the residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC that will be compensated for by the offset(s);identify a suitable environmental offset(s) to compensate for residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC which meets the requirements of the Environmental Offsets Policy to the satisfaction of the Minister;include the size of the proposed offset(s) in hectares, maps that visually describe the location and accurate boundaries of the offset(s), in accordance with the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects, and detailed baseline habitat quality information on the proposed offset(s);specify the nature and timing of the proposed legal mechanism to secure the offset area(s), with proposed contingency measures for if the specified legal mechanism is not established within the specified timeframe;commit to measurable and achievable ecological benefits and provide timeframes for their achievement;detail how the offset(s) will be protected, and how ecological benefits will be maintained once achieved;detail a monitoring program which will determine progress towards achievement and maintenance of the ecological benefits of the proposed offset(s), which must include:
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- i. measurable performance indicators to monitor the progress of the offset towards the achievement of the ecological benefits;
 - ii. trigger values for corrective actions; and
 - iii. the timing and frequency of monitoring to detect trigger values and changes in the performance indicators;
- j. include an assessment of risks to achieving the ecological benefit(s) and what risk management strategies will be applied to address these;
 - k. specify how and at what frequency offset(s) management results, monitoring program findings and assessments of ecological benefits will be reported to the **Department** and the public;
 - l. propose corrective actions, if trigger values are reached, or if performance indicators are not attained, to ensure ecological benefit are achieved and maintained once achieved;
 - m. include links to referenced **plans** and applicable conditions of approval (including State approval conditions), if any; and
 - n. justify and specify the period for which the OMP will be implemented.

The approval holder must not **commence operation** until the OMP has been approved by the **Minister** in writing. The approval holder must implement the approved OMP for the period described in the approved OMP.

5. If the OMP (required under Condition 4) has not been approved by the **Minister** in writing within 18 months of the date of this approval, and the **Minister** notifies the approval holder that the submitted OMP is not suitable for approval, the **Minister** may, at least 2 months after so notifying the approval holder, approve a version of the OMP revised by the **Department**.
6. The approval holder must provide written evidence to the **Department** that the offset site(s) required under the approved OMP has/have been acquired and **secured** within 12 months of the OMP approval date. The approval holder must provide written evidence to the **Department** identifying the **legal securing mechanism** by which each offset site will be permanently protected for conservation within 10 **business days** of **securing** the offset.

Note: The approval holder may choose to combine the OMPs required as conditions of approval for other proposed elements of the **Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility**. In this case, the approval holder must clearly demonstrate how the offset requirement(s) for each individual proposed element is being met and identify unique offset area(s) for each approved action geospatially.

Part B – Standard administrative conditions

Notification of date of commencement of the action

7. The approval holder must notify the **Department** in writing of the date of **commencement of the action** and the date of **commencement of operation** within 10 **business days** after the date of **commencement of the action** and after the date of **commencement of operation**.
8. If the **commencement of the action** does not occur within 5 years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not **commence the action** without the prior written agreement of the **Minister**.

Compliance records

9. The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete **compliance records**.
10. If the **Department** makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of **compliance records** to the **Department** within the timeframe specified in the request.

Note: **Compliance records** may be subject to audit by the **Department** or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the **EPBC Act**, and or used to verify compliance with the conditions. Summaries of the result of an audit may be published on the **Department's** website or through the general media.

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Submission and publication of plans

11. The approval holder must:

- a. submit **plans** electronically to the **Department** for approval by the **Minister**;
- b. unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the **Minister**, publish each **plan** on the **website** within 20 **business days** of the date:
 - i. of this approval decision if the version of the plan to be implemented is specified in these conditions; or
 - ii. the **plan** is approved by the **Minister** if these conditions require that the **plan** be approved by the **Minister**; or
 - iii. the **plan** is approved by the responsible State minister or State authority if the **plan** is required as part of the **SA development approval**.
- c. exclude or redact **sensitive ecological data** from **plans** published on the **website** or provided to a member of the public; and
- d. keep **plans** published on the **website** until the end date of this approval.

12. The approval holder must ensure that any **monitoring data** (including **sensitive ecological data**), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under a **plan** is prepared in accordance with the **Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data**, and submitted electronically to the **Department** in accordance with the requirements of the **plan**.

Annual compliance reporting

13. The approval holder must prepare a **compliance report** for each 12 month period following the date of **commencement of the action**, or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the **Minister**. The approval holder must:

- a. publish each **compliance report** on the **website** within 60 **business days** following the relevant 12 month period;
- b. notify the **Department** by email that a **compliance report** has been published on the **website** and provide the weblink for the **compliance report** within 5 **business days** of the date of publication;
- c. keep all **compliance reports** publicly available on the **website** until this approval expires;
- d. exclude or redact **sensitive ecological data** from **compliance reports** published on the **website**; and
- e. where any **sensitive ecological data** has been excluded from the version published, submit the full **compliance report** to the **Department** within 5 **business days** of publication.

Note: **Compliance reports** may be published on the **Department's** website.

Reporting non-compliance

14. 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:

- a. any condition which is or may be in breach;
- b. a short description of the **incident** and/or non-compliance; and

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<p>c. the location (including co-ordinates), date, and time of the incident and/or non-compliance. In the event the exact information cannot be provided, provide the best information available.</p> <p>15. 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:</p> <p>a. any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future;</p> <p>b. the potential impacts of the incident or non-compliance; and</p> <p>c. the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.</p> <p>Independent audit</p> <p>16. The approval holder must ensure that independent audits of compliance with the conditions are conducted as requested in writing by the Minister.</p> <p>17. For each independent audit, the approval holder must:</p> <p>a. provide the name and qualifications of the independent auditor and the draft audit criteria to the Department;</p> <p>b. only commence the independent audit once the audit criteria have been approved in writing by the Department; and</p> <p>c. submit an audit report to the Department within the timeframe specified in the approved audit criteria.</p> <p>18. The approval holder must publish the audit report on the website within 10 business days of receiving the Department's approval of the audit report and keep the audit report published on the website until the end date of this approval.</p> <p>Revision of action management plans</p> <p>19. The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan approved by the Minister or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act. If the Minister approves a revised action management plan (RAMP) then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the RAMP in place of the previous action management plan.</p> <p>20. The approval holder may choose to revise the action management plan approved by the Minister under condition 3, or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.</p> <p>21. If the approval holder makes the choice under condition 20 to revise an action management plan without submitting it for approval, the approval holder must:</p> <p>a. notify the Department in writing that the approved action management plan has been revised and provide the Department with:</p> <p>i. an electronic copy of the RAMP;</p> <p>ii. an electronic copy of the RAMP marked up with track changes to show the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP;</p> <p>iii. an explanation of the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP;</p> <p>iv. the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact; and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5</p>
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- v. written notice of the date on which the approval holder will implement the RAMP (RAMP implementation date), being at least 20 **business days** after the date of providing notice of the revision of the action management plan, or a date agreed to in writing with the **Department**.
 - b. subject to condition 23, implement the RAMP from the RAMP implementation date.
22. The approval holder may revoke their choice to implement a RAMP under condition 20 at any time by giving written notice to the **Department**. If the approval holder revokes the choice under condition 20, the approval holder must implement the action management plan in force immediately prior to the revision undertaken under condition 20.
23. If the **Minister** gives a notice to the approval holder that the **Minister** is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would be likely to have a **new or increased impact**, then:
- a. condition 20 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the RAMP; and
 - b. the approval holder must implement the action management plan specified by the **Minister** in the notice.
24. At the time of giving the notice under condition 23, the **Minister** may also notify that for a specified period of time, condition 20 does not apply for one or more specified action management plans.

Note: conditions 20, 21, 22 and 23 are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the EPBC Act which allows the approval holder to submit a revised action management plan, at any time, to the **Minister** for approval.

Completion of the action

25. Within 20 **business days** after the **completion of the action**, and, in any event, before this approval expires, the approval holder must notify the **Department** electronically of the date of **completion of the action** and provide **completion data**.

Part C – Definitions

In these conditions, except where contrary intention is expressed, the following definitions are used:

Access tracks means the areas enclosed by the dashed blue lines, dashed red lines and dashed green lines and labelled 'existing public road', 'existing private access track' and 'new access track', respectively, on the maps at [Attachment D](#) for the purpose of establishing, using and maintaining access and maintenance routes to the overhead transmission line and substation located within the **project area**.

Business day means a day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday in the state or territory of the action.

CEMP means the Construction Environmental Management Plan required under and currently approved in accordance with the requirements of condition 9 of the **SA development approval**.

Clear/Clearing means the cutting down, felling, thinning, logging, removing, killing, destroying, poisoning, ringbarking, uprooting or burning of vegetation.

Commencement of the action/Commence the action means the first instance of any specified activity associated with the action including **clearing** and **construction**. **Commencement of the action/Commence the action** does not include minor physical disturbance necessary to:

- i. undertake pre-clearance surveys or monitoring programs;
- ii. install signage and /or temporary fencing to prevent unapproved use of the **project area**;
- iii. protect environmental and property assets from fire, weeds and pests, including installation of temporary fencing, and use of existing surface access tracks;

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- iv. install temporary site facilities for persons undertaking pre-commencement activities so long as these are located where they have no **impact** on the **protected matters**; or
- v. undertaking geotechnical investigations if it causes only minor physical disturbance and is required well in advance of most site works to inform design.

Commence operation/Commencement of operation means the first instance the transmission line and substation are used for commercial purposes.

Completion data means an environmental report and spatial data clearly detailing how the conditions of this approval have been met. The **Department's** chosen spatial data format is **shapefile**.

Completion of the action means the date on which all specified activities associated with the action have permanently ceased.

Compliance records means all documentation or other material in whatever form required to demonstrate compliance with the conditions of approval in the approval holder's possession or that are within the approval holder's power to obtain lawfully.

Compliance report(s) means written reports:

- i. providing accurate and complete details of compliance, **incidents**, and non-compliance with the conditions and the **plans**;
- ii. consistent with the *Annual Compliance Report Guidelines*, Commonwealth of Australia 2014;
- iii. include a **shapefile** of any clearance of any **protected matters**, or their habitat, undertaken within the relevant 12 month period;
- iv. annexing a schedule of all **plans** prepared and in existence in relation to the conditions during the relevant 12 month period; and
- v. advising of the identity and current contact details of all persons authorised to act for the approval holder in relation to this approval.

Construct/Construction means the erection of a building or structure that is or is to be fixed to the ground and wholly or partially fabricated on-site; the alteration, maintenance, repair or demolition of any building or structure; preliminary site preparation work which involves breaking of the ground (including pile driving); the laying of pipes and other prefabricated materials in the ground, and any associated excavation work; but excluding the installation of temporary fences and signage.

Department means the Australian Government agency responsible for administering the EPBC Act.

Environmental Management Plan Guidelines means the *Environmental Management Plan Guidelines*, Commonwealth of Australia 2014.

Environmental Offsets Policy means the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Environmental Offsets Policy*, Commonwealth of Australia 2012, or any subsequent official revision produced by the **Department**.

EPBC Act means the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth).

Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility is a renewable energy development located between Burra and Robertstown in the Mid North of South Australia. The **Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility** includes, in addition to the action subject of this approval, the proposed actions described in the EPBC Act referrals EPBC 2021/8957, EPBC 2021/8958 and EPBC 2021/8960.

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Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects means the *Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects*, Commonwealth of Australia 2021.

Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data means the *Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data*, Commonwealth of Australia 2018.

Impact (verb) means to cause any measurable direct or indirect disturbance or harmful change as a result of any activity associated with the action.

Incident means any event which has the potential to, or does, impact on one or more **protected matter**.

Independent audit means an audit conducted by an independent and **suitably qualified person** as detailed in the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines*, Commonwealth of Australia 2019.

Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC means the EPBC Act listed threatened ecological community (TEC) Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia (INTG).

INTG TEC Management Plan means the *Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility INTG TEC Management Plan*, EBS Ecology 2022 (version 3 of 28 June 2022 or a subsequent revised version thereof approved by the **Minister** in writing).

Legal securing mechanism means the legal agreement and/or legally binding mechanism under relevant South Australia state legislation, or equivalent, implemented to provide enduring protection for the offsets against development incompatible with conservation.

Minister means the Australian Government Minister administering the EPBC Act including any delegate thereof.

Monitoring data means the data required to be recorded under the conditions of this approval.

New or increased impact means a new or increased environmental impact or risk relating to any **protected matter**, when compared to the likely impact of implementing the action management plan that has been approved by the **Minister** under condition 3, including any subsequent revisions approved by the **Minister**, as outlined in the *Guidance on 'new or increased impact' relating to changes to approved management plans under EPBC Act environmental approvals*, Commonwealth of Australia 2017.

Operation means the usage of the transmission line and substation for the purposes of transforming and/or redistributing electric current.

Peep Hill Hop-bush means the EPBC Act listed threatened species *Dodonaea subglandulifera*.

Plan(s) means any of the documents required to be prepared, approved by the **Minister**, implemented by the approval holder and/or published on the **website** in accordance with these conditions (includes action management plans and/or strategies).

Project area means the location of the action, represented by the area shown enclosed by the orange line labelled 'OTL and Substation Project Area' on the map at [Attachment A](#).

Protected matter(s) means a matter protected under a controlling provision in Part 3 of the EPBC Act for which this approval has effect.

SA development approval means the approved development application number 422/V009/20 R1 (or subsequent approved revisions thereof) granted under section 131 (19) of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (SA) for the **Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility**.

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Secure/secured/securing means to execute a legal agreement and/or legally binding mechanism under relevant South Australia state legislation, or equivalent, to provide enduring protection for the offsets against development incompatible with conservation.

Sensitive ecological data means data as defined in the *Sensitive Ecological Data – Access and Management Policy V1.0*, Commonwealth of Australia 2013.

Shapefile means location and attribute information of the action provided in an Esri shapefile format. Shapefiles must contain '.shp', '.shx', '.dbf' files and a '.prj' file that specifies the projection/geographic coordinate system used. Shapefiles must also include an '.xml' metadata file that describes the shapefile for discovery and identification purposes.

Significant impacts are **impacts** which are important, notable, or of consequence, having regard to their context or intensity, and assessed within the framework of the *Matters of National Environmental Significance – Significant Impact Guidelines 1.1*, Commonwealth of Australia 2013.

Spiller's Wattle means the EPBC Act listed threatened species *Acacia spilleriana*.

Suitably qualified person means a person who has professional qualifications, training, skills and/or experience related to the nominated subject matter and can give authoritative independent assessment, advice and analysis on performance relative to the subject matter using the relevant protocols, standards, methods and/or literature.

Website means a set of related web pages located under a single domain name attributed to the approval holder and available to the public.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. **Attachment A** – Location of the overhead transmission line and substation infrastructure within the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility, and Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland (INTG) of South Australia threatened ecological community occurrences.
 - 1.a. **Attachments A1-A15** – Large scale maps of the area depicted in **Attachment A**.
2. **Attachment B** – Spiller’s Wattle known occurrences.
3. **Attachments C1-C3** – Peep Hill Hop-bush known occurrences.
4. **Attachment D** – Access tracks associated with the overhead transmission line and substation.
 - 4.a. **Attachments D1-D3** – Large scale maps of the area depicted in **Attachment D**.

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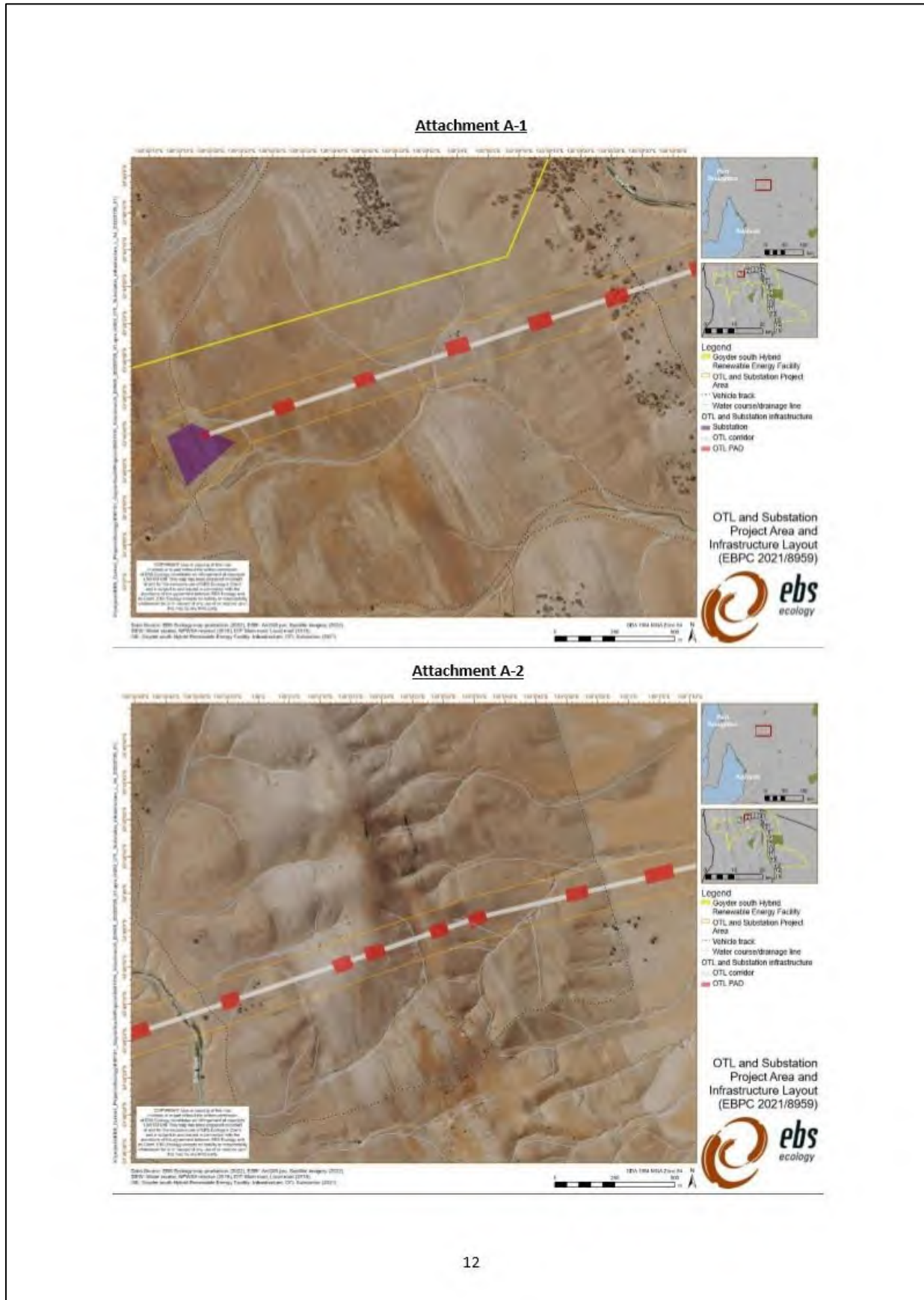


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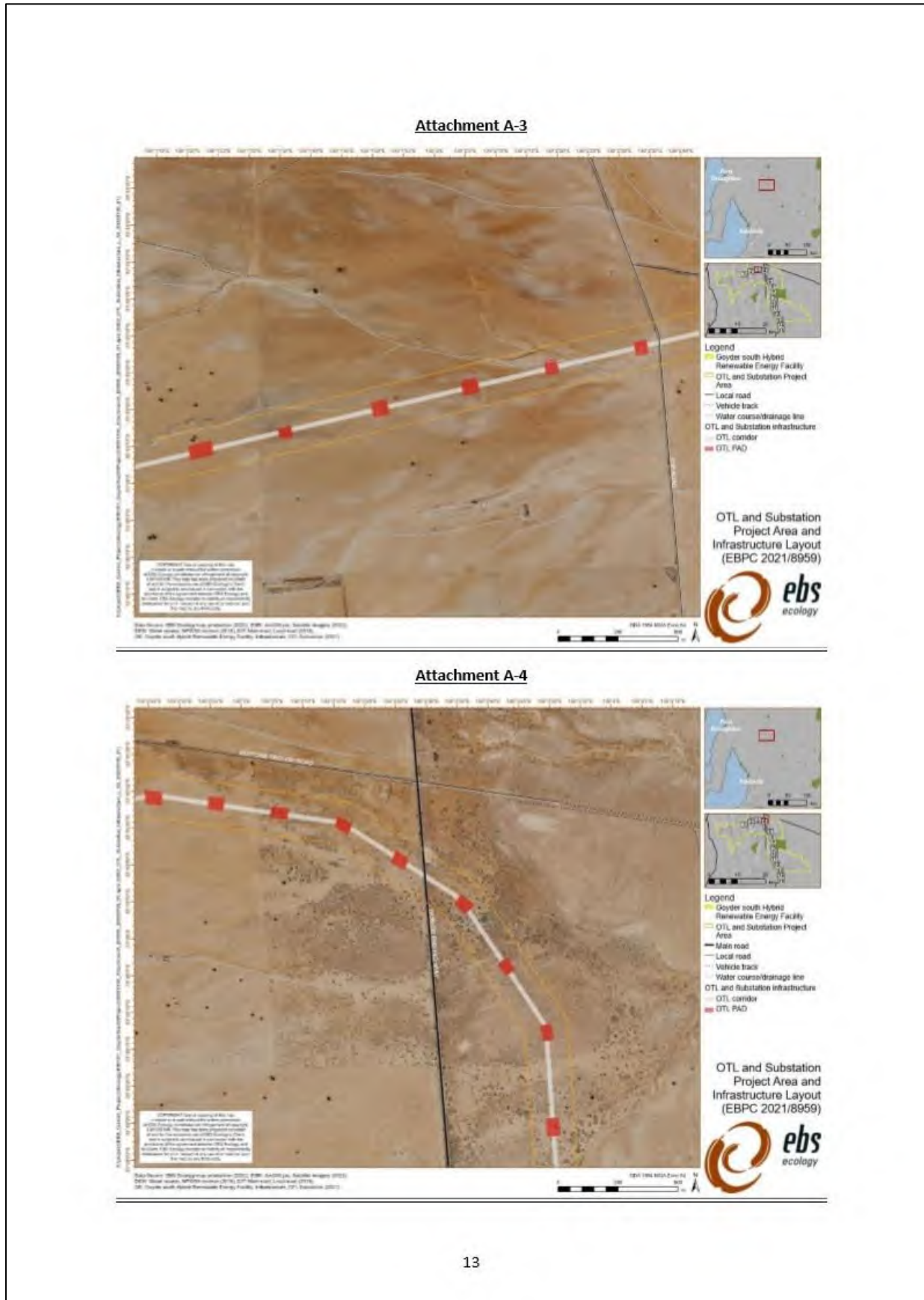


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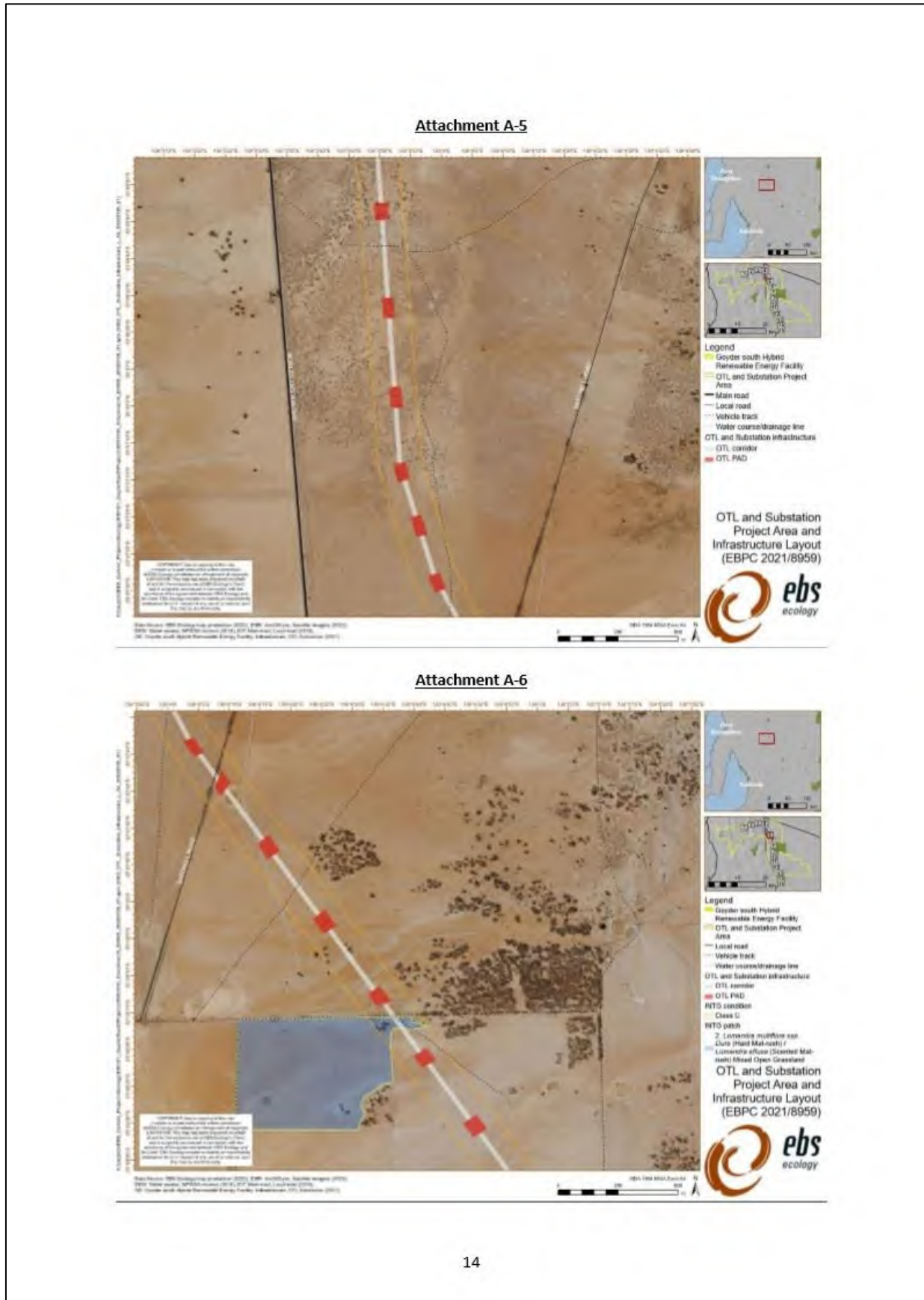


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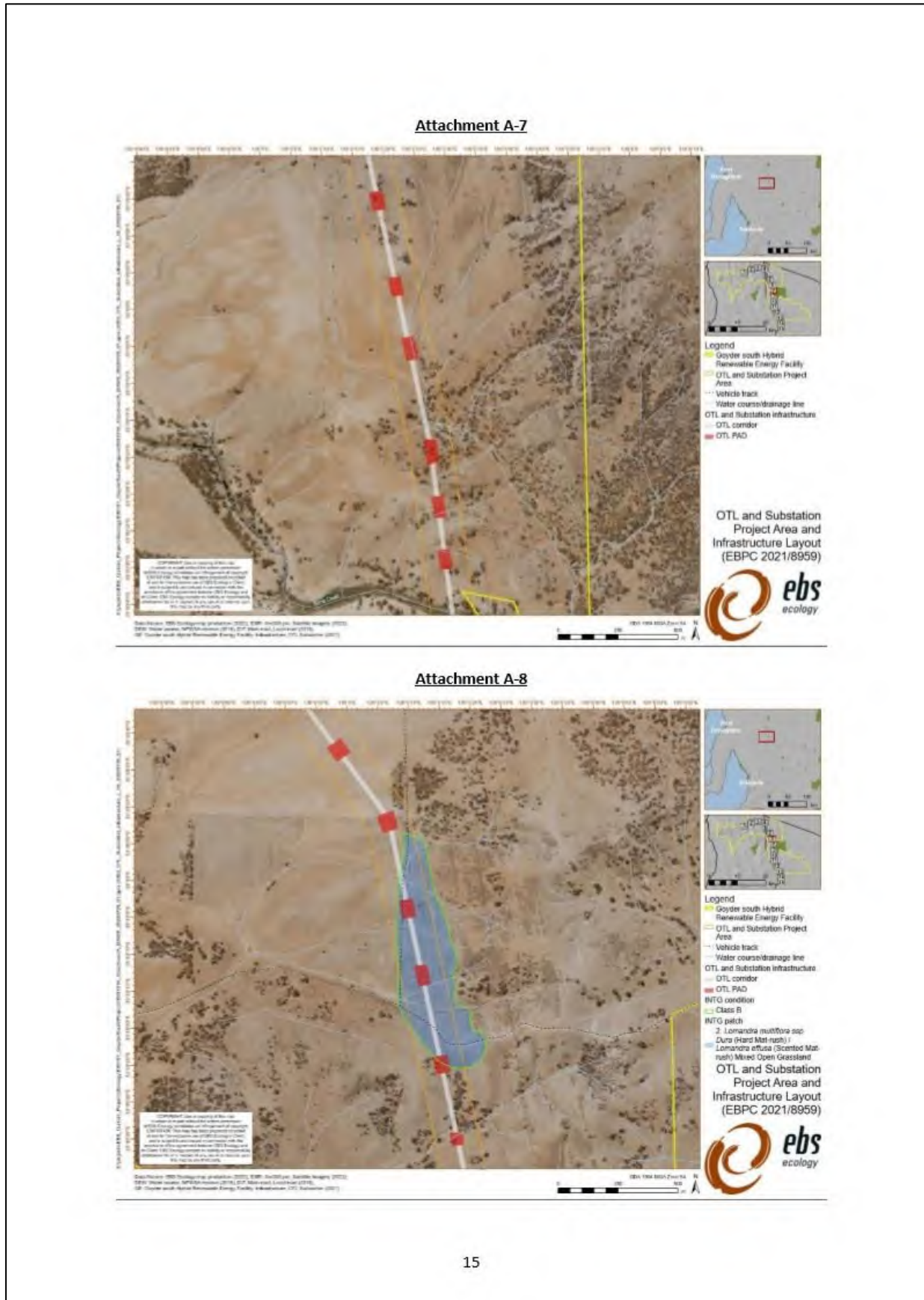


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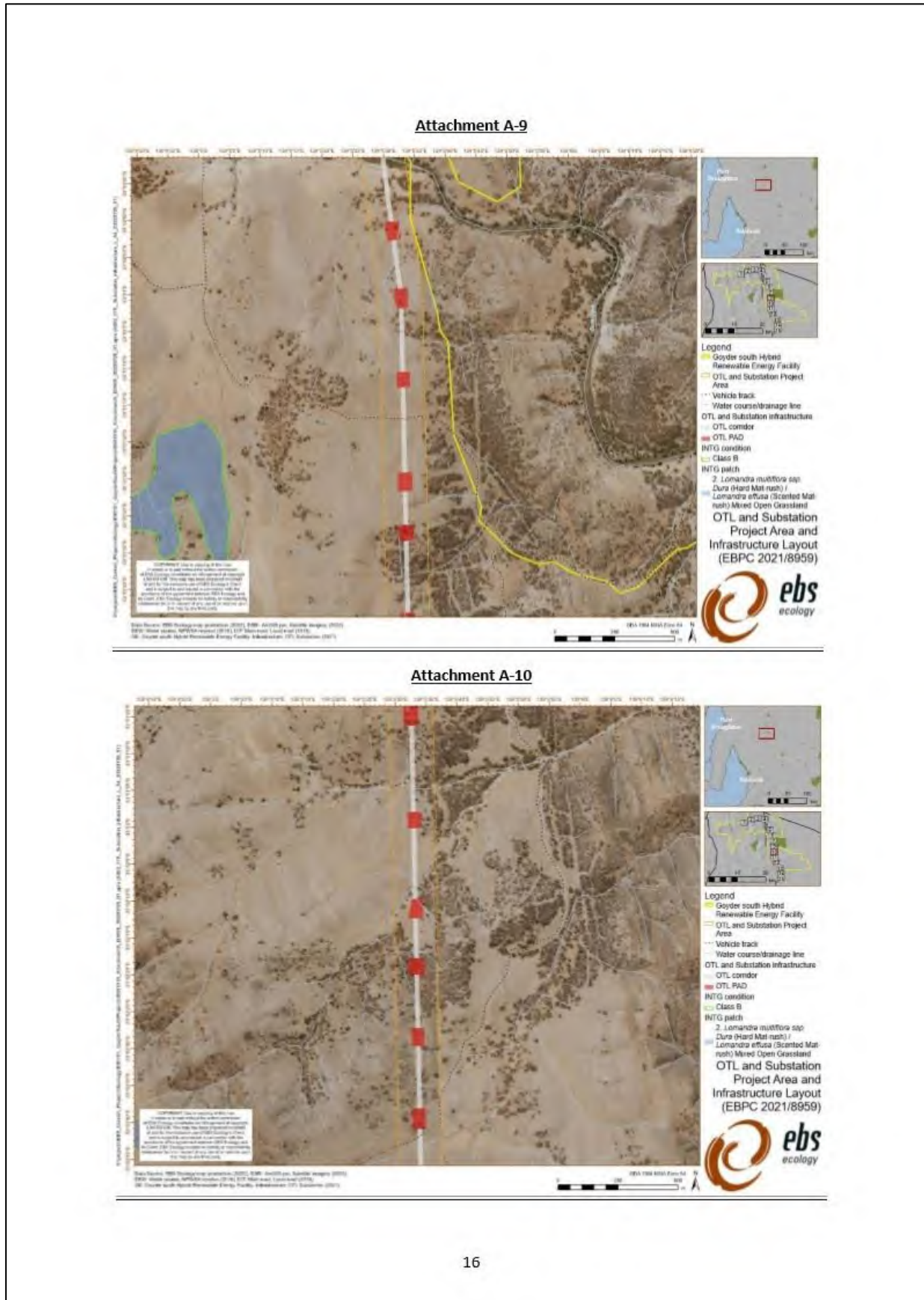


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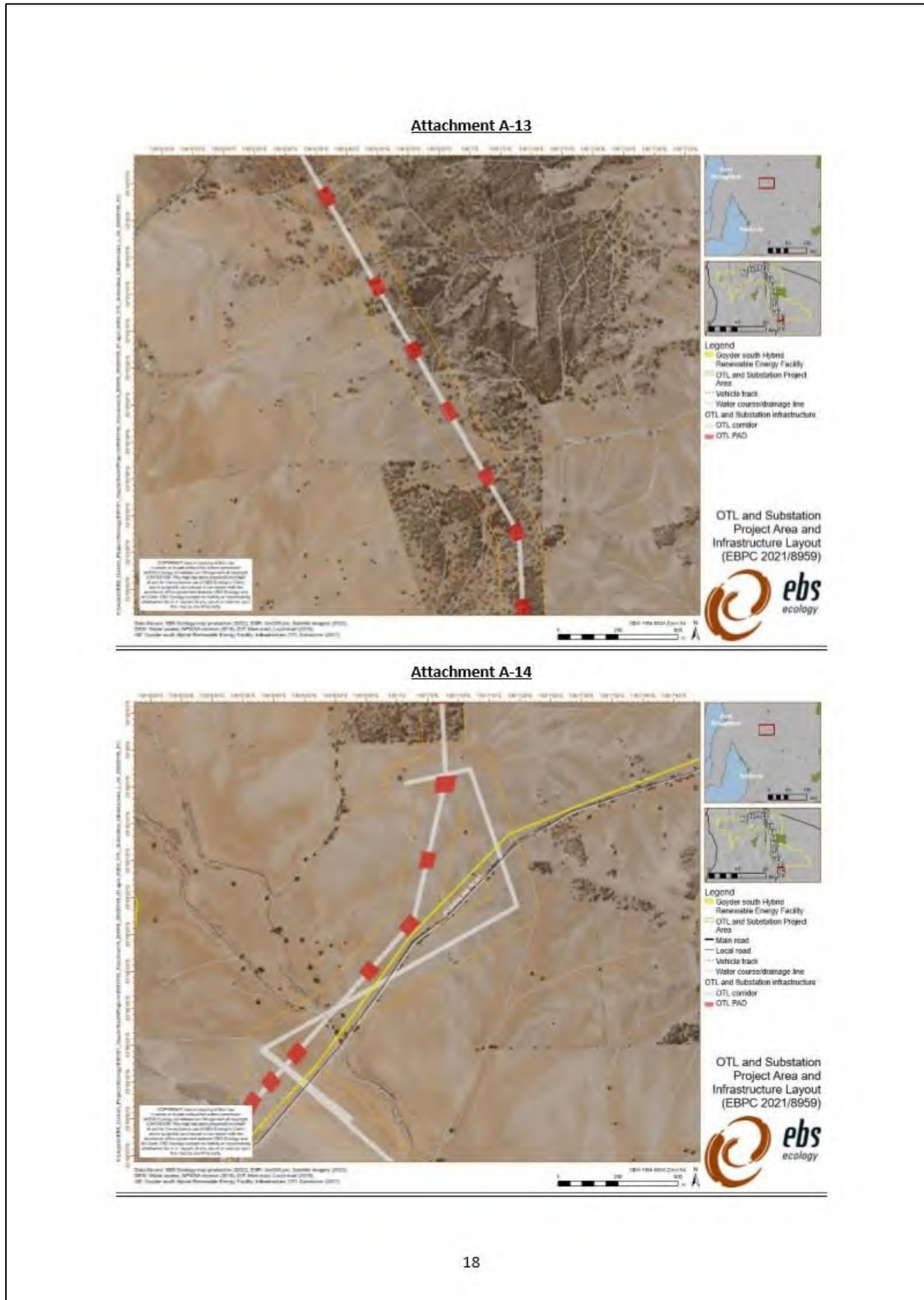


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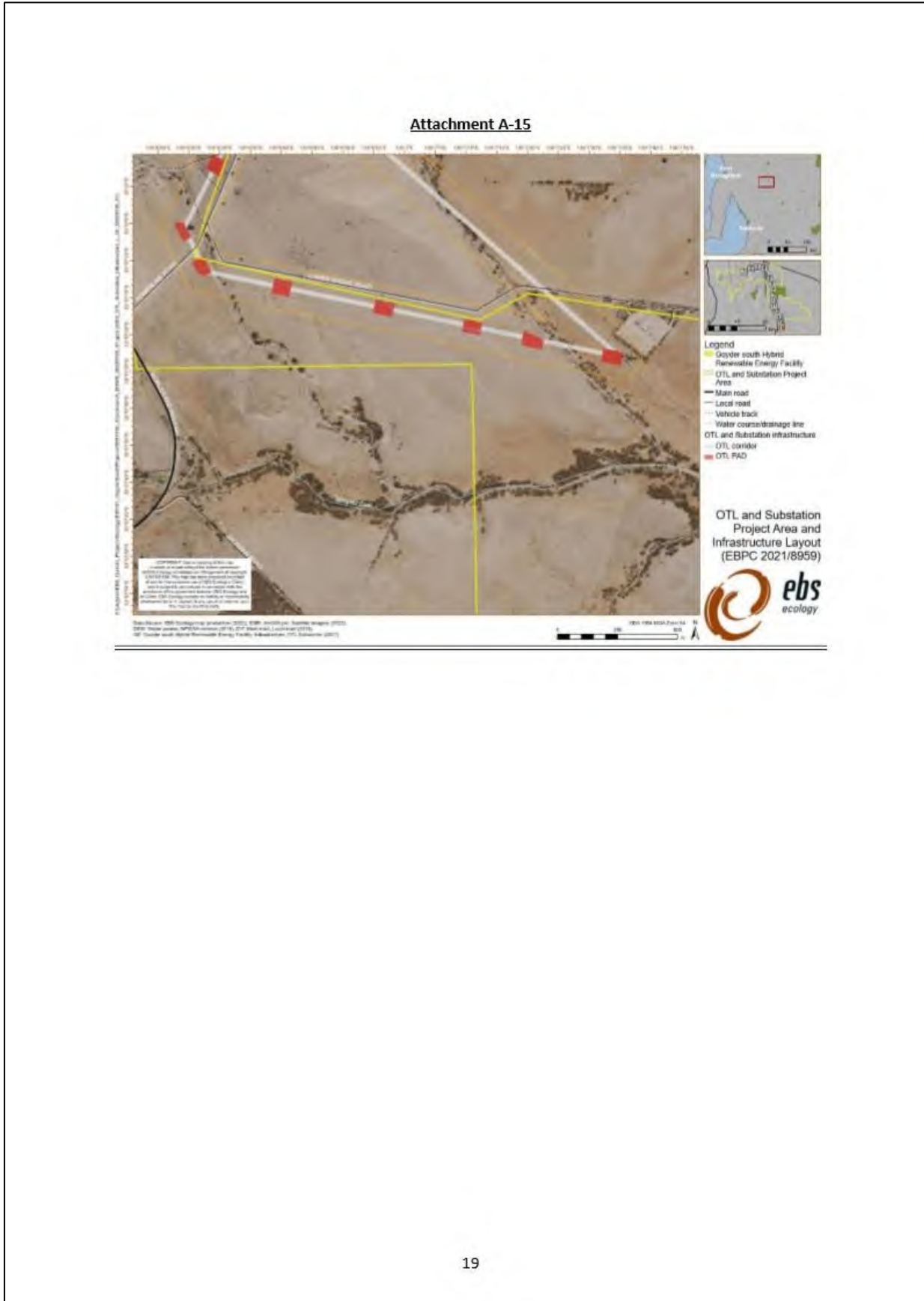


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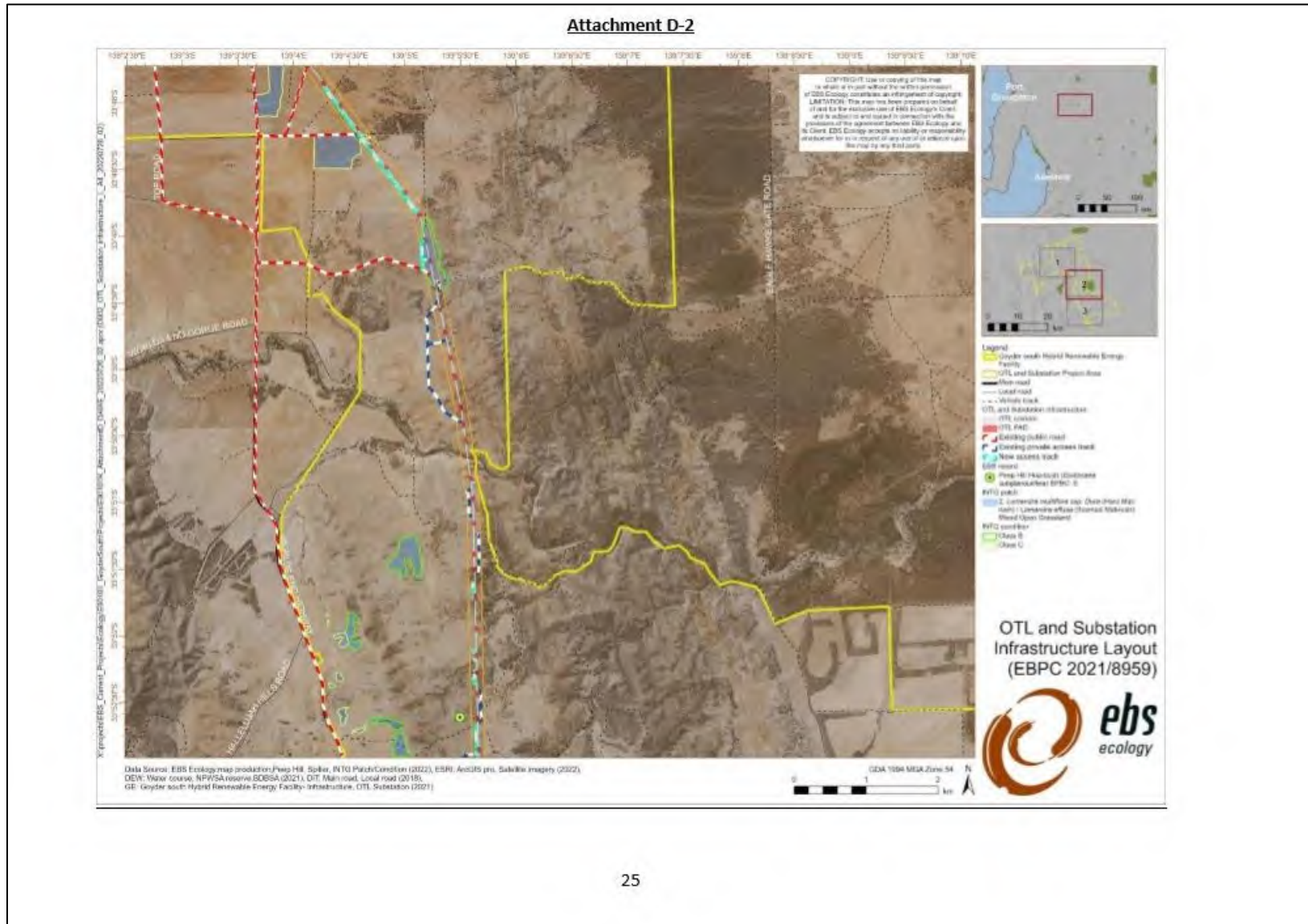



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Appendix 2. EPBC Act approval variation documentation

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Variation of conditions attached to approval
 Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA
 (EPBC 2021/8959)

This decision to vary conditions of approval is made under section 143 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Approved action

approval holder	Goyder Wind Farm Common Asset Pty Ltd ACN 649 966 138
approved action	To construct and operate an overhead transmission line and substation within the Regional Council of Goyder, South Australia. [See EPBC Act referral 2021/8959]

Variation

variation of conditions attached to approval	<p>The variation is:</p> <p>Delete conditions 1 and 4, and substitute with the conditions as specified in the table below.</p> <p>Add new conditions 1A, 3A, 3B, 3C and 3D as specified in the table below.</p> <p>Delete definitions of access tracks and project area, and substitute with the definitions as specified in the table below.</p> <p>Add new definitions of Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard, Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat and Senecio species as specified in the table below.</p> <p>Delete Attachments A, A1-A15, B, C1-C3, D and D1-D3 attached to the approval and substitute with the Attachments A, A1-A15, B1-B3, C1-C3, D and D1-D3 specified in the table below.</p> <p>Add new Attachments E1-E2, and F to the approval as specified in the table below.</p>
date of effect	This variation has effect on the date this instrument is signed.

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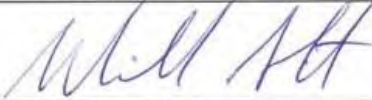
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Person authorised to make decision

name and position	Mike Smith Acting Branch Head Environment Assessments (Vic, Tas) and Post Approvals Branch
signature	
date of decision	[Date] 19.12.22

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Date of decision	Conditions attached to approval
	Part A – Conditions specific to the action
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	<p>Impact limits</p> <p>1. The approval holder must not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) clear more than 1.36 hectares (ha) of Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC within the project area; ab) clear more than 3.88 ha of Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat within the project area; ac) translocate and/or relocate or otherwise impact more than 60 Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizards; b) impact any Spiller’s Wattle or Peep Hill Hop-bush or Senecio species without the Minister’s prior approval in writing under condition 1A of this approval; or c) impact any protected matter, except for what is allowed under conditions 1a, 1ab, 1ac and 1b, within the project area or within access tracks.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	<p>1A) Any request by the approval holder to have any impact to protected matters beyond the limit specified at condition 1b of this approval or subsequently granted by the Minister in writing under this condition, must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) details of the proposed increased impact to protected matters (including identification of any Senecio species, and the number and location of individuals proposed to be affected); b) details of any avoidance and mitigation measures to minimise impacts, including details of monitoring to verify their effectiveness (e.g. post-translocation success); c) details, with relevant supporting evidence, of any residual significant impact to protected matters; and d) a commitment to submit, within 28 business days of the Minister granting approval of such a request, a version of the Offset Management Plan revised to specify how the approval holder will compensate for any residual significant impact to protected matters informed by monitoring following implementation of any avoidance and mitigation measures detailed in condition 1Ab of this approval.
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>Environmental management plans</p> <p>2. To minimise impacts to protected matters during construction and operation, the approval holder must implement the CEMP.</p>

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Original dated 28/07/2022	3. For the protection of the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC , the approval holder must implement the INTG TEC Management Plan for the duration of this approval.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	3A) The approval holder must submit a PBT Management Plan for the Minister's approval. If the Minister approves the PBT Management Plan, then the approval holder must implement the PBT Management Plan approved by the Minister .
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	3B) The approval holder must not commence operation unless the PBT Management Plan has been approved by the Minister in writing.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	3C) The implementation of the PBT Management Plan must achieve the following environmental objectives: a) avoid, mitigate and rehabilitate impacts of the action on pygmy blue-tongue lizard and pygmy blue-tongue lizard habitat ; and b) impacts of the Action to Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard and Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat do not exceed those specified at condition 1 of this approval.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	3D) The PBT Management Plan must be consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines , and must include: a) details of the relevant EPBC Act protected matter/s and a reference to EPBC Act approval conditions to which the plan refers. b) a table of commitments made in the plan to achieve the environmental objectives, and a reference to exactly where these commitments are detailed in the plan. c) commitments capable of ensuring that the environmental objectives are achieved, including details of the methods for planning, undertaking and monitoring the outcomes of any proposed relocation and/or translocation of Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizards , which must be consistent with the South Australian government Permit to Take Protected Animals from the Wild and Release Protected Animals to the Wild for conservation purposes (Permit number: T40145). d) reporting and review mechanisms to demonstrate compliance with the commitments made in the plan. e) an assessment of risks relating to achieving the environmental objectives and risk management strategies and/or mitigation measures that will be applied to address identified risks.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> f) impact avoidance, mitigation and/or repair measures, and the timing of those measures. g) a monitoring program, which must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) measurable performance indicators ii) trigger values for corrective actions iii) the timing and frequency of monitoring, ensuring monitoring is capable of detecting trigger values and changes in the performance indicators; and iv) proposed corrective actions if trigger values are reached.
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>Environmental offsets</p> <p><i>Offset Management Plan</i></p> <p>4. To compensate for residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC, Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard, and any other protected matters, the approval holder must submit to the Department for the Minister's approval an Offset Management Plan (OMP) within 6 months of the date of this approval.</p> <p>The OMP must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) be consistent with the Environmental Management Plan Guidelines; b) include a reference to the EPBC Act approval conditions to which the OMP refers; c) include summary information on the residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC, Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard, and any other protected matters, that will be compensated for by the offset(s); d) identify a suitable environmental offset(s) to compensate for residual significant impacts to the Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC, Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard, and any other protected matters, which meets the requirements of the Environmental Offsets Policy to the satisfaction of the Minister; e) include the size of the proposed offset(s) in hectares, maps that visually describe the location and accurate boundaries of the offset(s), in accordance with the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects, and detailed baseline habitat quality information on the proposed offset(s); f) specify the nature and timing of the proposed legal mechanism to secure the offset area(s), with proposed contingency measures for if the specified legal mechanism is not established within the specified timeframe;

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	<p>g) commit to measurable and achievable ecological benefits and provide timeframes for their achievement;</p> <p>h) detail how the offset(s) will be protected, and how ecological benefits will be maintained once achieved;</p> <p>i) detail a monitoring program which will determine progress towards achievement and maintenance of the ecological benefits of the proposed offset(s), which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) measurable performance indicators to monitor the progress of the offset towards the achievement of the ecological benefits; ii) trigger values for corrective actions; and iii) the timing and frequency of monitoring to detect trigger values and changes in the performance indicators; <p>j) include an assessment of risks to achieving the ecological benefit(s) and what risk management strategies will be applied to address these;</p> <p>k) specify how and at what frequency offset(s) management results, monitoring program findings and assessments of ecological benefits will be reported to the Department and the public;</p> <p>l) propose corrective actions, if trigger values are reached, or if performance indicators are not attained, to ensure ecological benefit are achieved and maintained once achieved;</p> <p>m) include links to referenced plans and applicable conditions of approval (including State approval conditions), if any; and</p> <p>n) justify and specify the period for which the OMP will be implemented.</p> <p>The approval holder must not commence operation until the OMP has been approved by the Minister in writing. The approval holder must implement the approved OMP for the period described in the approved OMP.</p>
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>5. If the OMP (required under Condition 4) has not been approved by the Minister in writing within 18 months of the date of this approval, and the Minister notifies the approval holder that the submitted OMP is not suitable for approval, the Minister may, at least 2 months after so notifying the approval holder, approve a version of the OMP revised by the Department.</p>
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>6. The approval holder must provide written evidence to the Department that the offset site(s) required under the approved OMP has/have been acquired and secured within 12 months of the OMP approval date. The approval holder must provide written evidence to the Department identifying the legal securing mechanism by which each offset site will be</p>

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	<p>permanently protected for conservation within 10 business days of securing the offset.</p> <p>Note: The approval holder may choose to combine the OMPs required as conditions of approval for other proposed elements of the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility. In this case, the approval holder must clearly demonstrate how the offset requirement(s) for each individual proposed element is being met and identify unique offset area(s) for each approved action geospatially.</p>
	<p>Part B – Standard administrative conditions</p>
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>Notification of date of commencement of the action</p> <p>7. The approval holder must notify the Department in writing of the date of commencement of the action and the date of commencement of operation within 10 business days after the date of commencement of the action and after the date of commencement of operation.</p>
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>8. If the commencement of the action does not occur within 5 years from the date of this approval, then the approval holder must not commence the action without the prior written agreement of the Minister.</p>
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>Compliance records</p> <p>9. The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records.</p>
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>10. If the Department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the Department within the timeframe specified in the request.</p> <p>Note: Compliance records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, and or used to verify compliance with the conditions. Summaries of the result of an audit may be published on the Department's website or through the general media.</p>
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>Submission and publication of plans</p> <p>11. The approval holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) submit plans electronically to the Department for approval by the Minister; b) unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, publish each plan on the website within 20 business days of the date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) of this approval decision if the version of the plan to be implemented is specified in these conditions; or ii) the plan is approved by the Minister if these conditions require that the plan be approved by the Minister; or

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii) the plan is approved by the responsible State minister or State authority if the plan is required as part of the SA development approval. iv) a revised action management plan is submitted to the Minister or the Department if the plan is submitted in accordance with condition 23; c) exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or provided to a member of the public; and d) keep plans published on the website until the end date of this approval.
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>12. The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under a plan is prepared in accordance with the Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data, and submitted electronically to the Department in accordance with the requirements of the plan.</p>
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>Annual compliance reporting</p> <p>13. The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12 month period following the date of commencement of the action, or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the relevant 12 month period; b) notify the Department by email that a compliance report has been published on the website and provide the weblink for the compliance report within 5 business days of the date of publication; c) keep all compliance reports publicly available on the website until this approval expires; d) exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance reports published on the website; and e) where any sensitive ecological data has been excluded from the version published, submit the full compliance report to the Department within 5 business days of publication. <p>Note: Compliance reports may be published on the Department's website.</p>

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Date of decision	Conditions attached to approval
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>Reporting non-compliance</p> <p>14. 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) any condition which is or may be in breach; b) a short description of the incident and/or non-compliance; and c) the location (including co-ordinates), date, and time of the incident and/or non-compliance. In the event the exact information cannot be provided, provide the best information available.
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>15. 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future; b) the potential impacts of the incident or non-compliance; and c) the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>Independent audit</p> <p>16. The approval holder must ensure that independent audits of compliance with the conditions are conducted when requested in writing by the Minister.</p>
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>17. For each independent audit, the approval holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) provide the name and qualifications of the independent auditor and the draft audit criteria to the Department; b) only commence the independent audit once the audit criteria have been approved in writing by the Department; and c) submit an audit report to the Department within the timeframe specified in the approved audit criteria.
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>18. The approval holder must publish the audit report on the website within 10 business days of receiving the Department's approval of the audit report and keep the audit report published on the website until the end date of this approval.</p>

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Date of decision	Conditions attached to approval
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>Revision of action management plans</p> <p>19. The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan approved by the Minister or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, by submitting an application in accordance with the requirements of section 143A of the EPBC Act. If the Minister approves a revised action management plan (RAMP) then, from the date specified, the approval holder must implement the RAMP in place of the previous action management plan.</p>
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>20. The approval holder may choose to revise the action management plan approved by the Minister under condition 3, or as subsequently revised in accordance with these conditions, without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact.</p>
Original dated 28/07/2022	<p>21. If the approval holder makes the choice under condition 20 to revise an action management plan without submitting it for approval, the approval holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) notify the Department in writing that the approved action management plan has been revised and provide the Department with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) an electronic copy of the RAMP; ii) an electronic copy of the RAMP marked up with track changes to show the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP; iii) an explanation of the differences between the approved action management plan and the RAMP; iv) the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the RAMP would not be likely to have a new or increased impact; and v) written notice of the date on which the approval holder will implement the RAMP (RAMP implementation date), being at least 20 business days after the date of providing notice of the revision of the action management plan, or a date agreed to in writing with the Department. b) subject to condition 23, implement the RAMP from the RAMP implementation date.

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Original dated 28/07/2022	22. The approval holder may revoke their choice to implement a RAMP under condition 20 at any time by giving written notice to the Department . If the approval holder revokes the choice under condition 20, the holder must implement the action management plan in force immediately prior to the revision undertaken approval under condition 20.
Original dated 28/07/2022	23. If the Minister gives a notice to the approval holder that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the RAMP would be likely to have a new or increased impact , then: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) condition 20 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the RAMP; and b) the approval holder must implement the action management plan specified by the Minister in the notice
Original dated 28/07/2022	24. At the time of giving the notice under condition 23, the Minister may also notify that for a specified period of time, condition 20 does not apply for one or more specified action management plans. Note: conditions 20, 21, 22 and 23 are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the EPBC Act which allows the approval holder to submit a revised action management plan, at any time, to the Minister for approval.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Completion of the action 25. Within 20 business days after the completion of the action , and, in any event, before this approval expires, the approval holder must notify the Department electronically of the date of completion of the action and provide completion data .

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Date of decision	Definitions attached to approval
	Part C - Definitions
<i>As varied on the date this instrument was signed</i>	Access tracks means the areas enclosed by the dashed blue lines, dashed red lines and dashed green lines and labelled 'existing public road', 'existing private access track' and 'new access track', respectively, on the maps at <u>Attachments D and D1-D3</u> for the purpose of establishing, using and maintaining access and maintenance routes to the overhead transmission line and substation located within the project area .
Original dated 28/07/2022	Business day means a day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday in the state or territory of the action.
Original dated 28/07/2022	CEMP means the Construction Environmental Management Plan required under and currently approved in accordance with the requirements of condition 9 of the SA development approval .
Original dated 28/07/2022	Clear/Clearing means the cutting down, felling, thinning, logging, removing, killing, destroying, poisoning, ringbarking, uprooting or burning of vegetation.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Commencement of the action/Commence the action means the first instance of any specified activity associated with the action including clearing and construction . Commencement of the action/Commence the action does not include minor physical disturbance necessary to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) undertake pre-clearance surveys or monitoring programs; b) install signage and /or temporary fencing to prevent unapproved use of the project area; c) protect environmental and property assets from fire, weeds and pests, including installation of temporary fencing, and use of existing surface access tracks; d) install temporary site facilities for persons undertaking pre-commencement activities so long as these are located where they have no impact on the protected matters; or e) undertaking geotechnical investigations if it causes only minor physical disturbance and is required well in advance of most site works to inform design.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Commence operation/Commencement of operation means the first instance the transmission line and substation are used for commercial purposes.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Completion data means an environmental report and spatial data clearly detailing how the conditions of this approval have been met. The Department's chosen spatial data format is shapefile .
Original dated 28/07/2022	Completion of the action means the date on which all specified activities associated with the action have permanently ceased.

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Date of decision	Definitions attached to approval
Original dated 28/07/2022	Compliance records means all documentation or other material in whatever form required to demonstrate compliance with the conditions of approval in the approval holder's possession or that are within the approval holder's power to obtain lawfully.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Compliance report(s) means written reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) providing accurate and complete details of compliance, incidents, and non-compliance with the conditions and the plans; b) consistent with the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2014; c) include a shapefile of any clearance of any protected matters, or their habitat, undertaken within the relevant 12 month period; d) annexing a schedule of all plans prepared and in existence in relation to the conditions during the relevant 12 month period; and e) advising of the identity and current contact details of all persons authorised to act for the approval holder in relation to this approval.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Construct/Construction means the erection of a building or structure that is or is to be fixed to the ground and wholly or partially fabricated on-site; the alteration, maintenance, repair or demolition of any building or structure; preliminary site preparation work which involves breaking of the ground (including pile driving); the laying of pipes and other prefabricated materials in the ground, and any associated excavation work; but excluding the installation of temporary fences and signage.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Department means the Australian Government agency responsible for administering the EPBC Act.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Environmental Management Plan Guidelines means the <i>Environmental Management Plan Guidelines</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2014.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Environmental Offsets Policy means the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Environmental Offsets Policy</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2012, or any subsequent official revision produced by the Department.
Original dated 28/07/2022	EPBC Act means the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth).
Original dated 28/07/2022	Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility is a renewable energy development located between Burra and Robertstown in the Mid North of South Australia. The Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility includes, in addition to the action subject of this approval, the proposed actions described in the EPBC Act referrals EPBC 2021/8957, EPBC 2021/8958 and EPBC 2021/8960.

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Original dated 28/07/2022	Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects means the <i>Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2021.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data means the <i>Guidelines for Biological Survey and Mapped Data</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2018.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Impact (verb) means to cause any measurable direct or indirect disturbance or harmful change as a result of any activity associated with the action.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Incident means any event which has the potential to, or does, impact on one or more protected matter .
Original dated 28/07/2022	Independent audit means an audit conducted by an independent and suitably qualified person as detailed in the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2019.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia TEC means the EPBC Act listed threatened ecological community (TEC) Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia (INTG).
Original dated 28/07/2022	INTG TEC Management Plan means the <i>Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility INTG TEC Management Plan</i> , EBS Ecology 2022 (version 3 of 28 June 2022 or a subsequent revised version thereof approved by the Minister in writing).
Original dated 28/07/2022	Legal securing mechanism means the legal agreement and/or legally binding mechanism under relevant South Australia state legislation, or equivalent, implemented to provide enduring protection for the offsets against development incompatible with conservation.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Minister means the Australian Government Minister administering the EPBC Act including any delegate thereof.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Monitoring data means the data required to be recorded under the conditions of this approval.
Original dated 28/07/2022	New or increased impact means a new or increased environmental impact or risk relating to any protected matter , when compared to the likely impact of implementing the action management plan that has been approved by the Minister under condition 3, including any subsequent revisions approved by the Minister , as outlined in the <i>Guidance on 'new or increased impact' relating to changes to approved management plans under EPBC Act environmental approvals</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2017.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Operation means the usage of the transmission line and substation for the purposes of transforming and/or redistributing electric current.

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Original dated 28/07/2022	Peep Hill Hop-bush means the EPBC Act listed threatened species <i>Dodonaea subglanulifera</i> .
Original dated 28/07/2022	Plan(s) means any of the documents required to be prepared, approved by the Minister, implemented by the approval holder and/or published on the website in accordance with these conditions (includes action management plans and/or strategies).
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	Project area means the location of the action, represented by the area shown enclosed by the orange line labelled 'OTL and Substation Project Area' on the map at Attachment A and the maps at Attachments A1-A15.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Protected matter(s) means a matter protected under a controlling provision in Part 3 of the EPBC Act for which this approval has effect.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard means the EPBC Act listed threatened species <i>Tiliqua adelaidensis</i> .
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat means remnant native grassland and grassy woodland with a sparse overstorey of trees, including but not limited to the areas represented on the map at Attachment F as shown: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Shaded in dark green and enclosed by a light green line and labelled as 'PRTL habitat Likely'; and Shaded in light green and enclosed by a dark green line and labelled as 'PRTL habitat Potential'.
Original dated 28/07/2022	SA development approval means the approved development application number 422/V009/20 R1 (or subsequent approved revisions thereof) granted under section 131 (19) of the <i>Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016</i> (SA) for the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Secure/secured/securing means to execute a legal agreement and/or legally binding mechanism under relevant South Australia state legislation, or equivalent, to provide enduring protection for the offsets against development incompatible with conservation.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	Senecio species means any plant of the <i>Senecio</i> genus which, subject to identification at the species level, may be an EPBC Act listed threatened species (which includes <i>Senecio macrocarpus</i> (Large-fruit Fireweed) and <i>Senecio megaglossus</i> (Superb Groundsel))
Original dated 28/07/2022	Sensitive ecological data means data as defined in the <i>Sensitive Ecological Data – Access and Management Policy V1.0</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2013.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Shapefile means location and attribute information of the action provided in an Esri shapefile format. Shapefiles must contain '.shp', '.shx', '.dbf' files and a '.prj' file that specifies the projection/geographic coordinate system used. Shapefiles

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Date of decision	Definitions attached to approval
	must also include an '.xml' metadata file that describes the shapefile for discovery and identification purposes.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Significant impacts are impacts which are important, notable, or of consequence, having regard to their context or intensity, and assessed within the framework of the <i>Matters of National Environmental Significance – Significant Impact Guidelines 1.1</i> , Commonwealth of Australia 2013.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Spiller's Wattle means the EPBC Act listed threatened species <i>Acacia spilleriana</i> .
Original dated 28/07/2022	Suitably qualified person means a person who has professional qualifications, training, skills and/or experience related to the nominated subject matter and can give authoritative independent assessment, advice and analysis on performance relative to the subject matter using the relevant protocols, standards, methods and/or literature.
Original dated 28/07/2022	Website means a set of related web pages located under a single domain name attributed to the approval holder and available to the public.

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Date of decision	Attachments
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	1) Attachment A – Location of the overhead transmission line and substation infrastructure within the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility, and Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland (INTG) of South Australia threatened ecological community occurrences. a) Attachments A1-A15 – Large scale maps of the area depicted in Attachment A.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	2) Attachment B1-B3 – Spiller’s Wattle known occurrences.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	3) Attachments C1-C3 – Peep Hill Hop-bush known occurrences.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	4) Attachment D – Access tracks associated with the overhead transmission line and substation. a) Attachments D1-D3 – Large scale maps of the area depicted in Attachment D.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	5) Attachment E1-E2 – Senecio species known occurrences.
As varied on the date this instrument was signed	6) Attachments F – Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard known occurrences and habitat.

Figure 44. EPBC Act Approval variation (page 17 of 35).

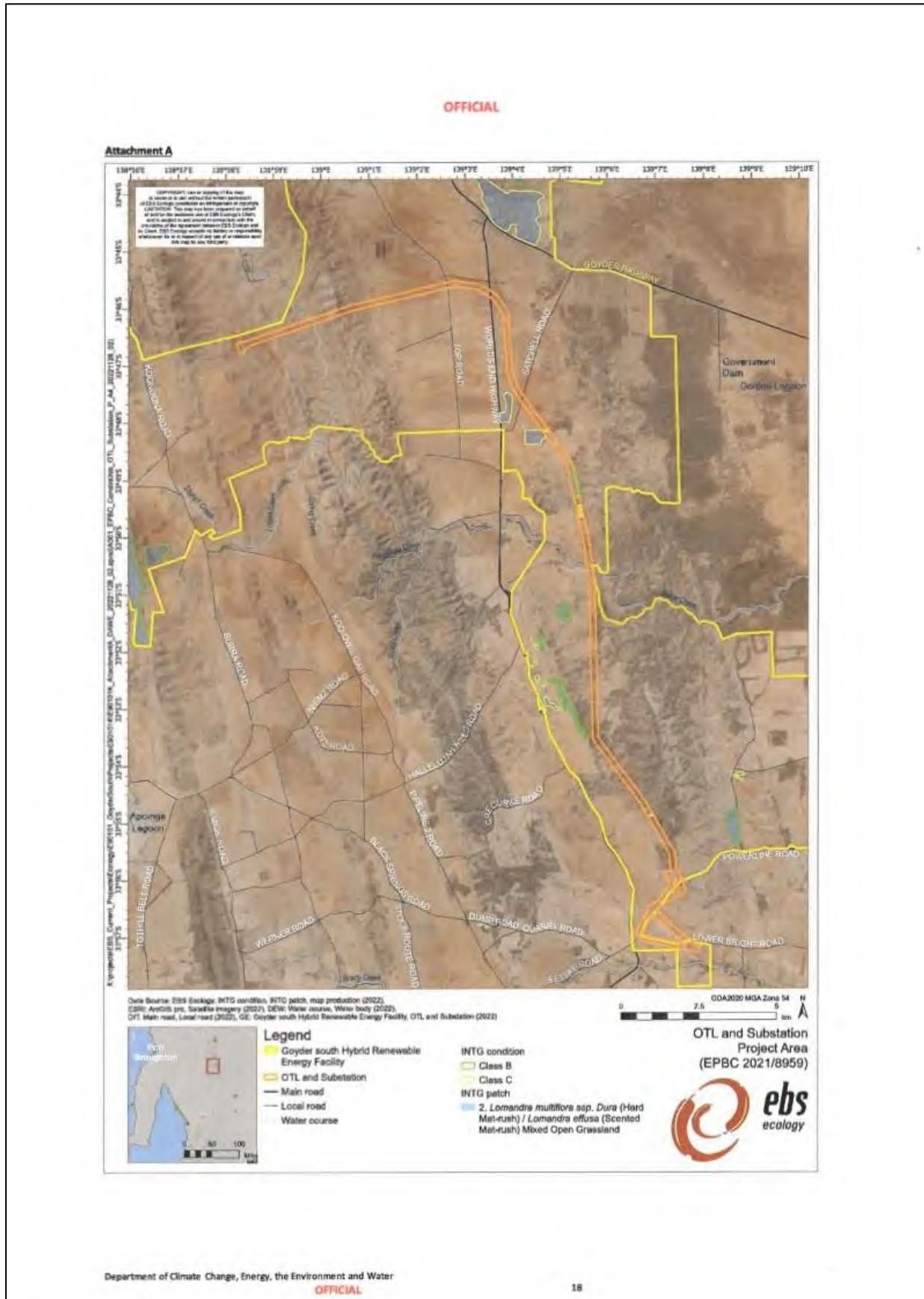


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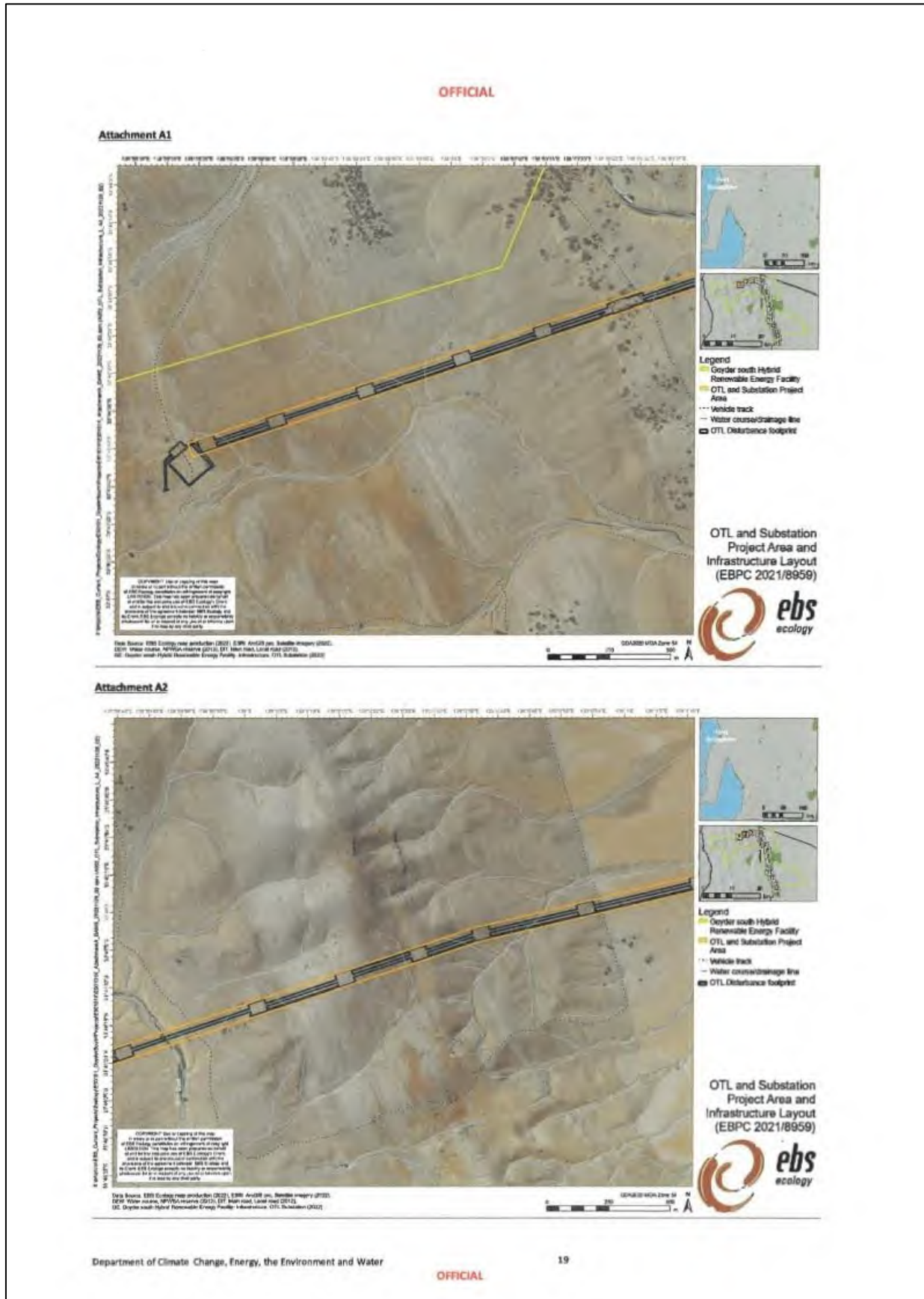


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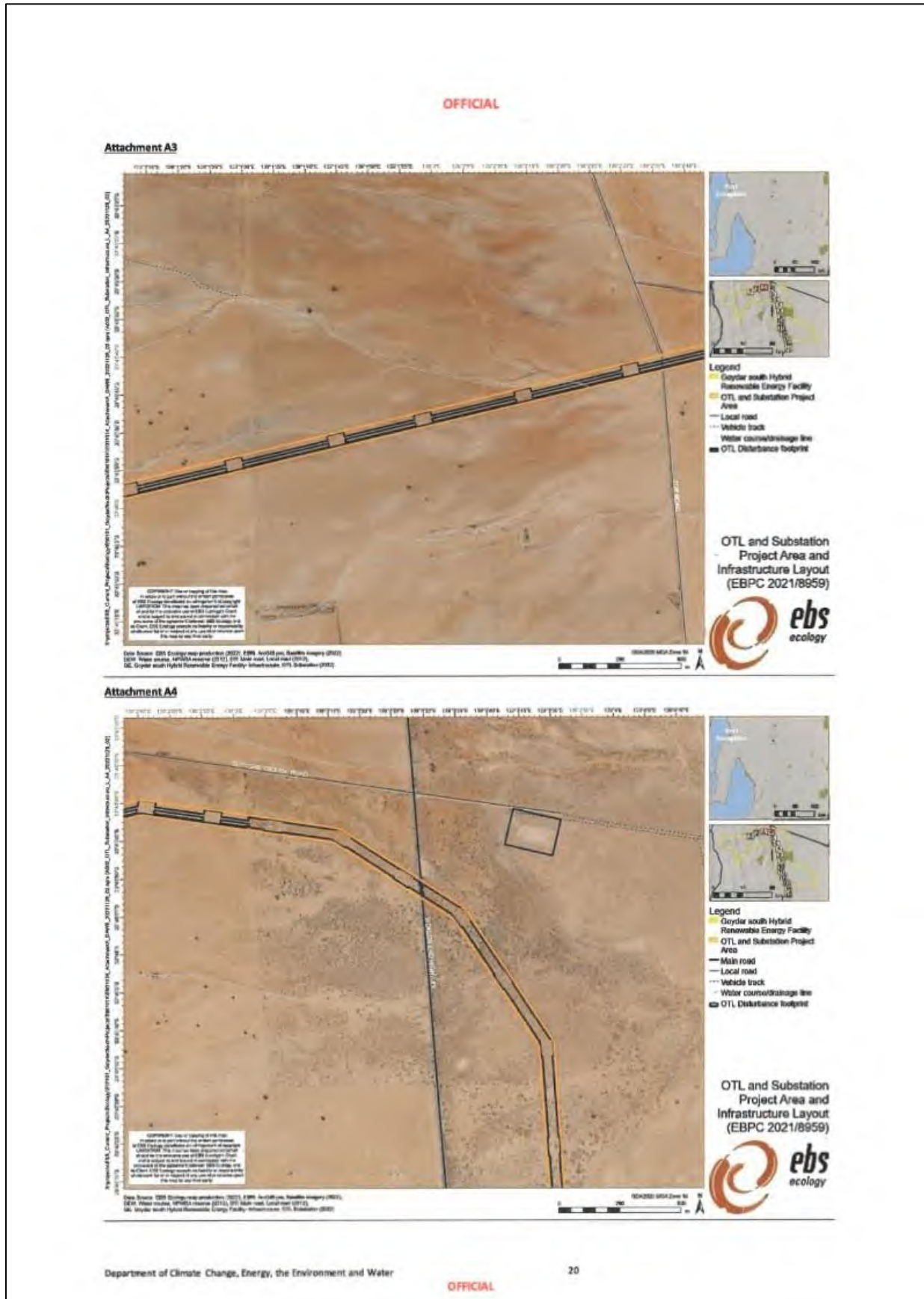


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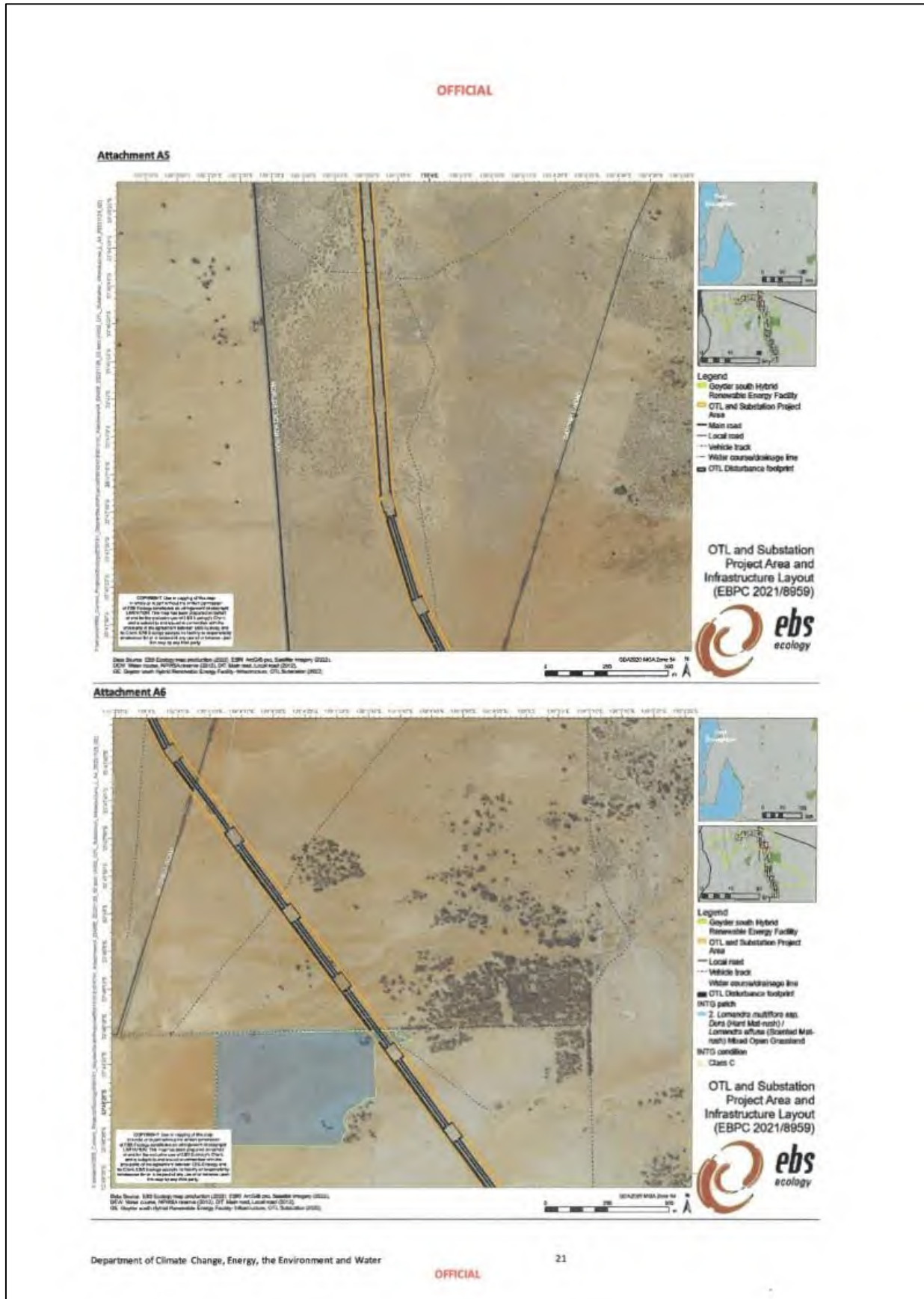


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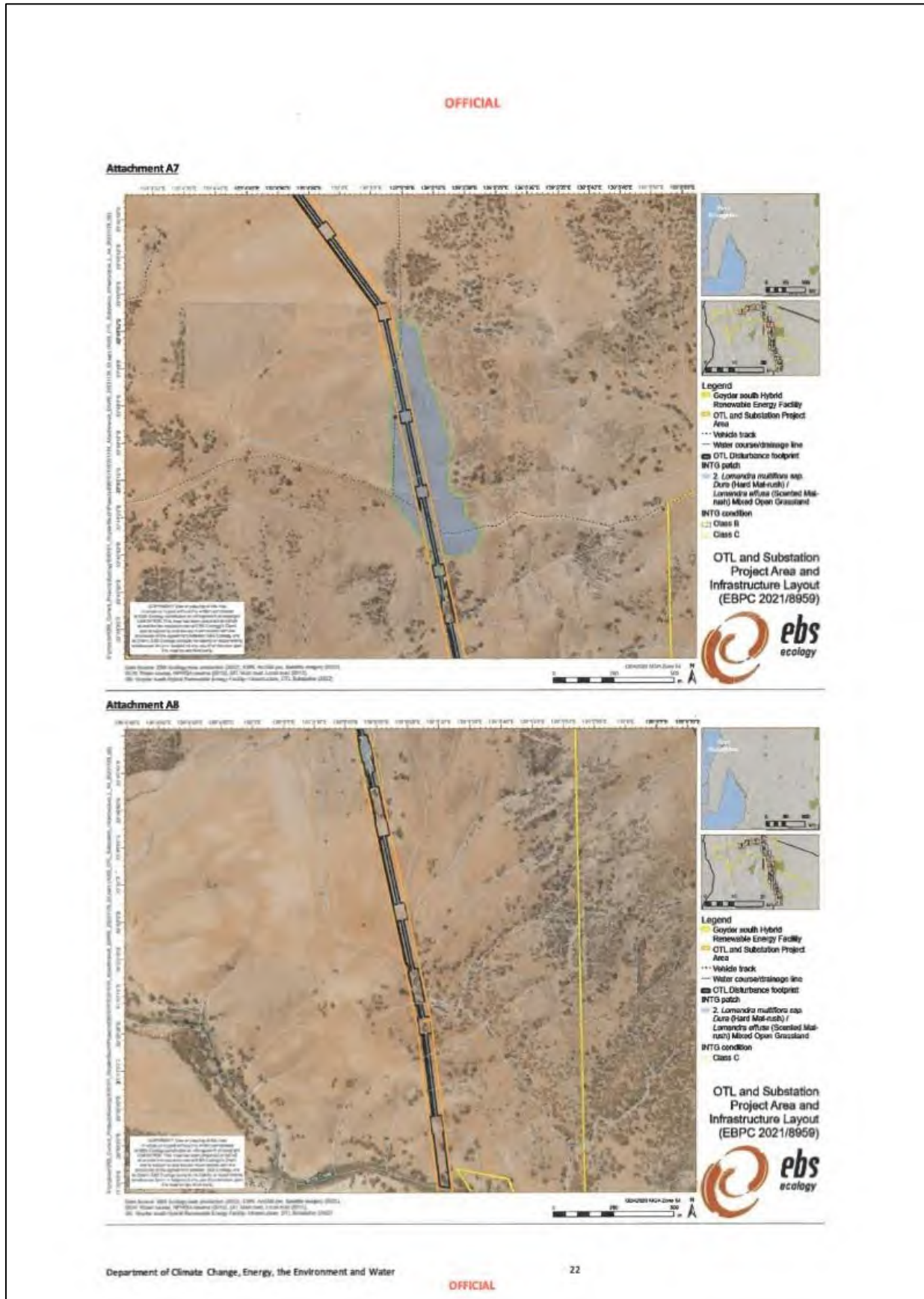


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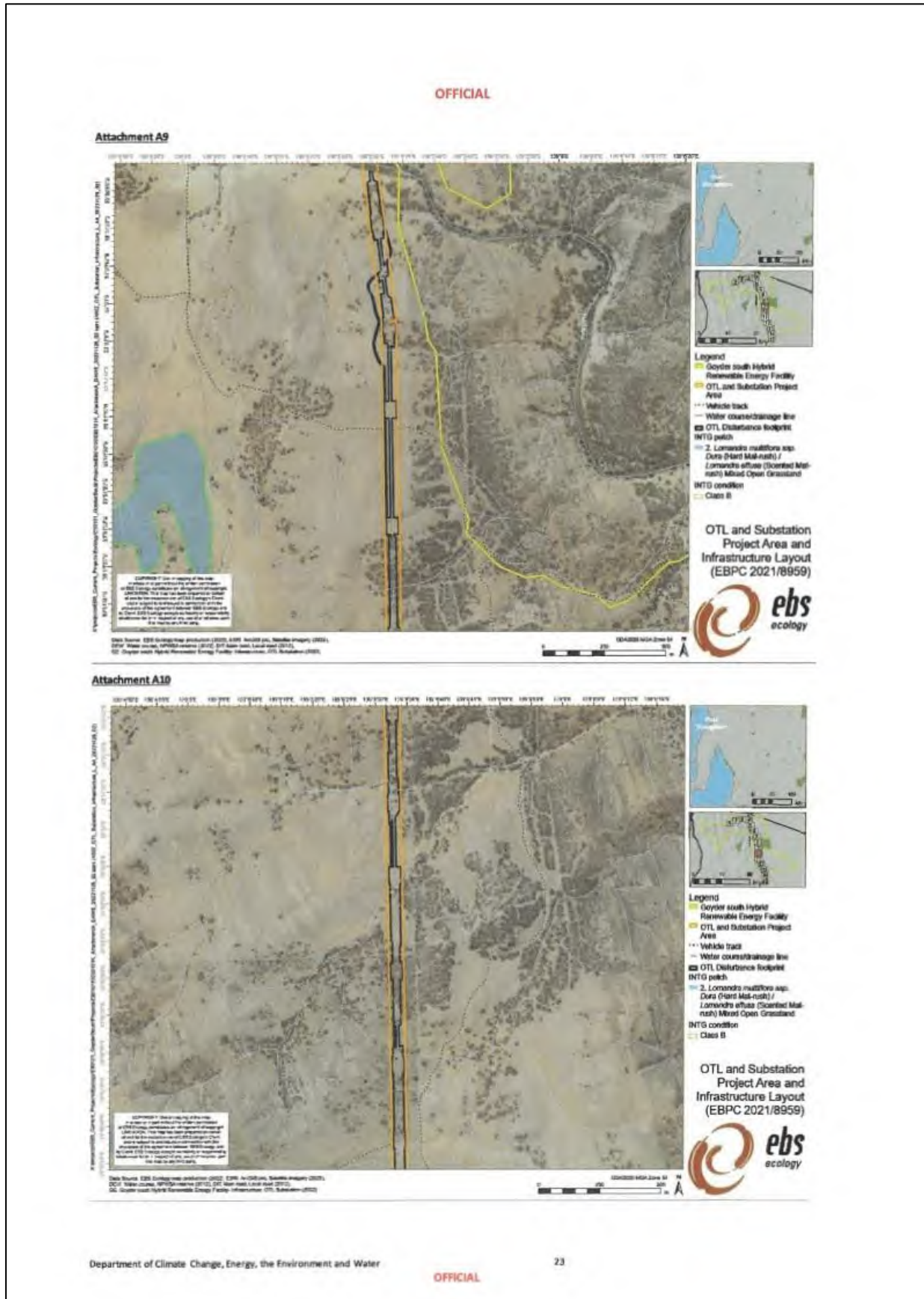


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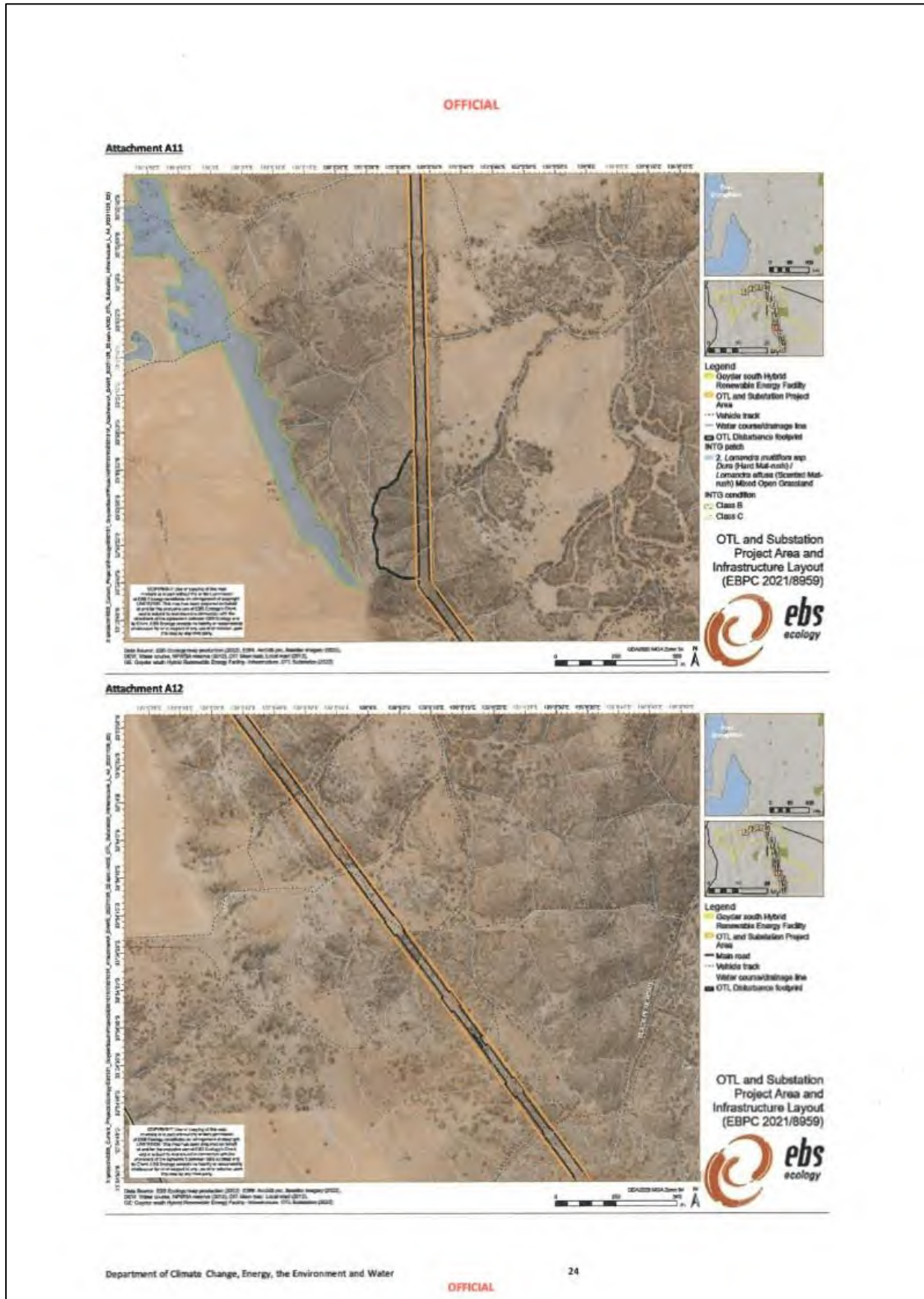


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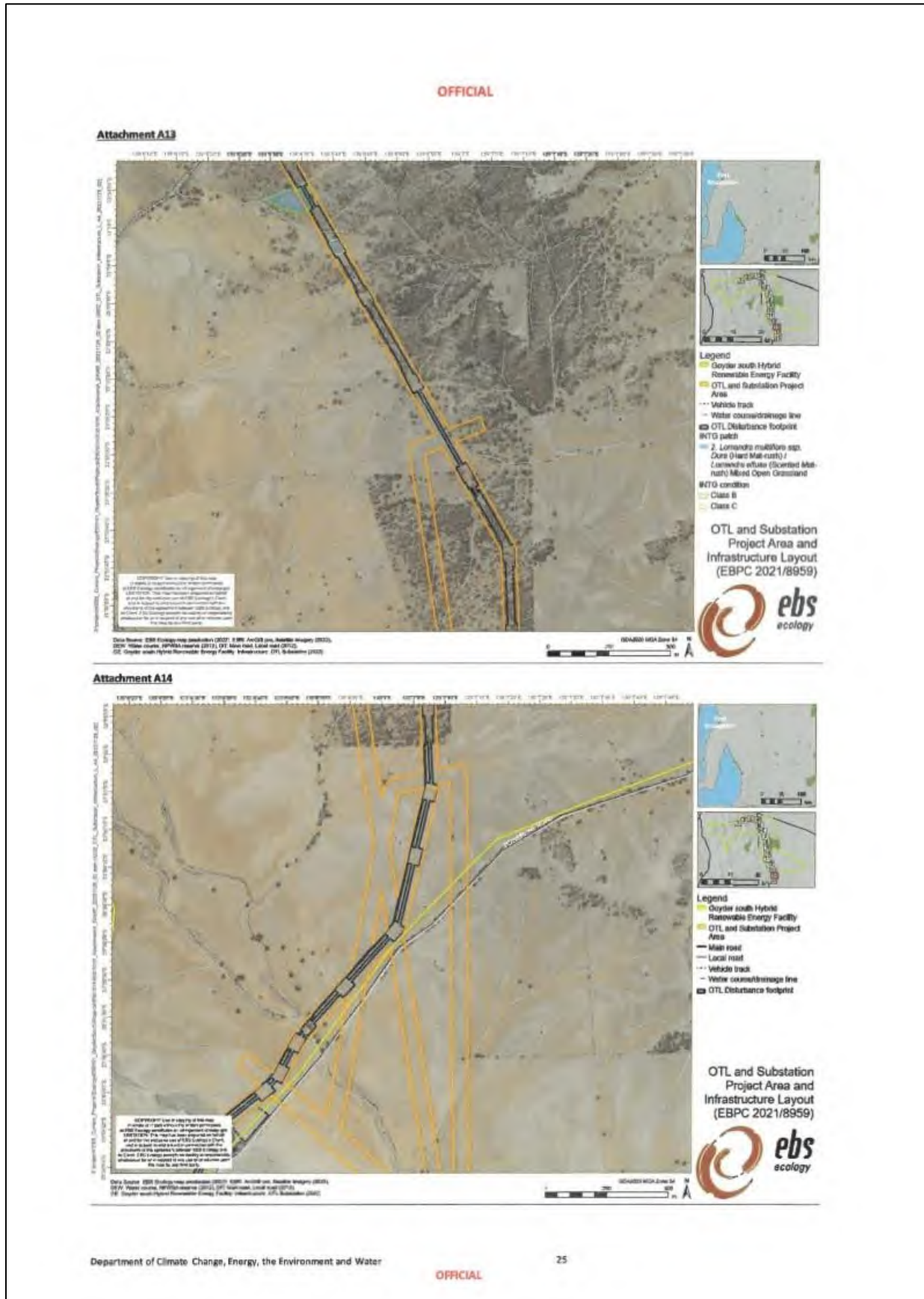


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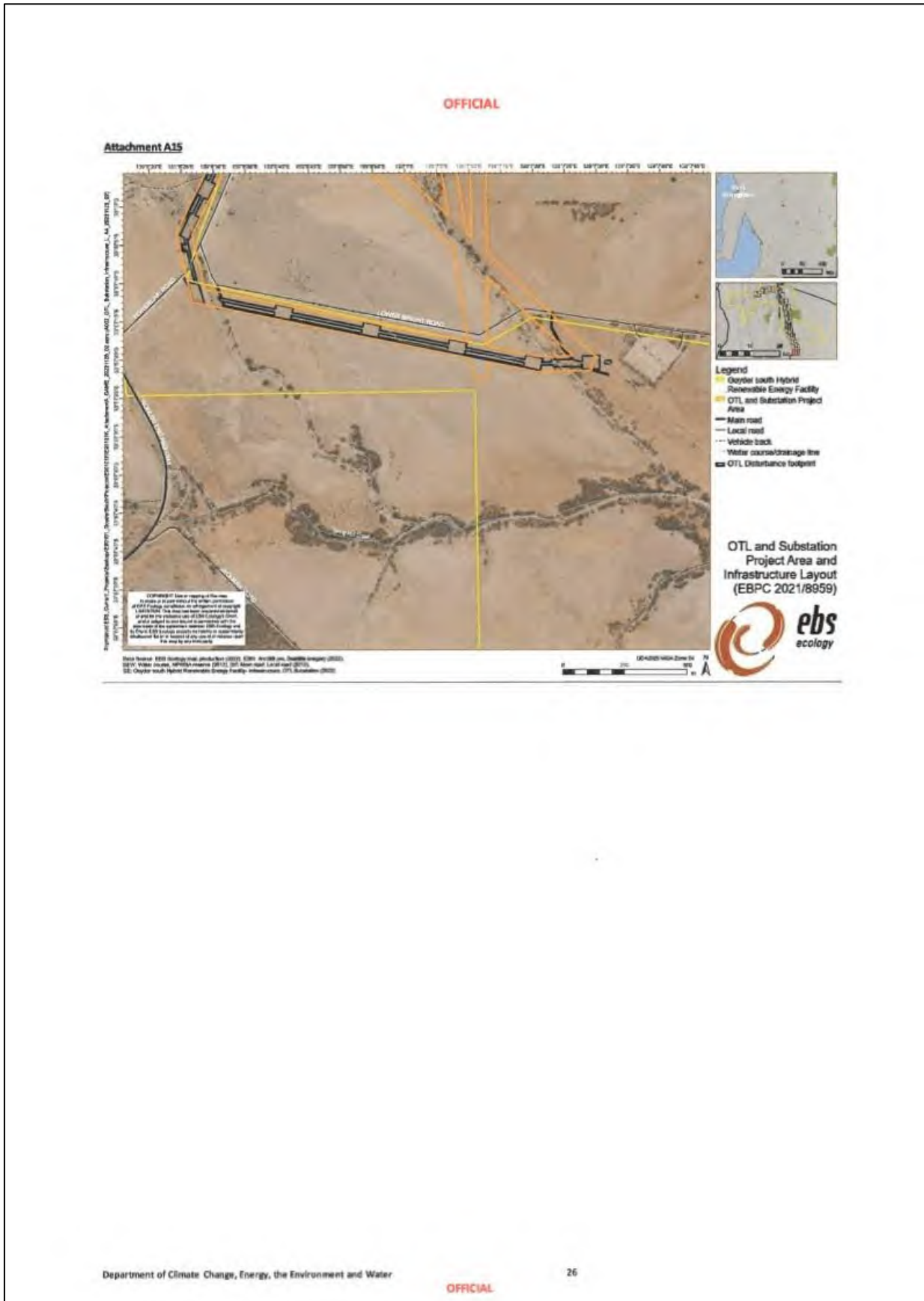


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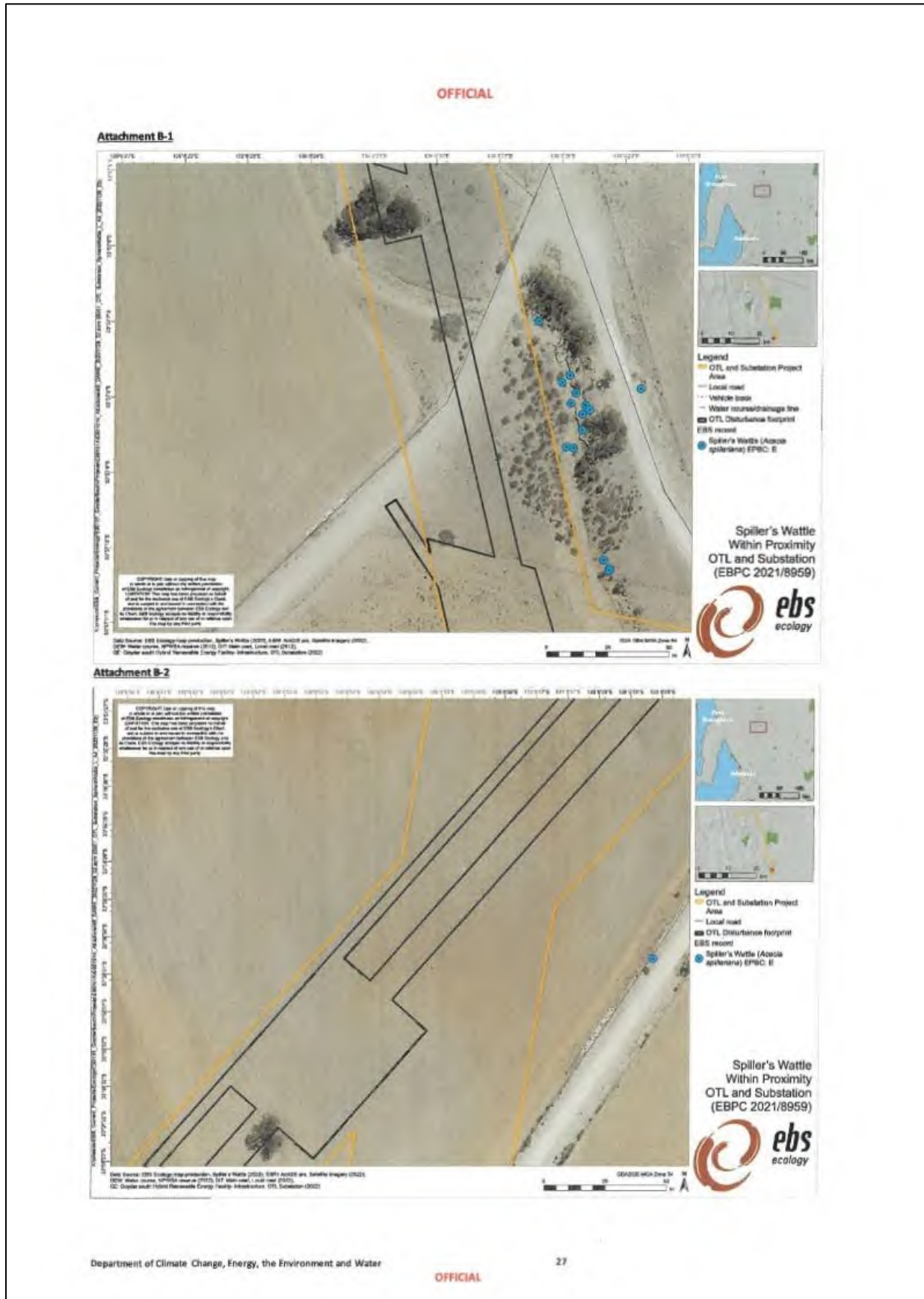


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Figure 55. EPBC Act Approval variation (page 28 of 35).

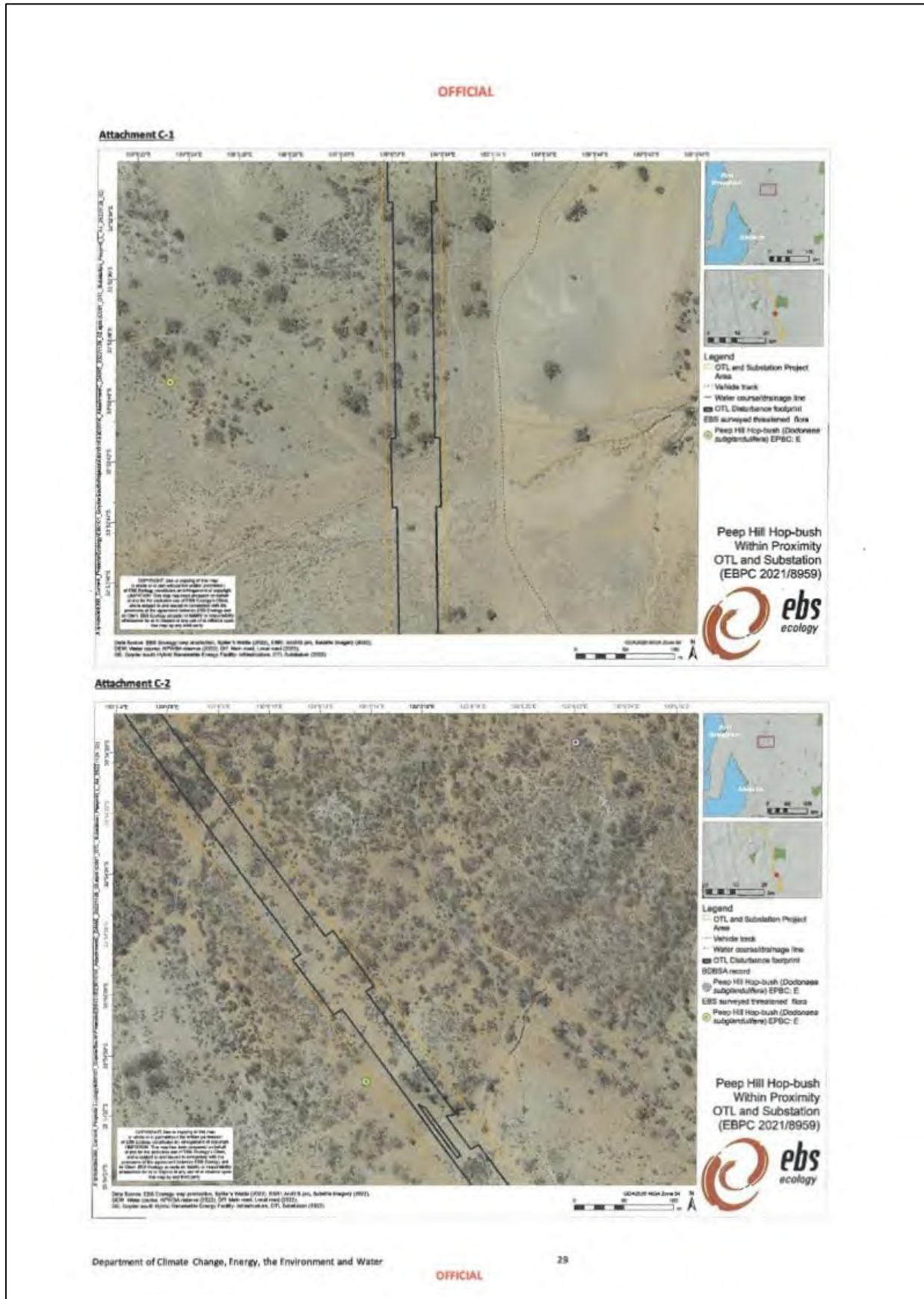


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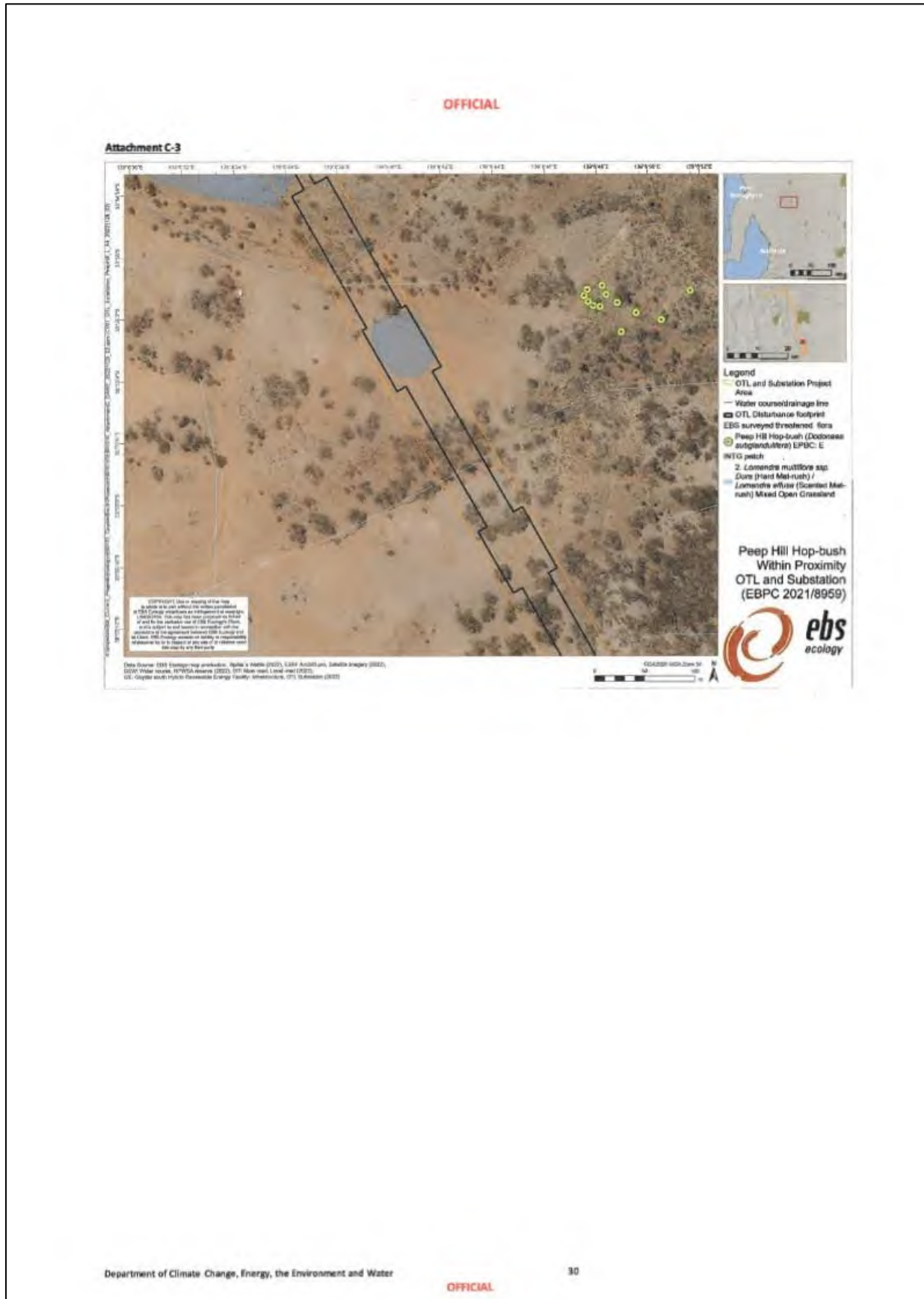


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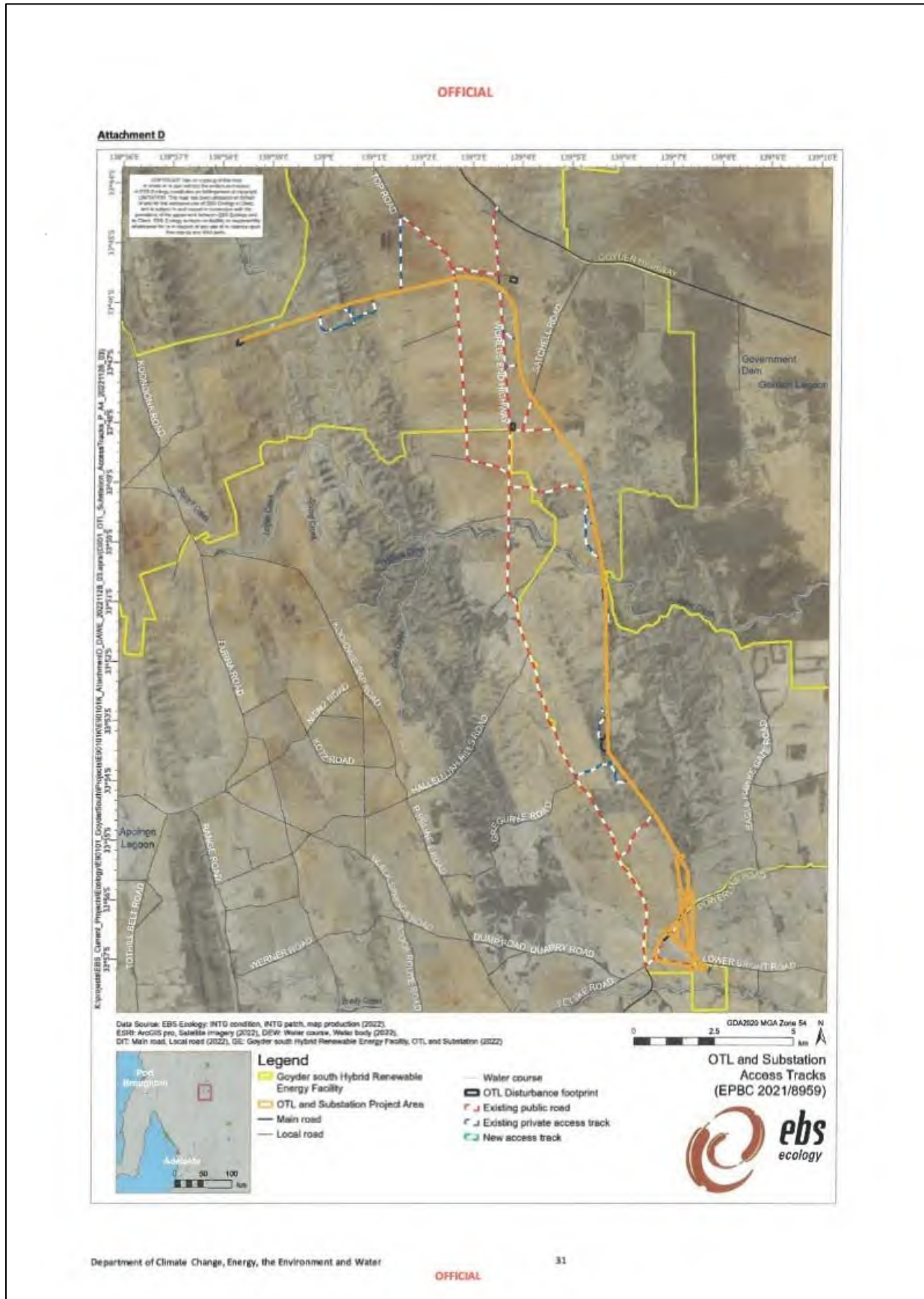


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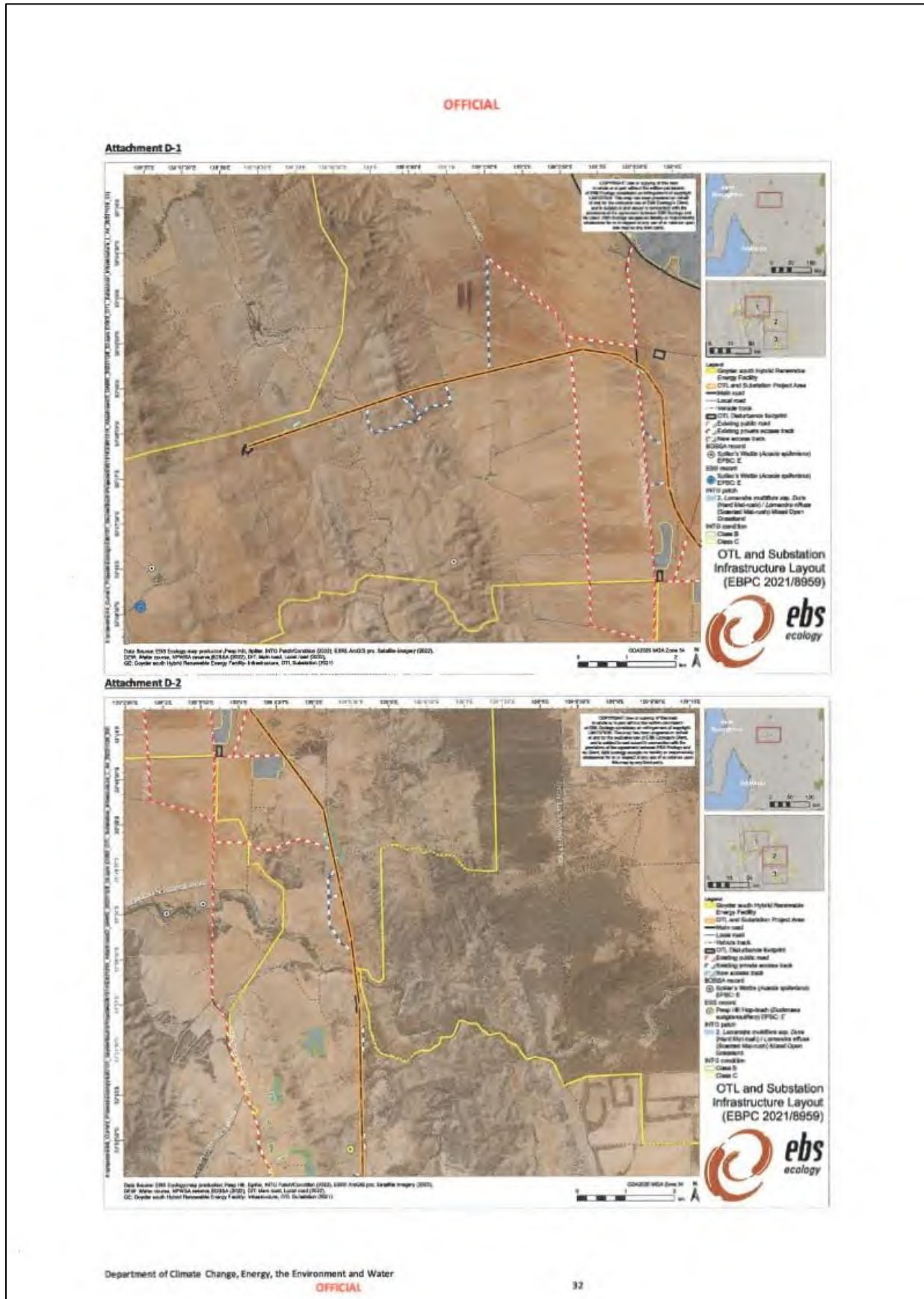


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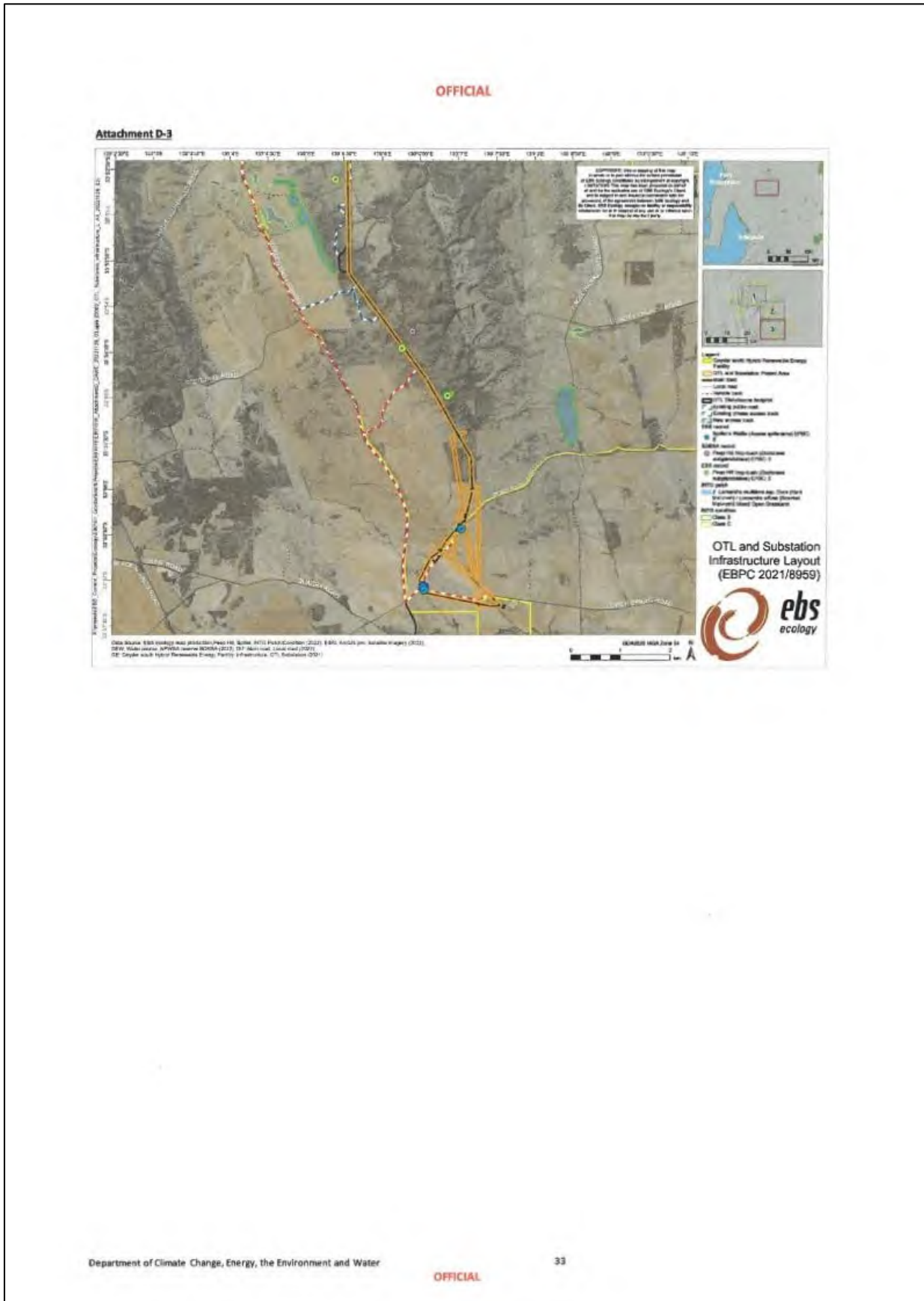


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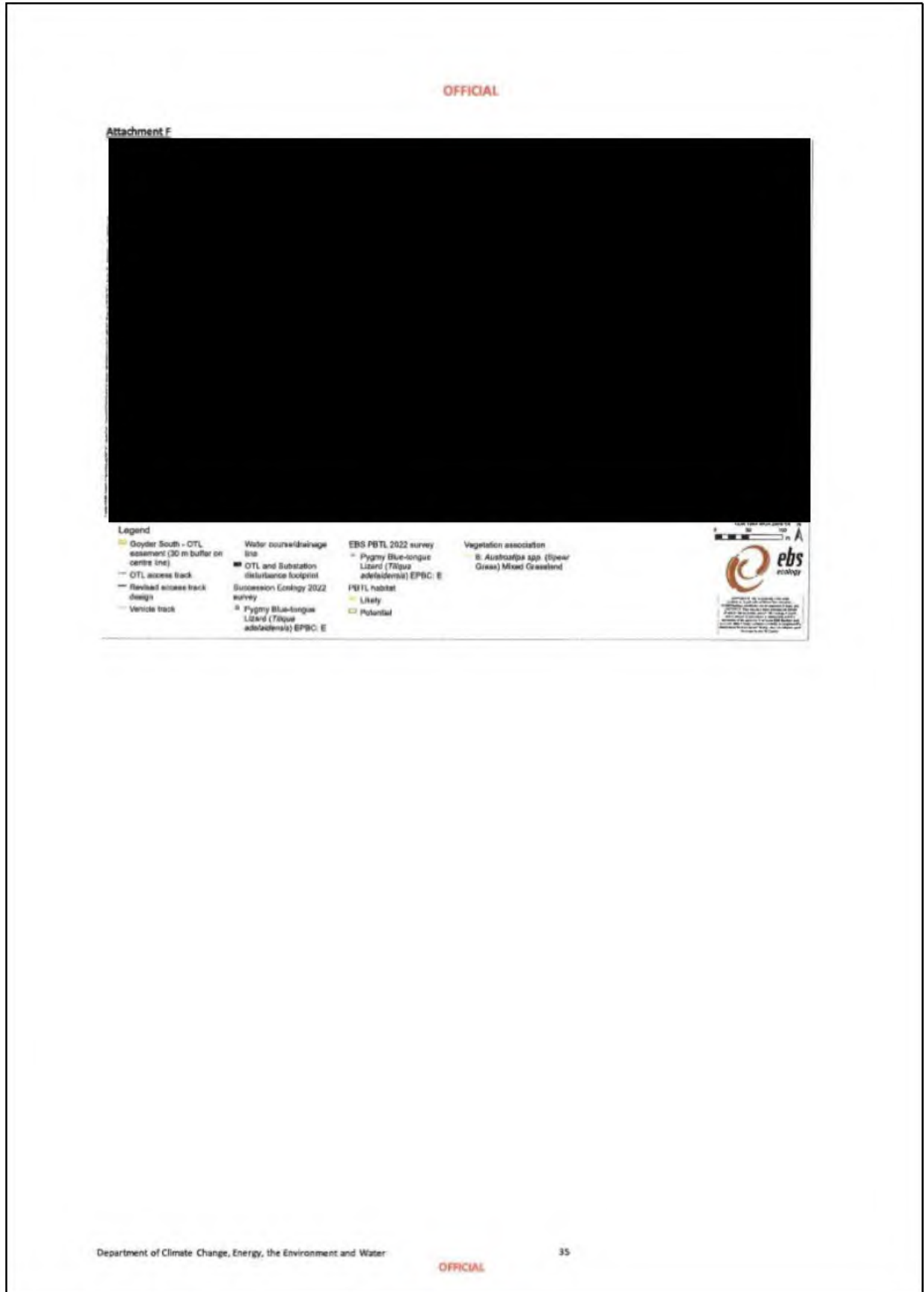


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Appendix 3. Maps of the OTL and Substation

Refer to the following pages.

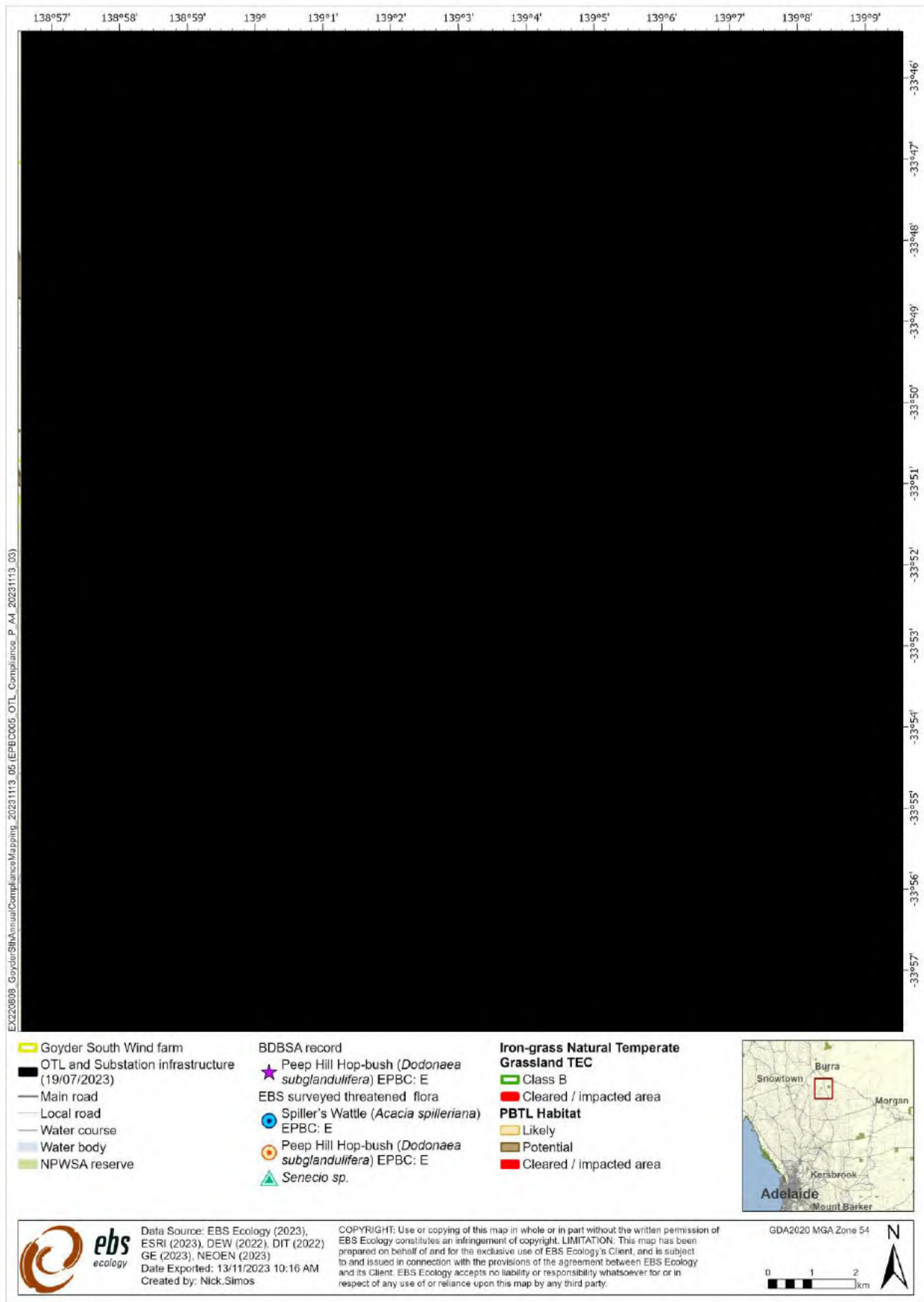


Figure 63. Overview of the OTL and Substation with PBTL habitat; INTG TEC patches; Peep Hill Hop-bush; Spiller's Wattle; *Senecio* sp.; and cleared / impacted areas (refer to the following figures for more detail).

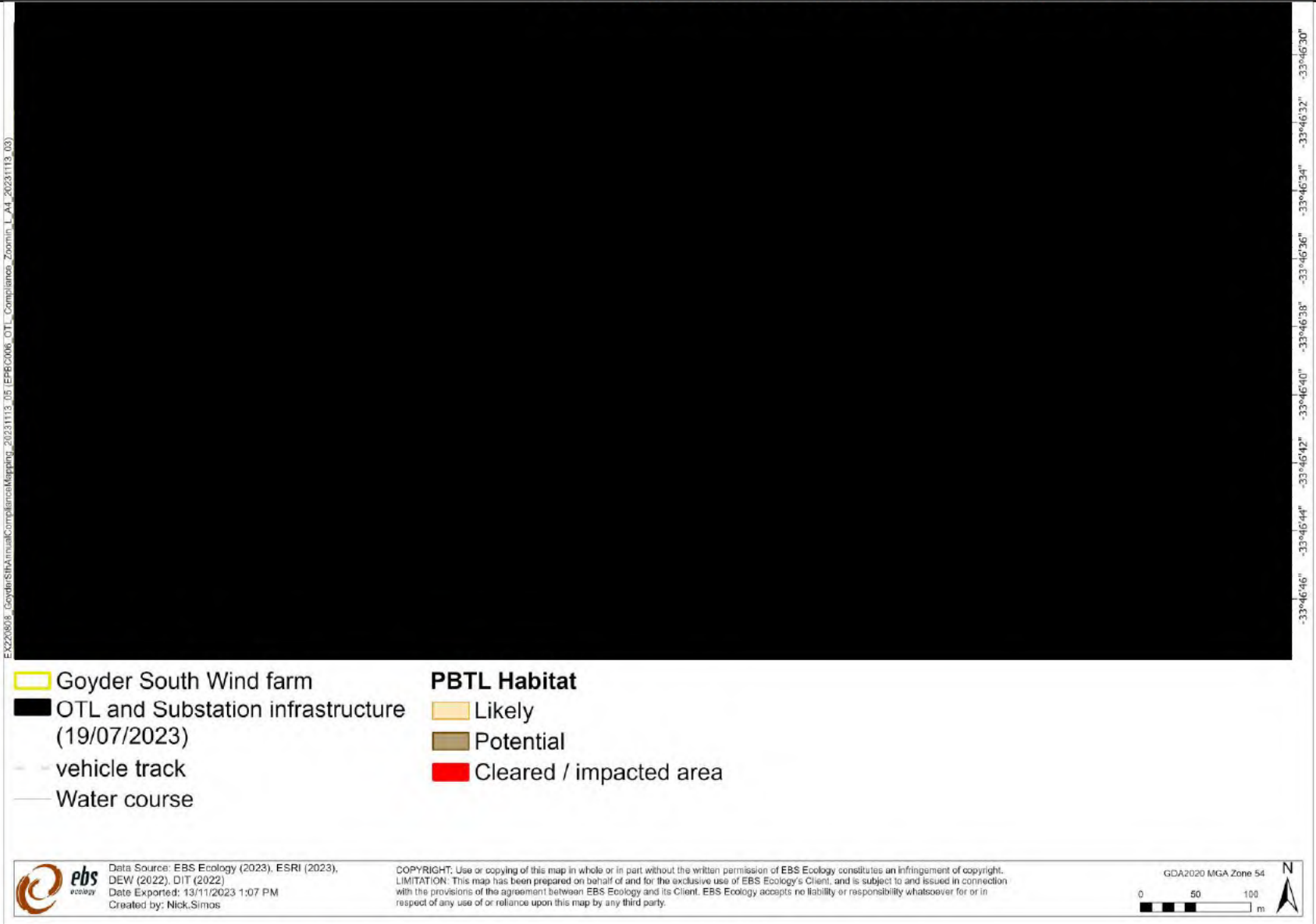


Figure 64. Clearance of Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard habitat within the OTL and Substation.

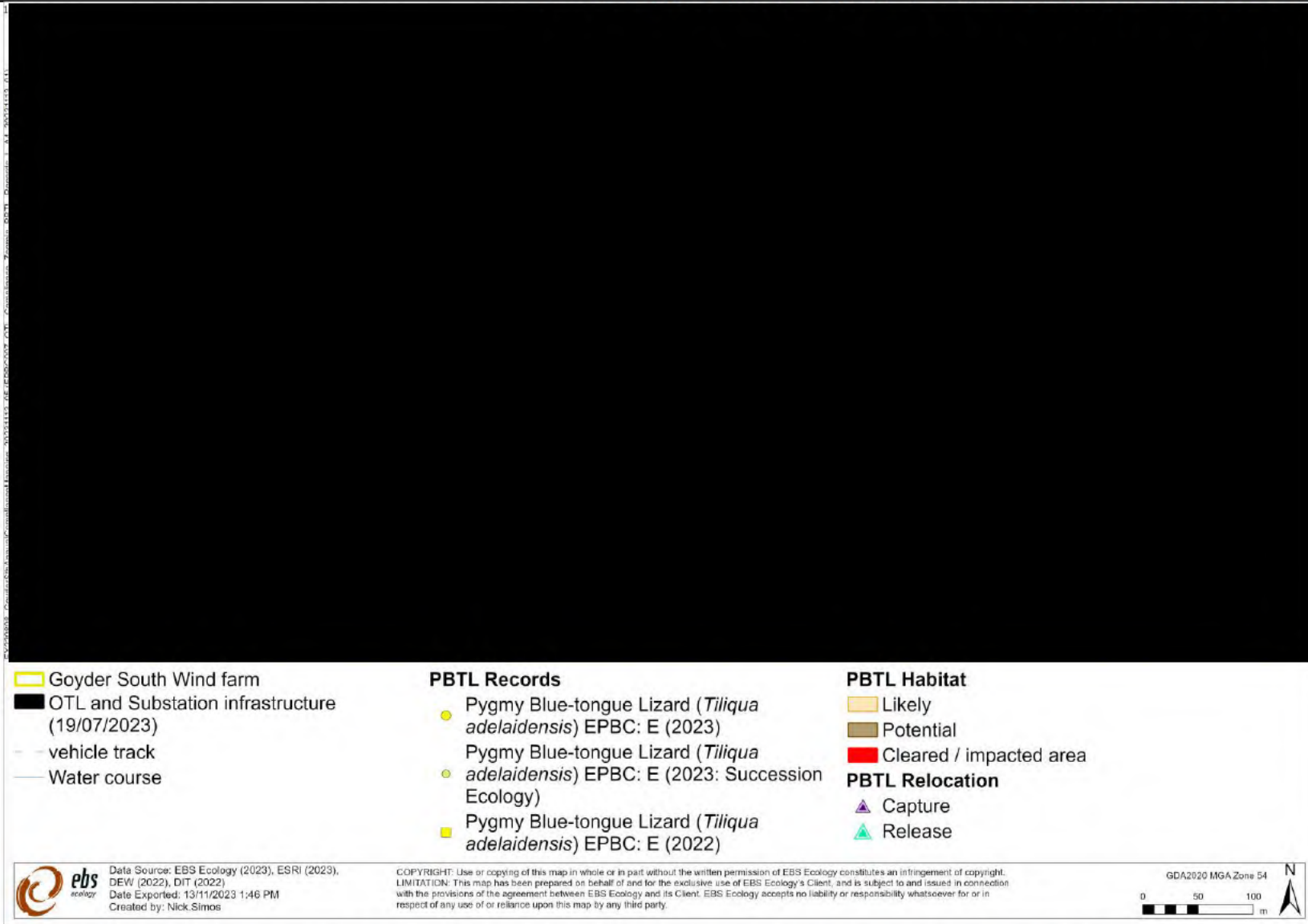


Figure 65. Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizards translocated out of the Substation and relocated out of the OTL (with other PBTL records within the surrounding habitat also shown). Note: All PBTLs found within the Substation impact area were translocated prior to ground disturbing works.

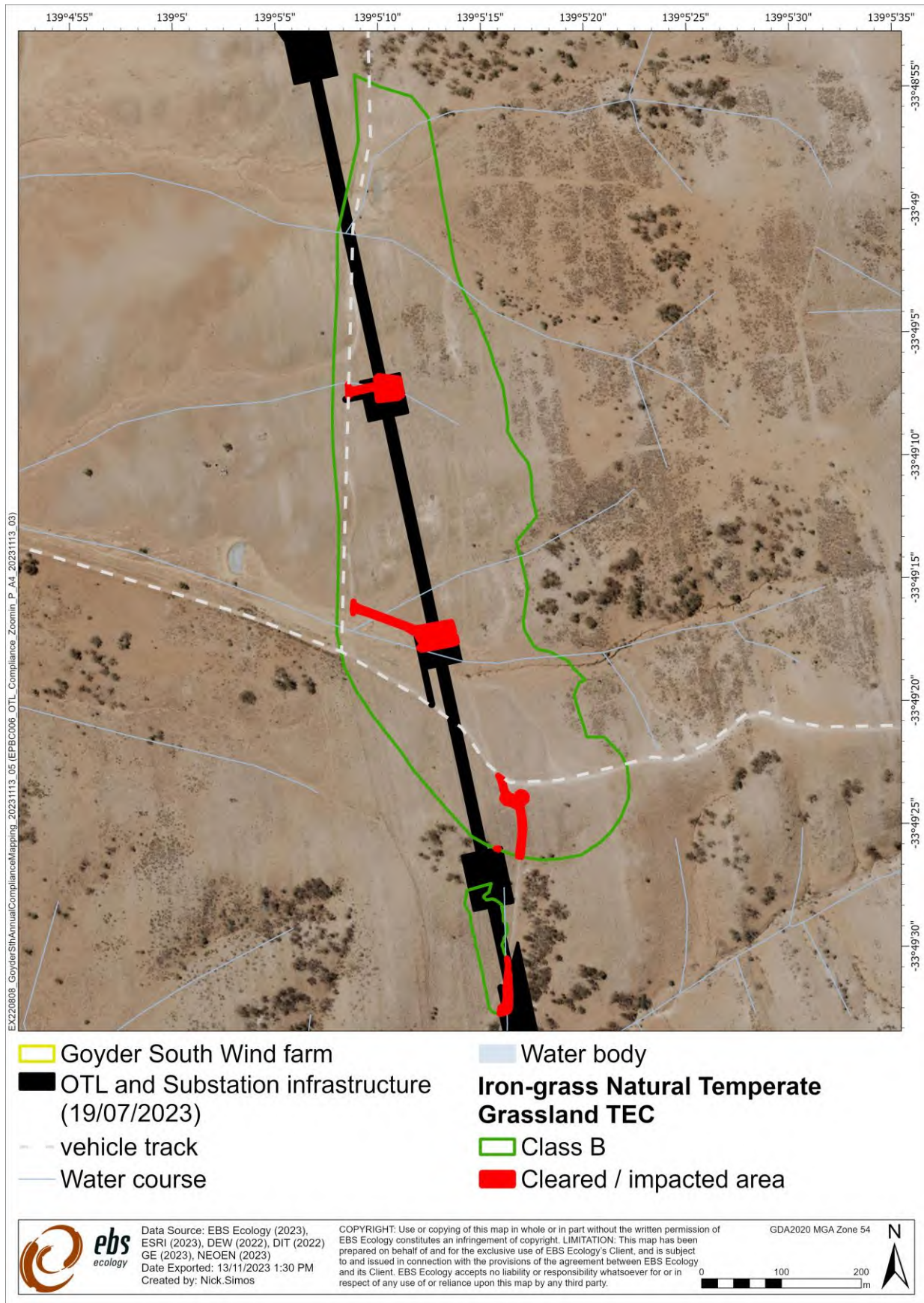


Figure 66. Clearance of Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland (INTG) TEC within the OTL.

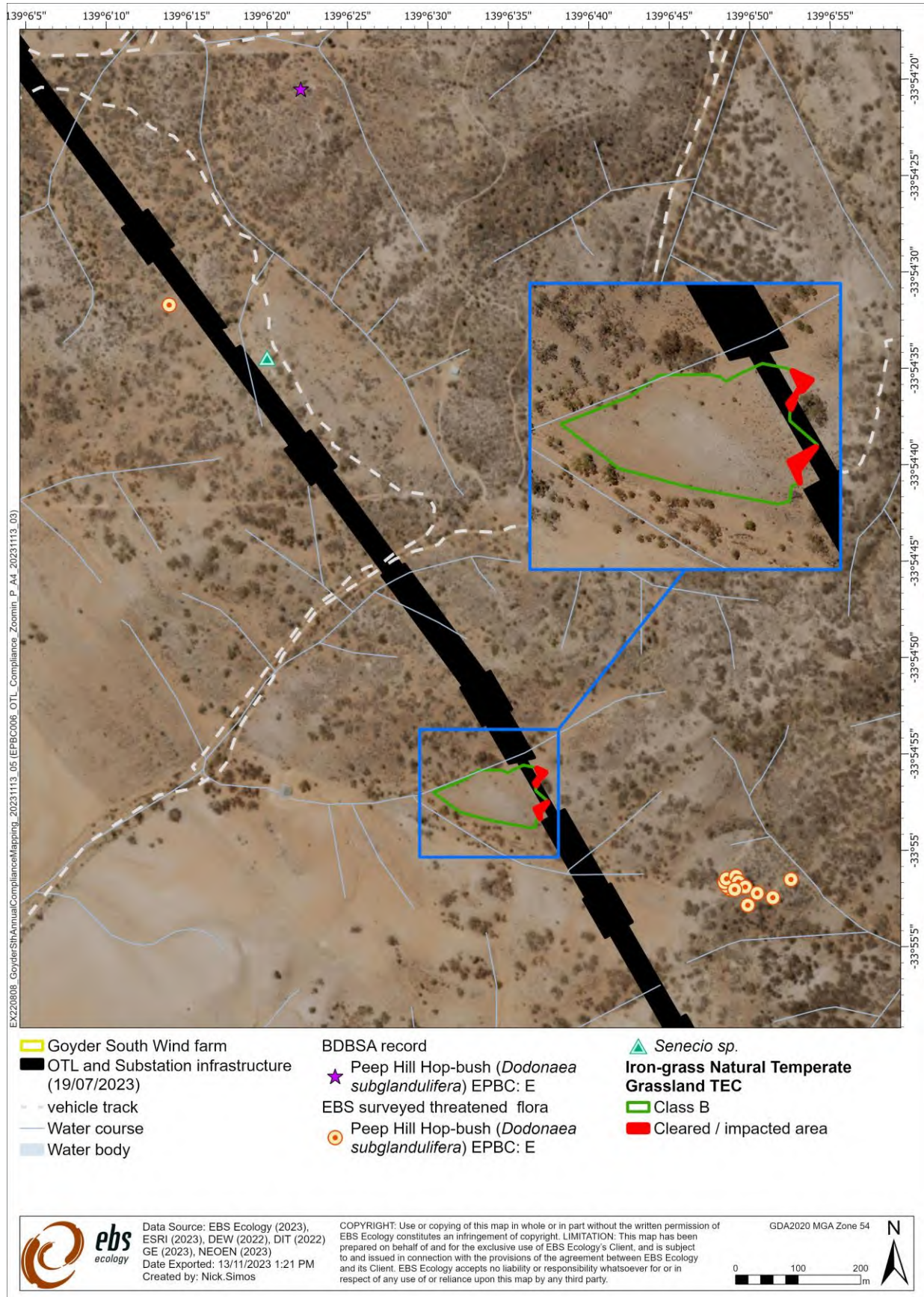


Figure 67. Minor clearance of Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland (INTG) TEC within the OTL, but no clearance of Peep Hill Hop-bush or *Senecio* sp. (which are adjacent to the OTL).

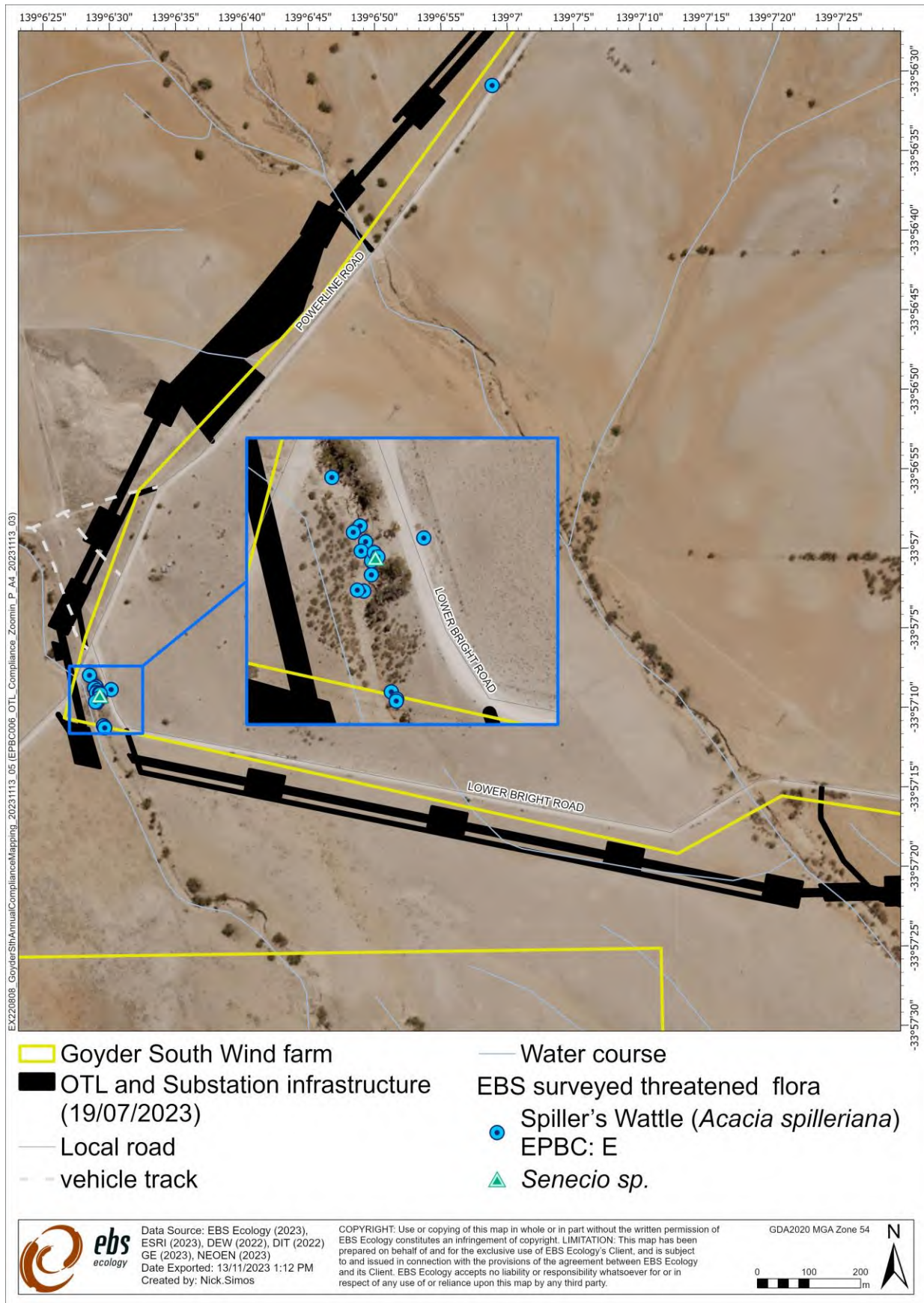


Figure 68. No clearance of Spiller's Wattle plants or *Senecio* sp. plants adjacent to the southern end of OTL.

Appendix 4. Submission of PBTL OMP and INTG TEC OMP

From: Inès Béchameil <ines.bechameil@neoen.com>
Sent: Thursday, 5 January 2023 5:09 PM
To: Aldred, Jeremy; Nielsen, Robin
Cc: Post Approval
Subject: Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility - PBTL Offset Management Plan
Attachments: PBTL OMP_20230105.pdf

Dear Jeremy and Robin,

In respect of the Wind Farm 1A, Wind Farm 1B, and OTL and Substation components of the Goyder south Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility, we as the approval holder, submit to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the **Department**) a combined Pygmy Blue-tongue lizard Offset Management Plan (**PBTL OMP**). This submission is made pursuant to:

- Condition 6 of the *Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – Wind Farm 1A, 10km south Burra SA (EPBC 2021/8958)*, dated 5 July 2022;
- Condition 5 of the *Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – Wind Farm 1B, 5km south Burra SA (EPBC 2021/8957)*, dated 13 July 2022; and
- Condition 4 of the *Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA (EPBC 2021/8959)*, dated 28 July 2022 as well as corresponding variation dated 19 December 2022.

Please note that as the final design for Wind Farm 1A and Wind Farm 1B components of the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility is planned to be finalised in January 2023, we have not yet confirmed in this PBTL OMP the expected impact and offset required due to unexpected PBTL discoveries raised with DCCEEW between August and October 2022. Accordingly, we are planning to submit a revised PBTL MP to DCCEEW in February 2023, incorporating the impact of those findings.

As the EPBC approval conditions state that the approval holder must not commence *operation or commissioning* (refer to definitions in relevant approval conditions) until the INTG TEC OMP has been approved by the Minister, and the Project schedule involves the operation of the OTL and Substation in July 2023 and commencement of commissioning of the first turbine for Wind Farm 1A in August 2023 and commencement of commissioning of the first turbine for Wind Farm 1B in January 2024, please note that Neoen is aiming for **approval of the PBTL OMP by the end of May 2023**.

Could you please confirm receipt of this email and of the PBTL OMP?

And could you please let us know whether the Department is available for a meeting by end January 2023 so we can present this PBTL MP and start discussing any comments or questions that DCCEEW would have before approval can be provided?

Kind Regards,

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Figure 69. Submission of PBTL OMP to the Department via email.

From: Inès Béchameil <ines.bechameil@neoen.com>
Sent: Thursday, 5 January 2023 4:30 PM
To: Aldred, Jeremy; Nielsen, Robin
Cc: Post Approval
Subject: Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility - INTG TEC Offset Management Plan
Attachments: INTG TEC OMP_20230105.pdf

Dear Jeremy and Robin,

In respect of the Wind Farm 1A and OTL and Substation components of the Goyder south Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility, we as the approval holder, submit to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the **Department**) a combined Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of South Australia Offset Management Plan (**INTG TEC OMP**). This submission is made pursuant to:

- Condition 6 of the *Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – Wind Farm 1A, 10km south Burra SA (EPBC 2021/8958)*, dated 5 July 2022; and
- Condition 4 of the *Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA (EPBC 2021/8959)*, dated 28 July 2022 as well as corresponding variation dated 19 December 2022.

As the EPBC approval conditions state that the approval holder must not commence *operation or commissioning* (refer to definitions in relevant approval conditions) until the INTG TEC OMP has been approved by the Minister, and the Project schedule involves the operation of the OTL and Substation in July 2023 and commencement of commissioning of the first turbine for Wind Farm 1A in August 2023, please note that Neoen is aiming for **approval of the INTG TEC OMP by the end of May 2023**.

Could you please confirm receipt of this email and of the INTG TEC OMP?

And could you please let us know whether the Department is available for a meeting by end January 2023 so we can present this INTG TEC OMP and start discussing any comments or questions that DCCEEW would have before approval can be provided?

Kind Regards,

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Figure 70. Submission of INTG TEC OMP to the Department via email.

Appendix 5. Notification of commencement of the action

From: Inès Béchameil <ines.bechameil@neoen.com>
Sent: Monday, 1 August 2022 11:07 AM
To: EPBCMonitoring@awe.gov.au
Cc: John Tregear
Subject: Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility - OTL and Substation (EPBC 2021/8959) - Date of commencement of the action
Attachments: 2021-8959 Final Decision letter.pdf; 2021-8959 Approval decision.pdf

Hi EPBC Monitoring,


Please take this email as a notification from Goyder Wind Farm Common Asset Pty Ltd under Condition 7 of the Approval Decision attached, that the date of commencement of the action will be the 22^d August 2022.

Please note that moving forward, our contact details will be as detailed in the table below. Please ensure to send all correspondences to those 3 email addresses, when required.

Contacts	Name	Title	Phone number	Email address
Primary Contact	Generic Email address	N/A	N/A	contact@goydereenergy.com.au
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Back-Up Contact	John Tregear	Construction Project Director	+61 487 688 660	john.tregear@neoen.com

Kind Regards,

Inès Béchameil
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Figure 71. Notification of commencement of the action.

Appendix 6. Notification of potential incident and potential non-conformance

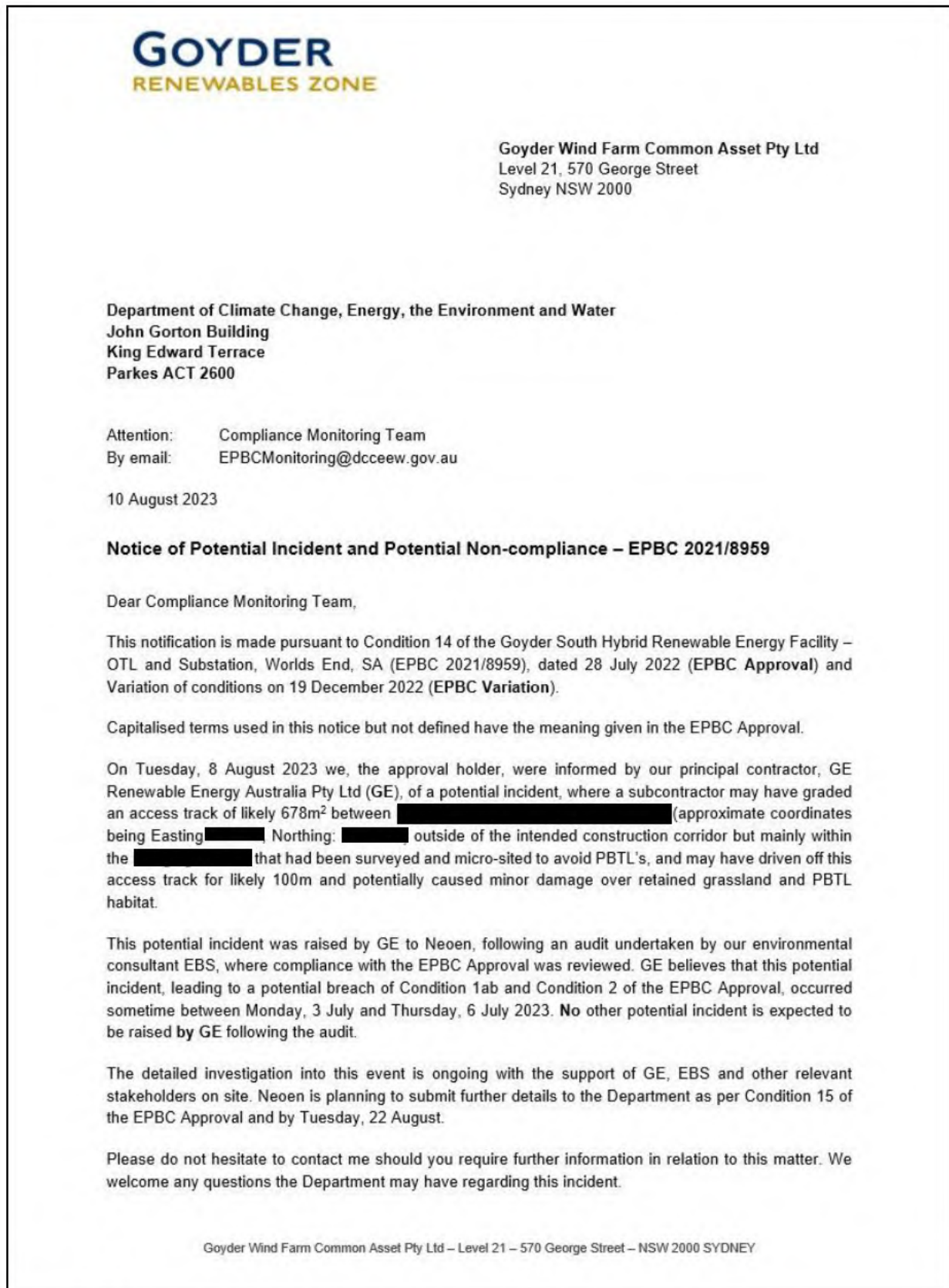


Figure 72. Notification of potential incident and potential non-conformance (page 1 of 2).



Yours sincerely

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Inès Béchameil

Construction Project Manager


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Figure 73. Notification of potential incident and potential non-conformance (page 2 of 2).

Appendix 7. Further information on potential incident and potential non-compliance



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Sydney NSW 2000

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
John Gorton Building
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Parkes ACT 2600

Attention: Compliance Monitoring Team
By email: EPBCMonitoring@dcceew.gov.au

22 August 2023

Non-compliance Incident Report – EPBC 2021/8959

Dear Compliance Monitoring Team,

We refer to:

- the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA (EPBC 2021/8959), dated 28 July 2022 (EPBC Approval) and Variation of conditions on 19 December 022 (EPBC Variation); and
- our initial notice pursuant to Condition 14 of the EPBC Approval entitled 'Notice of Potential Incident and Potential Non-compliance – EPBC 2021/8959' sent on 10 August 2023 (Initial Notice).

This notification is made pursuant to Condition 14 and 15 of the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA (EPBC 2021/8959), dated 28 July 2022 (EPBC Approval) and Variation of conditions on 19 December 022 (EPBC Variation).

Capitalised terms used in this notice but not defined have the meaning given in the EPBC Approval.

As outlined in the Initial Notice, in respect to the Goyder Wind Farm Common Asset component of the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility, on 8 August 2023, we, the approval holder, were informed by our principal contractor, GE Renewable Energy Australia Pty Ltd (GE), of a potential incident, where a subcontractor may have graded an access track between [REDACTED] (approximate coordinates being Easting [REDACTED] Northing [REDACTED]). The estimated area of 678m² is outside of the intended construction corridor but mainly within the [REDACTED] that had been surveyed and micro-sited to avoid Pygmy Blue-tongue Lizard's (PBTL) and may have driven off this access track for likely 100m and potentially caused minor damage over retained grassland and PBTL habitat.

Investigation Update:

Since the Initial Notice, GE has begun the detailed investigation into the event, however due to key personnel being on annual leave at this time, we are unable to finalise the investigation and advise at this time on potential impacts and remedial action required.

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Figure 74. Further information on potential incident and potential non-compliance (page 1 of 2).

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GE has advised that they intend on providing the final investigation report by the end of the week (25/08) and Neoen is planning on reviewing the report by Tuesday 29 August 2023. Condition 15 of the EPBC Approval states that the approval holder must provide to the Department the details of any non-compliance as soon as practicable and no later than 10 business days after becoming aware of the event. Neoen were initially made aware of the event on 8 August 2023 and therefore are required to provide the relevant details, pursuant to condition 15, by 22 August 2023. Considering the above, we are requesting an extension to the date to 29 August 2023.

While the investigation continues, Neoen would like to highlight the following corrective actions that GE has already taken:

- a. Additional signage has been installed to more clearly delineate access to combat any further damage to PBTL habitat.
- b. The OTL workforce has been advised of the incident and the need to restrict activities to the designated access tracks and construction corridor. Relevant SWMS have been updated accordingly.
- c. Windrows have been placed along some sections of the OTL access track to inhibit traffic movements outside of the designated area.
- d. A daily reminder to remain on designated access tracks has been inserted into OTL prestart meetings.
- e. All OTL personnel have signed onto the project EWMS – Environmental Work Method Statement.

Approval holder's review:

As part of the approval holder's management of this incident, we will make sure that a thorough investigation is undertaken in conjunction with GE.

We take our environmental compliance seriously, including by providing the Department with full disclosure. We will continue to ensure that the works are compliant with all permits and approvals.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information in relation to this matter. We welcome any questions the Department may have regarding this incident.

Yours sincerely

Inès Béchameil

Construction Project Manager


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Figure 75. Further information on potential incident and potential non-compliance (page 2 of 2).

Appendix 8. Final incident report and investigation report



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Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
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Attention: Compliance Monitoring Team
By email: EPBCMonitoring@dcceew.gov.au

29 August 2023

Non-compliance Incident Report – EPBC 2021/8959

Dear Compliance Monitoring Team,

We refer to:

- the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA (EPBC 2021/8959), dated 28 July 2022 (EPBC Approval) and Variation of conditions on 19 December 2022 (EPBC Variation);
- our initial notice pursuant to Condition 14 of the EPBC Approval entitled 'Notice of Potential Incident and Potential Non-compliance – EPBC 2021/8959' sent on 10 August 2023 (Initial Notice); and
- our notice pursuant to Condition 14 and 15 of the EPBC Approval entitled 'Non-compliance Incident Report – EPBC 2021/8959' sent on 22 August 2023 (Investigation Update).

This notification is made pursuant to Condition 14 and 15 of the Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility – OTL and Substation, Worlds End, SA (EPBC 2021/8959), dated 28 July 2022 (EPBC Approval) and Variation of conditions on 19 December 2022 (EPBC Variation).

Capitalised terms used in this notice but not defined have the meaning given in the EPBC Approval.

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Since the original notification by GE and since the Initial Notice, detailed investigations have been carried out by GE in consultation with our environmental consultant EBS Ecology (EBS). The findings of these investigations can be found in the GE Report contained in Annexure A.

Neoen notes that the investigation has identified that the impact of the incidents to the PBT habitat has been minimal.

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Background Information and Timeline:

Attachment A1 of the EPBC Approval and EPBC Variation dated 19 December 2022, records an OTL Disturbance footprint between [REDACTED] as indicated in the image below:



Between 26 February 2023 and 3 March 2023, EBS and GE marked out a [REDACTED] Access between [REDACTED] within the OTL Disturbance footprint, that was micro-sited to go around PBTL's and avoid relocations. Accordingly, EBS submitted to GEE a Pre-Clearance Checklist (PCC), attached in Annexure B for reference.

The PCC requested that "the [REDACTED] must not be graded or stripped of topsoil and must not have any road-based material placed on it" and that "light vehicle / construction equipment / machinery movements within / along it must be kept to the absolute minimum required, to minimise impacts to the PBTL habitat". Refer to the image below for details:



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Incidents:

Between 26 June 2023 and 8 July 2023, the investigation has identified that two incidents occurred, the exact dates were unable to be determined.

Incident 1 – Construction traffic has driven off the [REDACTED] Access, as delineated in the Pre-Clearance Checklist, mainly because the condition of the [REDACTED] Access had degraded due to rain and the volume of traffic.

Incident 2 – Grader has pushed in rock material within the [REDACTED] Access in order to allow safe access, as the [REDACTED] Access was in poor condition.



Between 24 July 2023 and 9 August 2023, and unaware of any incidents at this time, Neoen requested that EBS undertake a Site Audit to confirm compliance of the Works with the EPBC Approval. Following receipt of the EBS Audit Report, GE raised a potential incident to Neoen and began the investigation.

Potential non-compliance with the Conditions:

Neoen is of the opinion that there has been a non-compliance with the EPBC Act. The EPBC Approval was based on a design which did not include the grading of an access track between [REDACTED]. The design only included temporary disturbance required for access for [REDACTED] but grading of the access track made the disturbance permanent. Although, it is worth noting, that except for a small area of 43m², the access track was graded within the OTL Disturbance footprint detailed in the EPBC Approval and hence already taken into account in the Offset calculations.

Neoen believes that no non-compliance with Condition 1 (specifically conditions ab and ac) has occurred.

Condition ab:

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In the OTL and Substation EPBC Approval Variation, the corridor between [REDACTED] which is an area of 0.38 ha, was included as an OTL Disturbance footprint. The Variation includes an impact to a total of 3.88 ha of PBTL habitat [REDACTED]

The majority of the graded access track between [REDACTED] is within the OTL Disturbance footprint (as shown by the yellow delineations in the image below). Only a small amount at the far eastern extent is outside of the OTL Disturbance footprint (approximately 43 m²).



Neoen note that not all of the OTL Disturbance footprint between [REDACTED] has been graded, and it appears that not all of the footprint for [REDACTED] has been cleared either. As such, at this point in time, it is understood that the Project has not cleared more than 3.88 ha of PBTL habitat within the Substation and OTL project area and therefore a non-compliance with condition "ab" has not occurred.

Condition ac:

EBS has translocated / relocated 47 PBTLs out of the Substation and OTL project area at the following locations:

- 2 PBTLs out of [REDACTED] (Relocated locally)
- 2 PBTLs out of [REDACTED] (Relocated locally)
- 43 PBTLs out of the [REDACTED] (Translocated to the PBTL Offset Area)

Consequently, it is understood that no non-compliance with condition ac has occurred.

Neoen is also of the opinion that no non-compliance with Condition 2 has occurred, as the CEMP has been implemented.

Potential non-Compliance with the commitments made in plans:

The investigation has indicated that there was a non-compliance with commitments made in the CEMP:

- Signage for no-go zones installed, but no exclusion fencing installed.

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The investigation has also indicated that there was a non-compliance with commitments made in the Flora and Fauna MP, which is a subplan of the CEMP:

- Vehicle movements happened outside of approved disturbance areas.
- No application was sought to vary the approval before grading.
- Unauthorised impact has occurred to PBTl's and PBTl habitat.

Corrective action taken immediately:

GE failed to report the incident immediately after it occurred and only after it was raised by EBS through their Audit. However, with reference to the EBS Audit, Neoen does not believe that there was a reoccurrence of the incident elsewhere on Site. As detailed in our Investigation Update Notice, GE implemented the following corrective actions after receiving the EBS Audit report:

- Additional signage has been installed to more clearly delineate access to combat any further damage to PBTl habitat.
- The OTL workforce has been advised of the incident and the need to restrict activities to the designated access tracks and construction corridor. Relevant SWMS have been updated accordingly.
- Windrows have been placed along some sections of the OTL access track to inhibit traffic movements outside of the designated area.
- A daily reminder to remain on designated access tracks has been inserted into OTL prestart meetings.
- All OTL personnel have signed onto the project EWMS – Environmental Work Method Statement

Investigation of the Incidents:

Detailed investigations have been carried out by GE:

- An ICAM investigation was undertaken by GE in consultation with Neoen and EBS and the final investigation report was submitted on 29 August 2023, refer to Annexure A for reference (GE Report).
- GEE, EBS and Neoen have taken all steps to avoid or minimise any impact to PBTl habitat and PBTl's by micro-siting and demarcating the [REDACTED] Access before starting the Works in this area.

The root cause and contributing factors of the incident are set out in the GE Report and summarised below:

- GE did not adequately identify the level of environmental risk in this location and hence did not implement the appropriate controls required for that level of risk.
- Constraints for access to [REDACTED] locations were not fully understood at the design phase, and constructability review was not appropriate which meant that [REDACTED] Access was used for construction traffic.

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- Level of supervision and environmental inspections were not adequate considering the level of environmental risk.
- The criticality to remain on the designated access track was not properly communicated to the operators.
- The works were undertaken without a permit, as there was no permit applicable to the type of works undertaken.
- The process for submission of PCC's via emails could have led to confusion.

Assessment of potential impacts of the incidents and non-compliances:

EBS reviewed GE data and assessed the potential impacts summarised below:

The main potential impacts between [REDACTED] are potential impacts to PBTL habitat and PBTL's.

The impacts due to the incidents is considered Minor due to the following reasons:

- The vehicle movements off the [REDACTED]
 - o are only a temporary impact and not a permanent impact to the PBTL habitat.
 - o have potentially impacted a maximum of four-six individual PBTLs based on records in the area, however no evidence has been found showing that the vehicles impacted PBTL's.
- The grading of the access track:
 - o is now considered to be a permanent impact instead of a temporary impact to the PBTL habitat. The impact within the OTL Disturbance footprint was considered but as a temporary impact, considering that the [REDACTED] was going to have vehicle traffic only and no grading or other earthworks. It is worth noting that not all the OTL Disturbance footprint has been used.
 - o is likely to have avoided impact to individual PBTL's as it has been graded mainly within the demarcated [REDACTED] where individual PBTLs were avoided.

Method and Timing of remedial actions:

The below table lists the remedial actions that GE and our contractors are responsible for carrying out. Neoen believes that the implementation of the remedial actions proposed by GE will further consolidate our controls. Neoen will keep working with GE and our contractors to ensure that all remedial actions are completed in a timely manner.

#	Action	Responsible Department	Due Date	Date closed
1	Additional signage to be installed and signage reinstated between [REDACTED] to clearly delineate access to combat any further damage to PBTL habitat	GLC	08/08/2023	08/08/2023

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2	Insert a daily reminder to remain on designated access tracks in OHTL prestart meetings	GLC	08/08/2023	08/08/2023
3	Work methods revised to reference the need to positively identify PBT habitat	GLC	18/08/2023	18/08/2023
4	GSWF Project Induction revised to provide additional information for workers to identify known PBT habitat sites	GE/E	30/09/2023	
5	PCC process is reviewed to consider potential impacts on constructability and application across a spectrum of activities and not just clearing.	GE/E	30/09/2023	
6	Briefing on PBT to be provided to each discipline across project	GE/E	30/09/2023	
7	PCC to be subject to document control and communications of this type to use Aconex	EBS	30/09/2023	
8	Permit to work scope to be reviewed to include critical or high valued environmental risks and where impacts from construction activities are more likely to impact. The scope should be extended to include this.	GE/E Ecology Providers	30/09/2023	
9	GE / E to identify where a constructability review can be performed, to ensure design is feasible and works are planned appropriately and consider approval and environmental constraints.	GE / E	30/09/2023	

Approval holder's review:

As part of the approval holder's management of this incident, we have reviewed the GE Report along with EBS and consider that the impacts of the incidents to the PBT habitat have been minimal. Neoen believes that this is due to strong controls being implemented on site, despite the concerns identified.

We take our environmental compliance seriously, including by providing the Department with full disclosure. We will continue to ensure that the works are compliant with all permits and approvals.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information in relation to this matter. We welcome any questions the Department may have regarding this incident.

Yours sincerely

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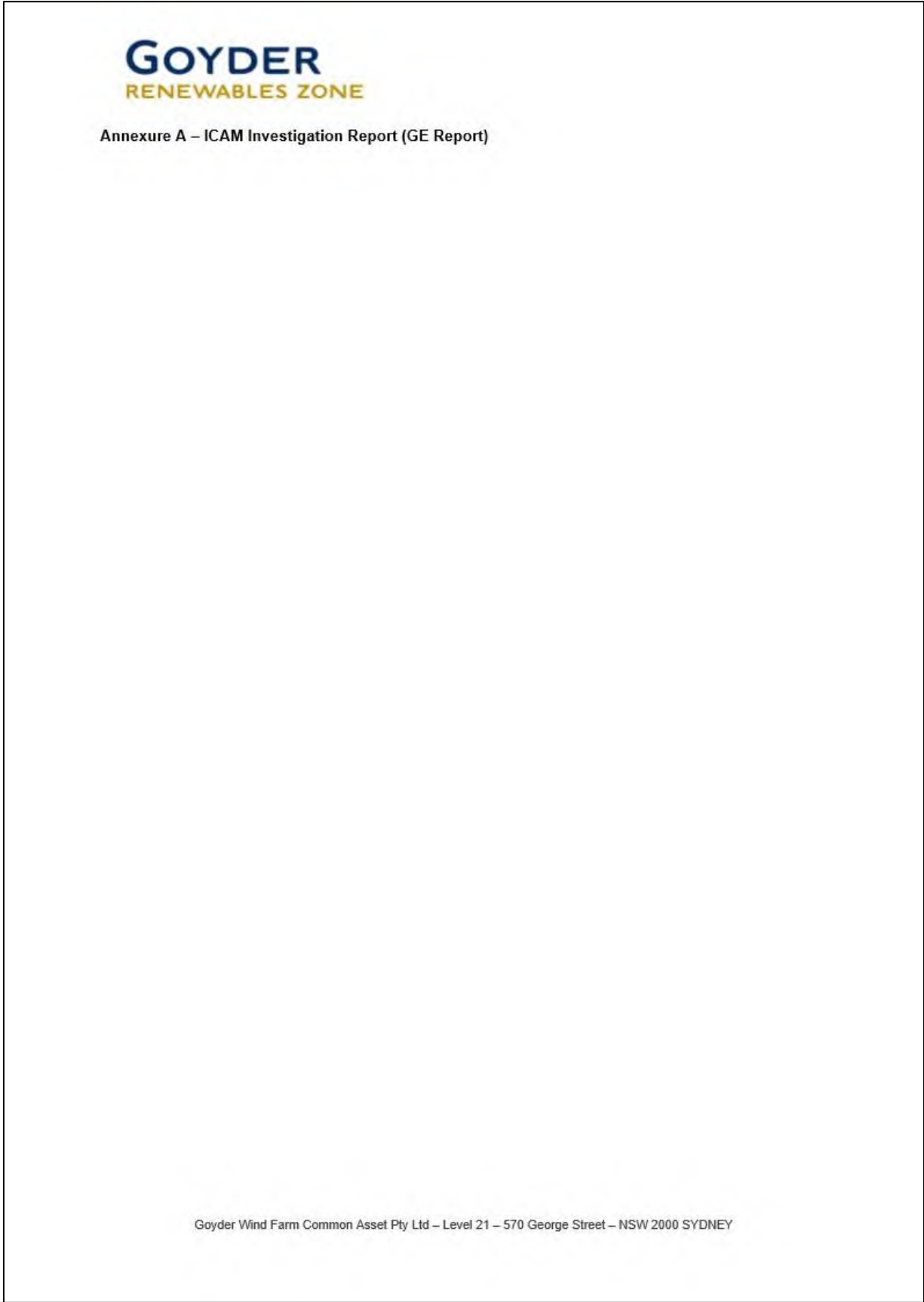


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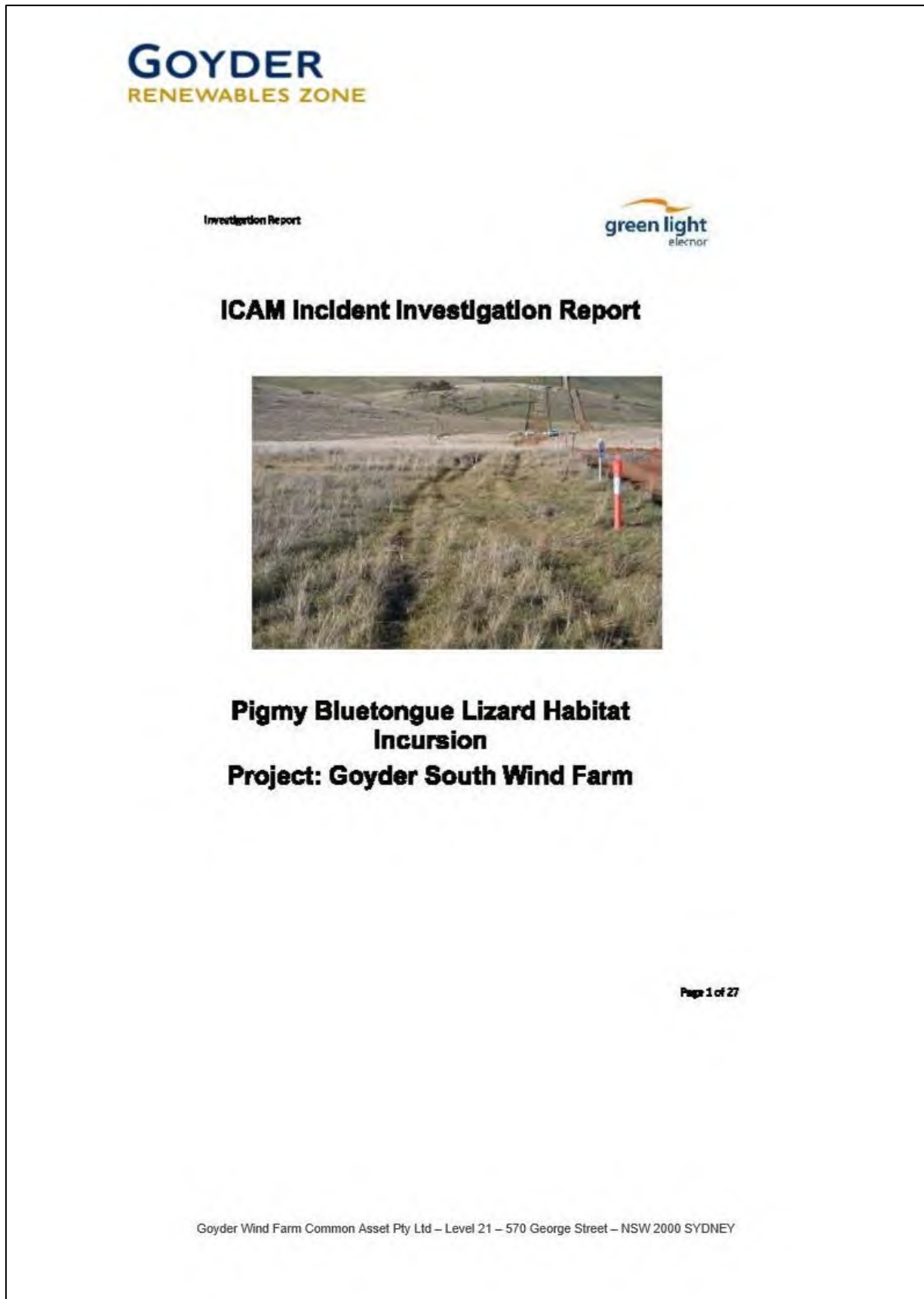




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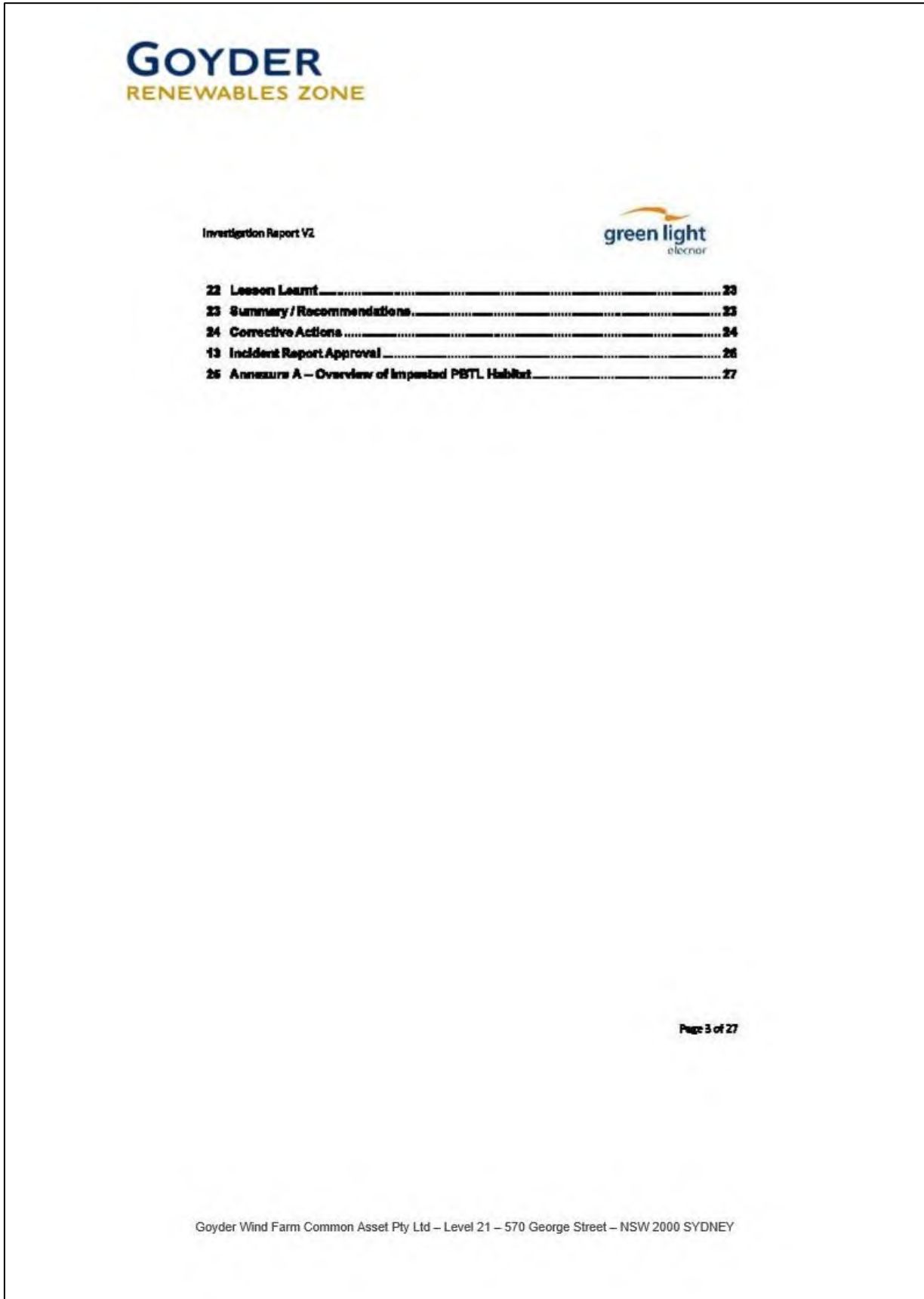


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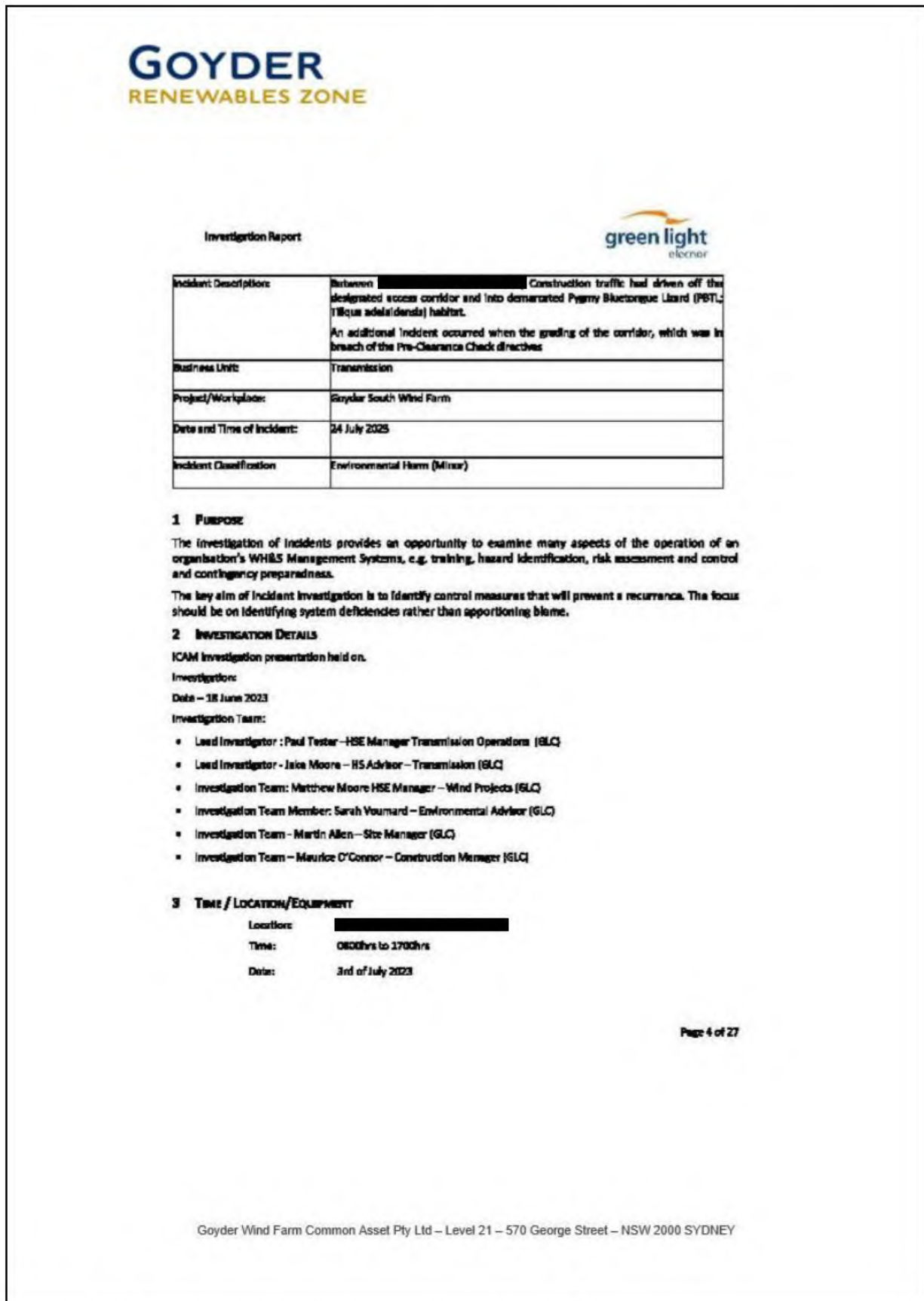


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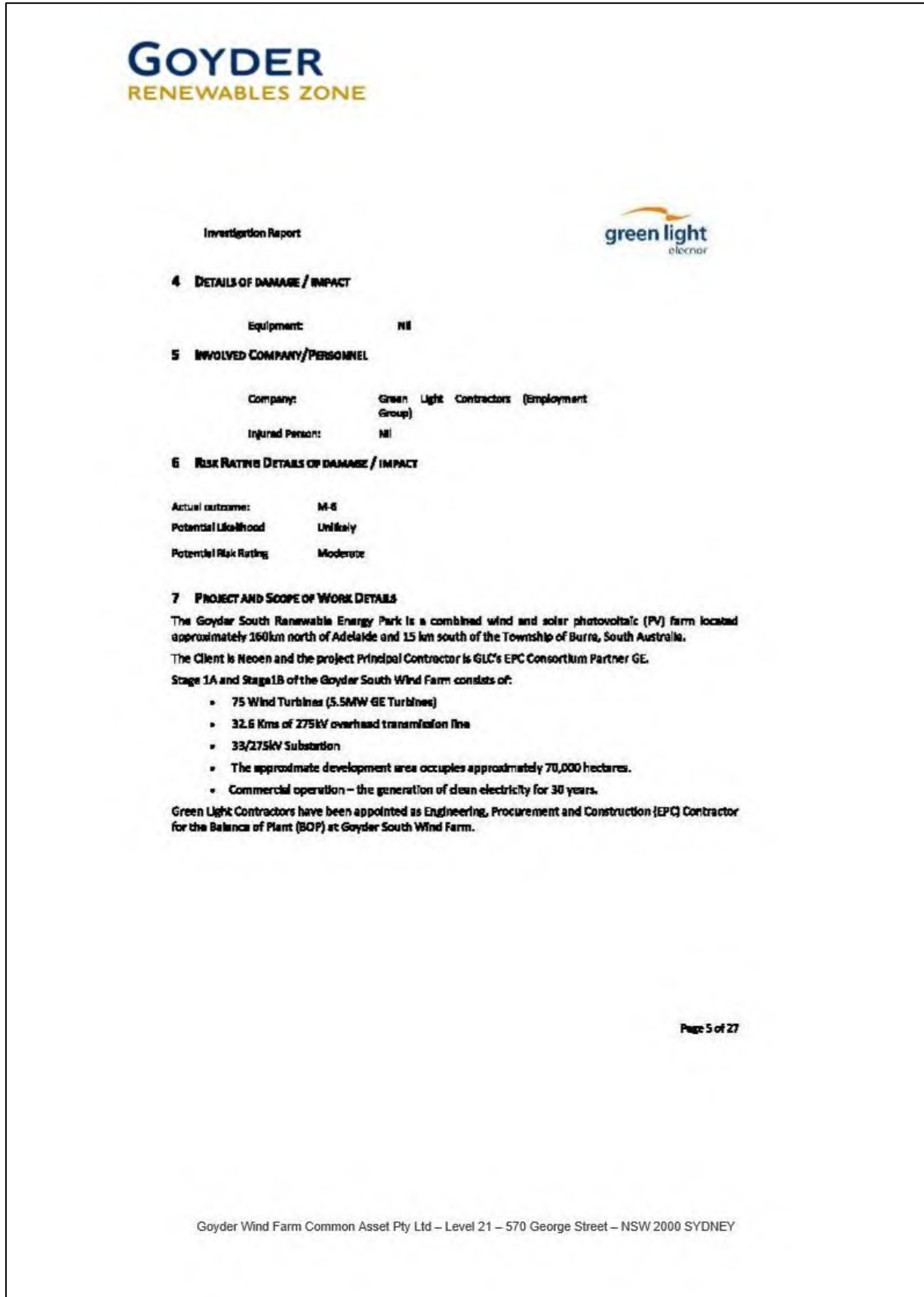


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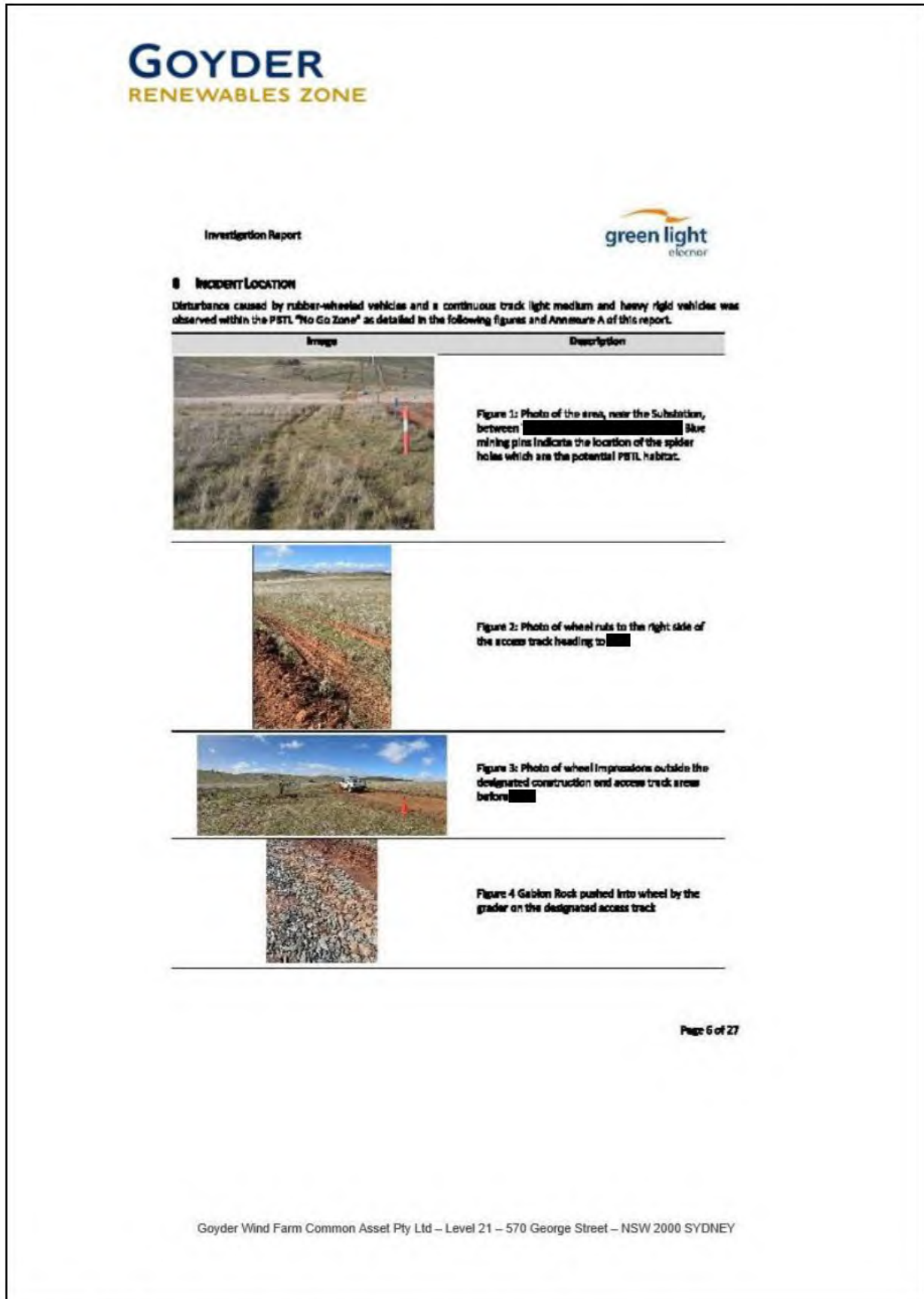


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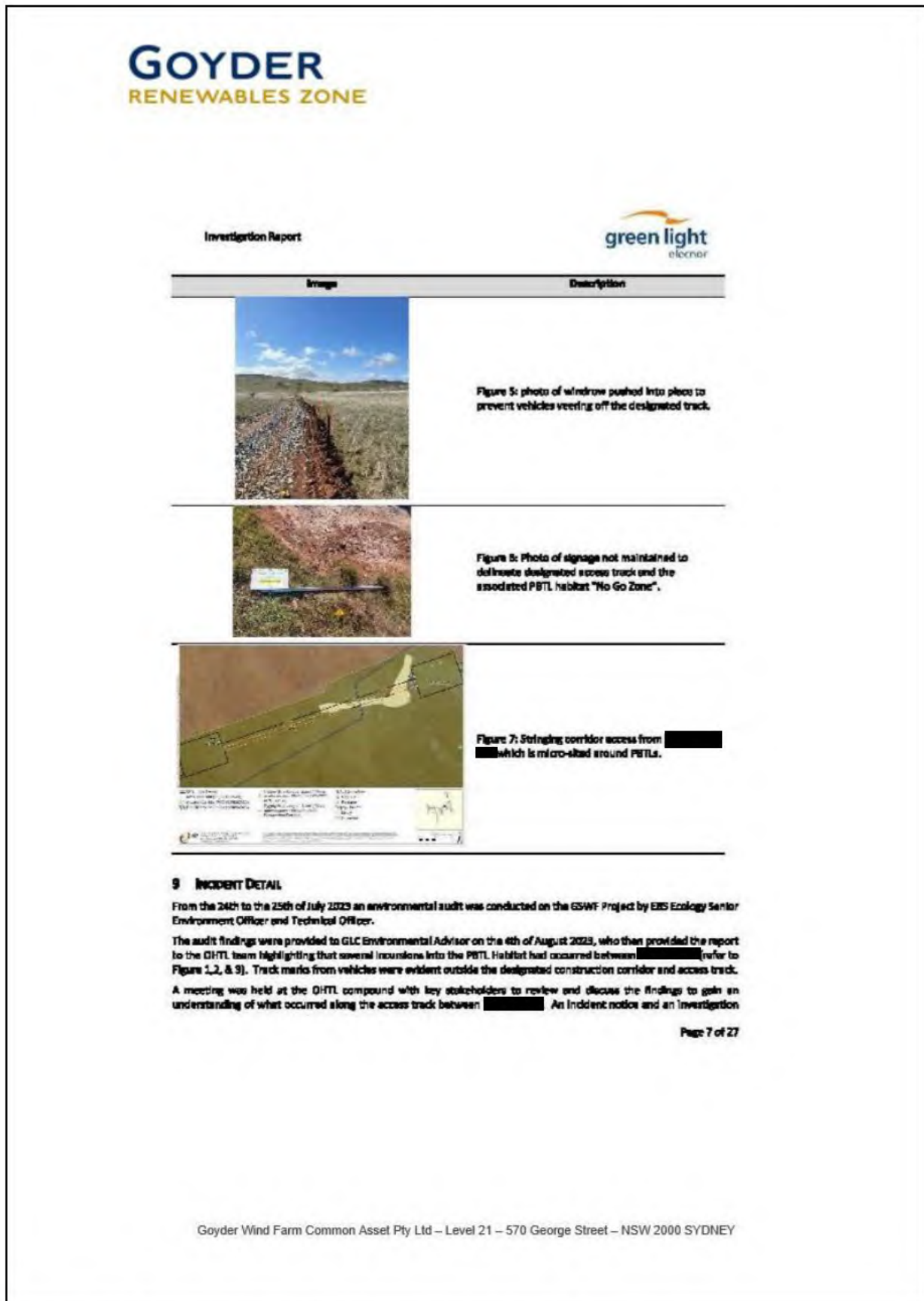


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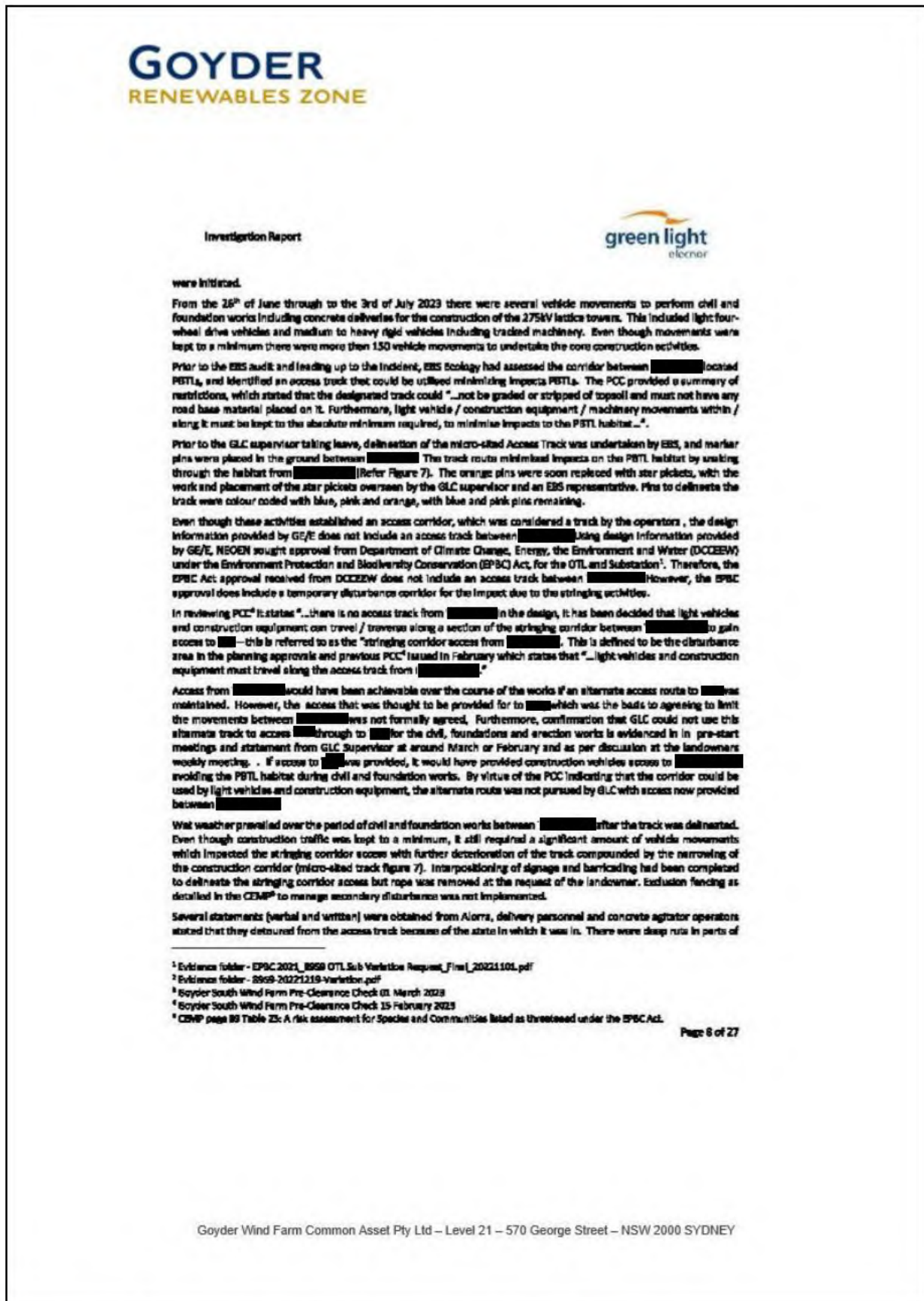


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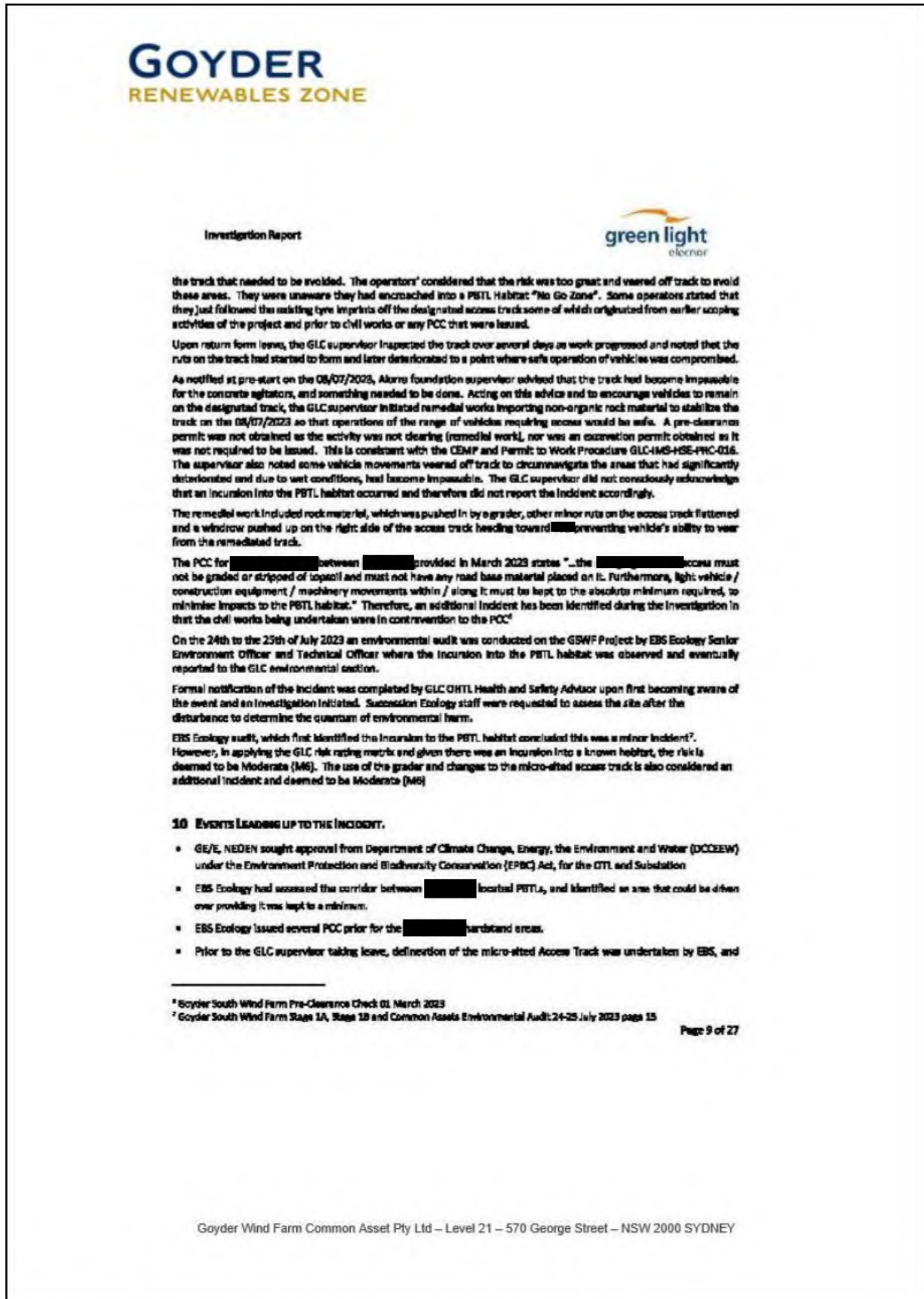


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marker pins were placed in the ground between [REDACTED]

- The pins were later replaced with star pickets, with the work and placement of the star pickets overseen by the GLC supervisor and an EBS representative.
- During civil and foundation works there was an absence of GLC supervision given the existing supervisor was on leave and the nominated replacement was relocated to another project.
- From the 26th of June through to the 3rd of July 2023 there were several vehicle movements to perform civil and foundation works including concrete deliveries for the construction of the 275kV lattice towers.

11. EVENTS POST INCIDENT

- Notification of the incursion was made by GLC OHTL Advisor upon first becoming aware of the event.
- Additional signage has been installed and signage reinstated between [REDACTED] to clearly delineate access to combat any further damage to PBT habitat. Original rope demarcating "no go zones" was removed at the request of the landowner.
- An investigation initiated.
- Succession Ecology staff were requested to assess the site after the disturbance to determine the quantum of environmental harm, which was considered minor. However, in applying the GLC risk rating matrix the risk is moderate (M6).
- The OHTL workforce has been advised of the incident and the need restrict activities to the designated access tracks and construction corridor.
- Windrows placed along temporary by corridor under the instruction of OHTL supervisor to inhibit traffic movements outside of the designated area.
- A daily reminder to remain on designated access tracks has been inserted in OHTL prestart meetings.
- Some work methods revised to reference the need to positively identify PBT habitat.

12. EVIDENCE

Reference	Detail
E90101H_GSWF_Env Audit_24-25July_Final_20230804	EBS Ecology Audit report
MEMO_PBT Habitat - Post-Incident Inspection_FINAL	Succession Ecology Post Incident Assessment
Delivering Concrete SWMS V1 (1)	Safe Work Method Statement
EBS_Ecology_PCC_[REDACTED]PBT_20230215 (1)	PCC
EBS_Ecology_PCC_OTL_[REDACTED]PBT_update_20230302	PCC
EBS_Ecology_PCC_OTL_[REDACTED]PBT_update_20230302	PCC
EBS_Ecology_PCC_OTL_[REDACTED]extension_PBT_20230228	PCC
GE Site Induction Presentation - Rev 6 - 08.03.2023 - Master	Project Induction content
GLC-IMS-HSE-PRC-016.00-IRU_Procedure - Permit to Work (2)	Permit to Work

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Reference	Detail
GLC-HMS-HSE-PRC-019.02..IFU_Procedure - Incident Reporting (5)	GLC Procedure
GLC-HMS-HSE-PRC-019.02..IFU_Procedure - Incident Reporting (5)	GLC Procedure
GOYDER SOUTH WIND FARM-SWMS-Activity Name_Delivering Concrete V1	Safe Work Method Statement
goyder-south-wind-farm - Site Diary - Date 2023-07-04	Supervisor diary
GSWF-ELECNOR-EHS-PLN-0005-Rev 13-Construction Environmental Management Plan (5) (2)	CEMP
GSWF-ELECNOR-MAH-PLN-0005-Rev 3-Flora & Fauna Management Plan (2)	PCC
GWF_TT_1_and_associated_corridor_PCC_Stage_OHTL_Z7-June-22	PCC
micro-sited 2 march signed	PCC
PBTL_Man_Plan_Final_20220628 (1)	Goyder South Hybrid Renewable Energy Facility PBTL Management Plan
PER-90	Permit to Work - CMI
PER-336	Permit to Work - Civil
Shane Southam Statement	Statement
2021-8959-20221219-Variation	Variations attached to the conditions of approval
EPBC 2021_8959 OTL Sub Variation Request_Final_20221101	OTL and Substation EPBC Approval Variation Request (EPBC 2021/8959)
and PBTL Habitat email	Statement
GE/E Induction	GE/E Induction
GLC-HMS-HSE-PRC-019 Incident Reporting Procedure	Incident reporting protocols
HazCon Risk Register Transmission Line Construction section V1.1 + V1.2	Hazard in Construction
NOM landowner Meeting 13/08/22, 23/11/22, 1/3/23	Access requires approval for alternate route to TT6.

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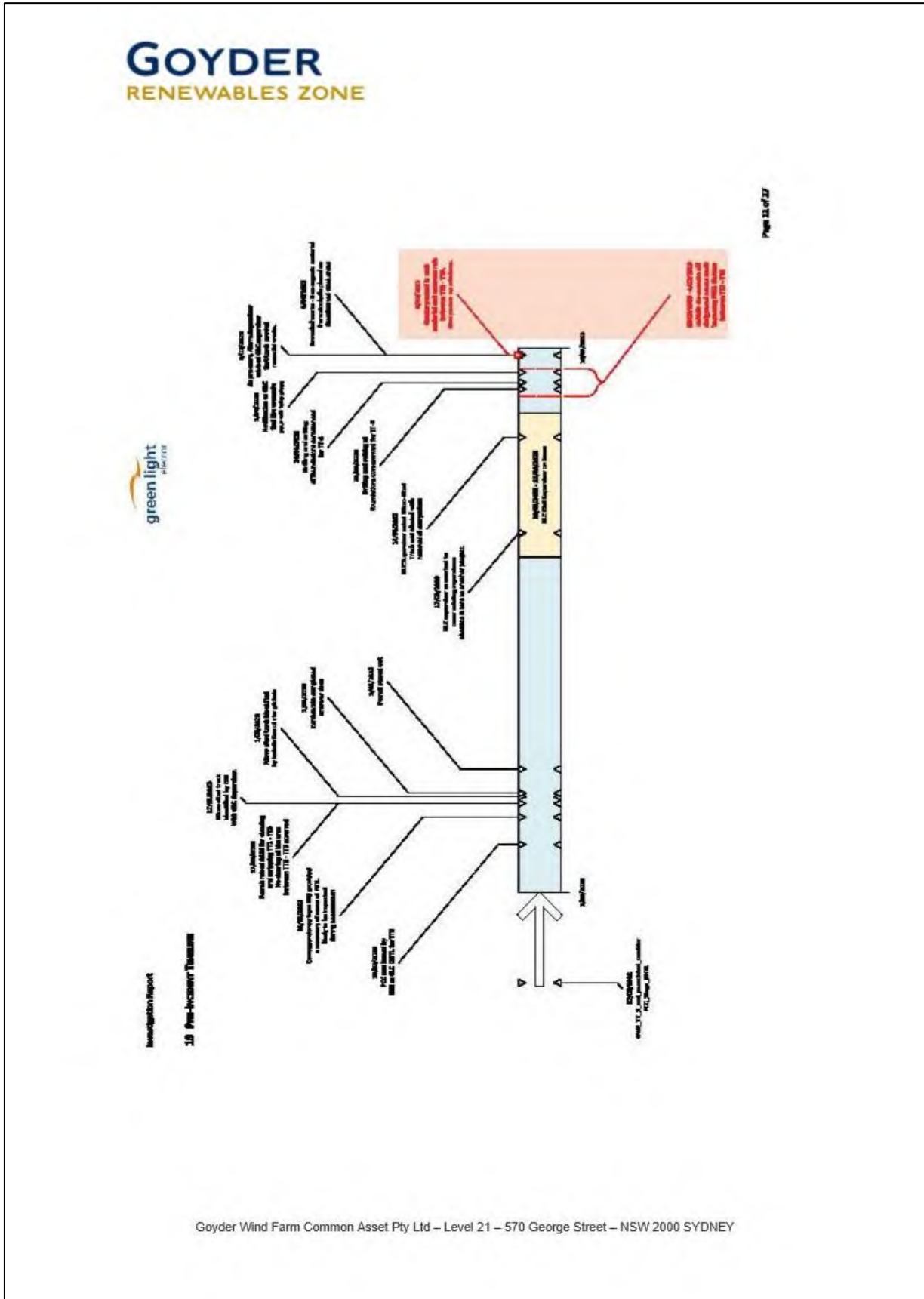


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1.5 TIMELINE OF EVENTS

The following actions were undertaken during and post incident.

Note: All times approximate

Time	Event
27/06/2022	EWF, [REDACTED] and associated corridor_PCC_Stage_OHTL_27-June-22
15/07/2023	PCC was issued by EBS to GLC OHTL for [REDACTED]
23/07/2023 1050hrs	Correspondence from EBS provided a summary of areas of PHTL likely to be impacted during construction
27/07/2023 0736hrs	Permit raised R356 for clearing and stripping [REDACTED] No clearing of the area between [REDACTED] occurred
28/07/2023	Micro-shed track identified with by EBS.
1/08/2023	Micro-shed track identified by installation of star pickets.
02/08/2023	Earthworks completed
09/08/2023 1203hrs	Permit closed out
	Alternate access track to [REDACTED] ad been withdrawn
10/08/2023	GLC Goyder Supervisor takes annual leave
17/08/2023	GLC supervisor earmarked to cover existing supervisors absence is sent to another project.
21/08/2023	GLC Goyder Supervisor Return from leave
28/08/2023	Drilling and setting of foundations commenced for [REDACTED]
29/08/23	Drilling and setting of foundations commenced for [REDACTED]
	Notification to GLC that the concrete pour will take place
29/08/2023 04/07/2023	Incursion into PHTL Habitat between [REDACTED]
8/07/2023	At pre-start, Aloma Supervisor advised GLC supervisor that track needed remedial works.
8/07/2023	Remedial works - Non-organic material from ashpits placed on deteriorated track areas
08/07/2023	Wrecker pushed in each incursion and removed rails between [REDACTED] Also pushes up wiremesh.
24/7/2023 10:00am	Stage 1A, Stage 1B and Common Assets Environmental Audit Initiated by EBS Ecology
25/7/2023 1300hrs	Impact to PHTL Habitat Observed by EBS Ecology between [REDACTED]
25/07/2023	EBS Ecology advised GLC Environmental advised of potential incident

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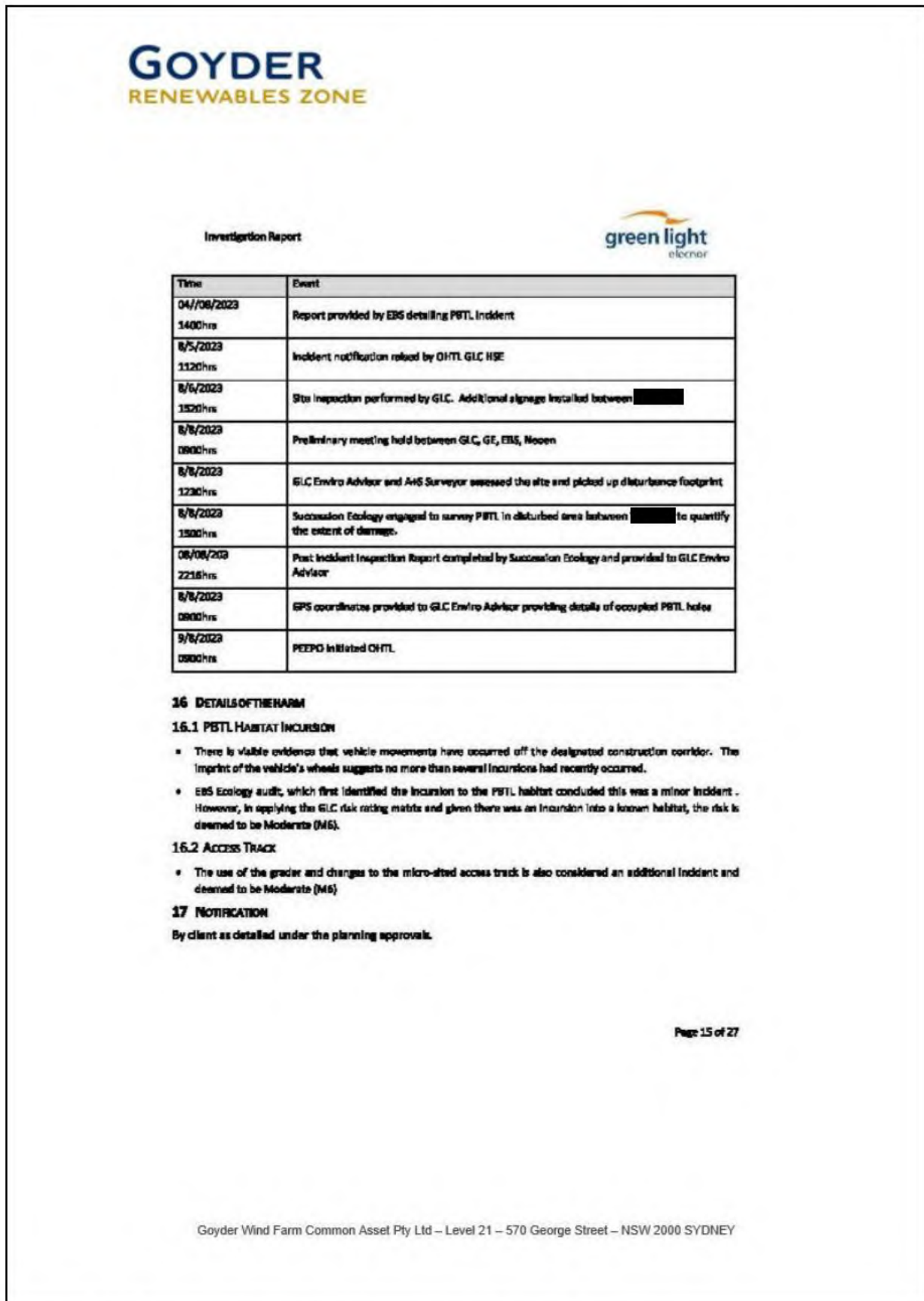


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38 DATA COLLECTION (PEEPO)

(** - Highlights areas of concern to be addressed – contributing factors)

18.1 PEOPLE		
Name	Plant Operators	GLC Civil Supervisor
Records	- Records of Induction found on Hammettech	- Records of Induction found on Hammettech
Roster	- 0630 - 1700	- 090 - 1700
History	- Environmental Incidents reported in Hammettech for Impacts on PBTL Habitat.	- Environmental incidents reported in Hammettech for Impacts on PBTL Habitat.
Psychology**	- Environmental Impact and safety concerns associated with the road and prioritising accordingly	- Prioritising safety of personnel over environmental harm
Physiology	- N/A	- N/A
Ability	- Ability to traverse the vehicles safely was inhibited	- Ability to conduct civil works as per schedule impacted by unsafe access conditions of access track.
Supervision	- Supervision was left to contractors during 6 weeks of the WUC	- Resources of GLC supervision were limited over a 6-week period. - Hammettech Inspections for HSE were also limited. - The understanding of the volume of traffic movements was underestmated along the stringing corridor, which was now considered the only means of access between [REDACTED]
Alertness	- Distracted by the higher priority of the state of the access track.	- Focus on safety of vehicle movements through deteriorating track.
Communication	- Several PCC were issued for the SDW over a two-week period. These were issued via email which should be issued by Aconex. Naming conventions on the PCC were deemed to be confusing to supervisory staff. Only the track unsafe condition was reported and not the incursions into the habitat	- Signage erected and star tickets inserted (micro-sting) to advise (communicate) no go zones. - The supervisor did not acknowledge that an incident occurred and as such did not report the incursion.
Teamwork	- Under the instruction of the GLC supervisor apart from 6 weeks when one of the supervisors was on leave	- Decisions were being made at the micro level without evaluating or considering the broader impacts at the macro level and constructability practicalities. (GE/E, Subcontractor)

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18.2 ENVIRONMENT		
Item	Example	Comment
Illumination	Too much or too little light that may have had a negative influence on visitors. Moving from a darker area to lighter area, etc	- Incident occurred in daylight with good lighting.
Precipitation	Climate precipitation that has a negative influence on human or equipment performance. This includes condensation, fog, frost, hail, ice, sleet, rain, snow, or sleet.	- Total rainfall for the month of June leading up to the incident was 56mm, which was above average.
Contaminants	Natural or man-made elements that render material or the environment unsatisfactory for human or equipment use and have a negative influence on performance. These include carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, chemical, dust, foreign objects, debris, fumes, gases, impurities, mist, smog, smoke, toxic materials, or vapours.	- Not assessed as a contributing factor to incident.
Noise	Unwanted sound that produces hearing loss, disturbs / distracts attention from the task at hand, or interferes with communication.	- Not assessed as a contributing factor to incident.
Temperature / humidity	Extremes of heat, cold, and humidity that have a negative influence on human or equipment performance.	- Not assessed as a contributing factor to incident.
Wind/turbulence	Natural or man-made air movement that has a negative influence on human or equipment performance.	- 13-15km winds. Not assessed as a contributing factor to incident.
Vibration	Repeated / periodic motions that have a negative influence on human or equipment performance.	- Not assessed as a contributing factor to incident.
Acceleration / deceleration	Force experienced by personnel / equipment due to rate of change of velocity.	- Deteriorating conditions on the stringing corridor making unsafe driving conditions for vehicles along access track.
Radiation	Reflected energy emitted in waves or particles that have a negative influence on human or equipment performance. This includes alpha radiation, beta radiation, gamma radiation, ionising laser, mass, neutron radiation, non-ionising radio waves, sunlight, ultraviolet, or X radiation.	- Not assessed as a contributing factor to incident.
Work surface / space**	Conditions (including precipitation) of natural or man-made work surfaces on which personnel and equipment operate that have a negative influence on performance. This includes holes, inclines, rocks, rough, rutted, slippery, stamp, or uneven wave action.	- Track not allowed to be graded or imported road material installed as per EBS PCC. - Low area along track which held moisture. - Clay soils with very little rock to support the soil. - Uneven gradient along access track. - Track heavily rutted in areas due to rain and traffic movements. - The volume of traffic for the construction of steel lattice towers was underestimated

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18.2 ENVIRONMENT		
Item	Example	Comment
Electricity	Natural or man-made electrical current that has a negative influence on human or equipment performance. This includes burn out, electrocution, discharge, earth faults, lightning, shock, short, or static.	- Not assessed as a contributing factor to incident.
Air pressure	Sudden or gradual changes in air pressure that have a negative influence on human or equipment performance. This includes altitude, winds, blast, shock, decompression, explosion, or hypoxia.	- Wind gusts from time to time up to 50km/hr. - Not assessed as a contributing factor to incident.
Wildlife	The actions or presence of animals that injure personnel, cause personnel to make errors, damage equipment, or cause equipment to malfunction.	- Signage for no go zones knocked down and not observed. - The signage was placed away from the edge of the track with the micro-stud edge not clearly delineated. - Ecodution fencing to manage the potential for secondary disturbance as detailed in the CEMP was not put in place. - Habitat defined and signage erected indicating "no go zone" but what was protected was unknown with the external perimeter not clearly identified. - PESTL habitat location (Where the habitat starts and finishes) not clearly understood to by contractor given poor delineation. - PESTL were within 1 metre of the construction corridor with the criticality to remain on the corridor lost on the operators. - Ecodution fencing was not used in accordance with CEMP page 88 for PESTL habitat given the risk of encroachment and impact is elevated.

18.3 EQUIPMENT		
Item	Example	Comment
Design	The design of the equipment should be adequate to meet the requirements and operational conditions under which they were being used.	- Plant fit for purpose
Construction	The equipment should be constructed to specifications within the design standards.	- Plant fit for purpose
Testing	The equipment should be tested to ensure that it meets the design standard and construction specifications.	- Plant fit for purpose
Inspection	There should be an inspection procedure for monitoring the status of the equipment on initial delivery, periodically throughout its life, at critical times before, during and after operation.	- Plant verified as indicated to project.

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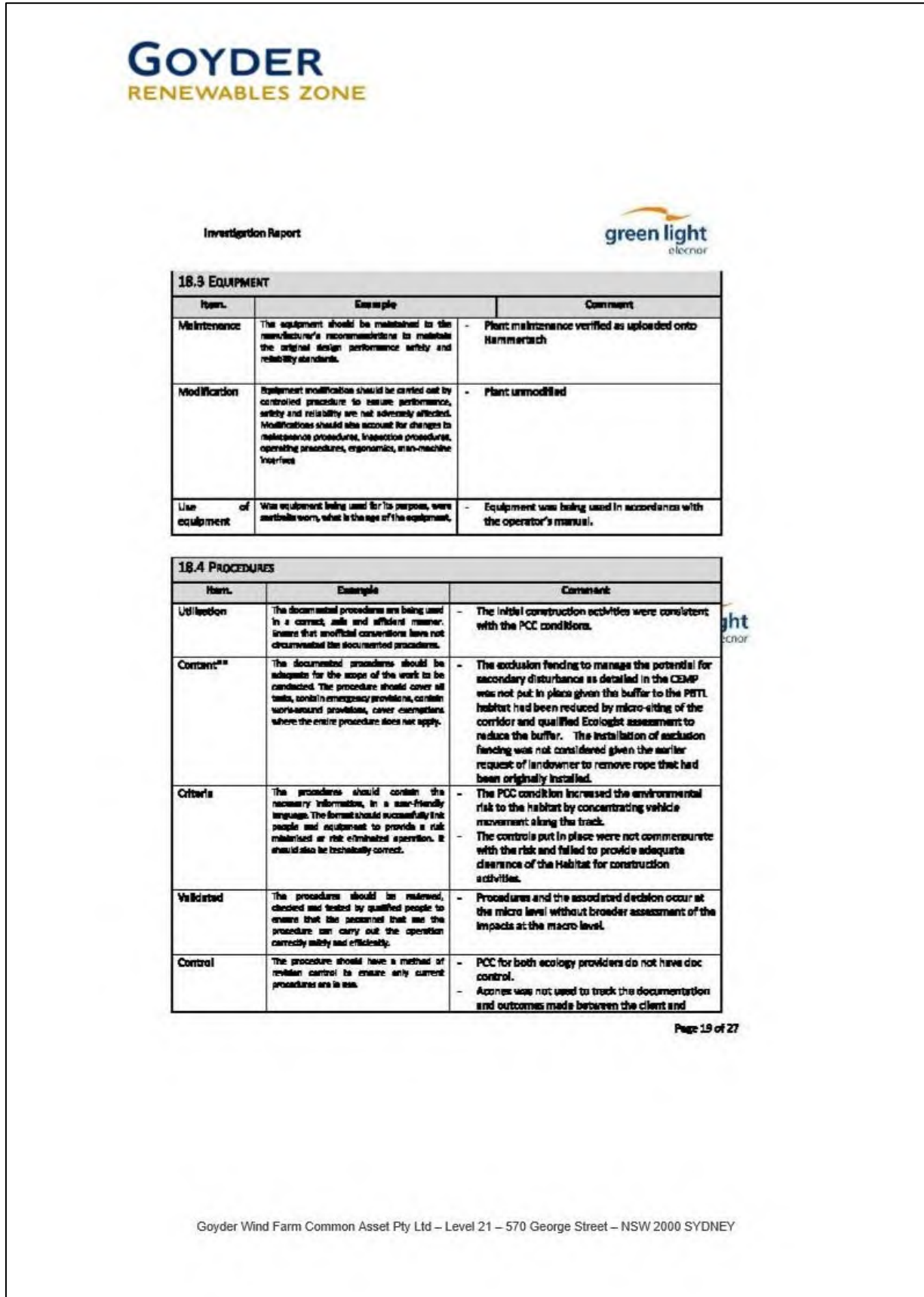


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18.4 PROCEDURES		
Item	Example	Comment
		contractor and ecology service providers.

18.5 ORGANISATION		
Item	Detail	Comment
Organisational culture	The organisation should have a systemic approach to safety. There should be evidence of management leadership and commitment to setting high standards of safety, quality, and productivity performance. Measurable factors include people management, provision and quality of tools and equipment, commercial and operational pressures, planning, maintenance of facilities and equipment, communication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PCC did not allow for the clearing or import of road base so it could be trafficable under all weather conditions and type of vehicles. - Controls put in place to protect the area were insufficient to drive the outcome and ensure movements were restricted to the access track. - Safe operation of the vehicle was prioritised over the potential environmental impacts. - Aconex was not used to communicate changes when issuing the PCCs. - Several PCC were issued. Naming conventions used within the PCC to reference previous PCC cannot identify the current document.
Training programme	The organisation should have a structured training programme for the provision and consolidation of technical skills, safety awareness and safety knowledge. The effectiveness of training should be measurable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GLC training matrix maintained in Hammertech recording operator qualifications and competency assessments. - GLC and GE GSWF Project Inductions completed as part of the onboarding process. - Weekly toolbox talks on environmental and safety awareness. - Site inspections used to assess compliance / knowledge of contractors. - Leading and lagging indicators used to measure performance. - Induction does not provide locational data and where risk is increased and how to identify those areas, and detail on the range of measures (buffer zone v construction activities)
Vehicle support	The organisation should demonstrate support for the work site operational staff including provision of adequate training levels, suitable equipment and material and adequate facilities and services. Where in the organisational structure does the support fit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suitable access tracks were not provided for the volume and range of vehicle movements between [REDACTED] - GLC supervisor was on leave and absent from the work site for 6 weeks. - An additional supervisor was earmarked to cover the GLC supervisor while on leave but was reallocated to another project without replacement. GLC supervisor inspected the area prior and during the course of the work as evidenced by the importation of non-organic rock material. - There was an absence of support to the contractors performing the work as evidenced by the absence

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18.5 ORGANISATION		
Item	Detail	Comment
		of the supervisor and limited infield Hammarbach HSE inspection in that area.
Incident History	Has the organisation experienced the same or similar events before? Have actions been put in place and implemented effectively?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Similar incident previously recorded on the Wind Farm; however the contributing factors differ. - PCC on the 2nd of March indicated no grading or importation of road base.
Operational feedback processes	The organisation should have a formal and effective operational feedback system for system monitoring and improvement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hammarbach observation system for assigning actions. - No evidence of HSE inspections performed in the area during the time of WUC and incursion.

19 KEY FINDINGS

The key findings outline why the incident occurred, the contributing/causal factors and root cause deduced from the investigation using the Incident Cause Analysis Method (ICAM) (PEEPO).

- a) The incursion into the PBT habitat from [REDACTED] was not reported by the subcontractors and GLC supervisory staff when first becoming aware of the tyre marks. The lack of reporting did not provide an opportunity to suspend work, investigate the incident and implement remedial action to prevent the likelihood of recurrence.
- b) The incursions into the PBT habitat were necessitated due to the deterioration of the track and the associated safety concerns, which resulted in vehicles avoiding sections of the track that were significantly deteriorated due to the volume of traffic and weather conditions. Where incursions had occurred, the vehicle operators assumed that this was an accepted practice.
- c) The access to [REDACTED] was originally planned from [REDACTED] by entering the transmission easement from [REDACTED], which would have circumnavigated the PBT habitat between [REDACTED]. The alternate access route on landowner tracks that was thought to be provided to access [REDACTED] was not formally confirmed by GLC. Subsequent landowner meetings and pre-start communique stated that these tracks must not be used and had never been agreed to be used, which was originally the basis for GLC agreeing to limit the movements between [REDACTED] by virtue of the PCC indicating that the corridor between [REDACTED] could be used by light vehicles and construction equipment, the alternate route for construction vehicles was not pursued by GLC and the volume of traffic increased thereafter.
- d)
- e) The risk to the PBT and potential harm was increased given:
 - I. The PBT were within 1 metre of the [REDACTED]
 - II. The volume of traffic had increased due to there being no alternate route sought by GLC or approved by client.
 - III. The micro-siting of the track concentrated vehicle movements and magnified the associated damage to the track.
- f) The increase in environmental risk due to the above factors were not consciously acknowledged with the controls implemented not commensurate with this risk. A range of additional controls and an increase in the frequency of inspections and supervision should have been implemented given the criticality of the area. This should have been undertaken by several stakeholders.

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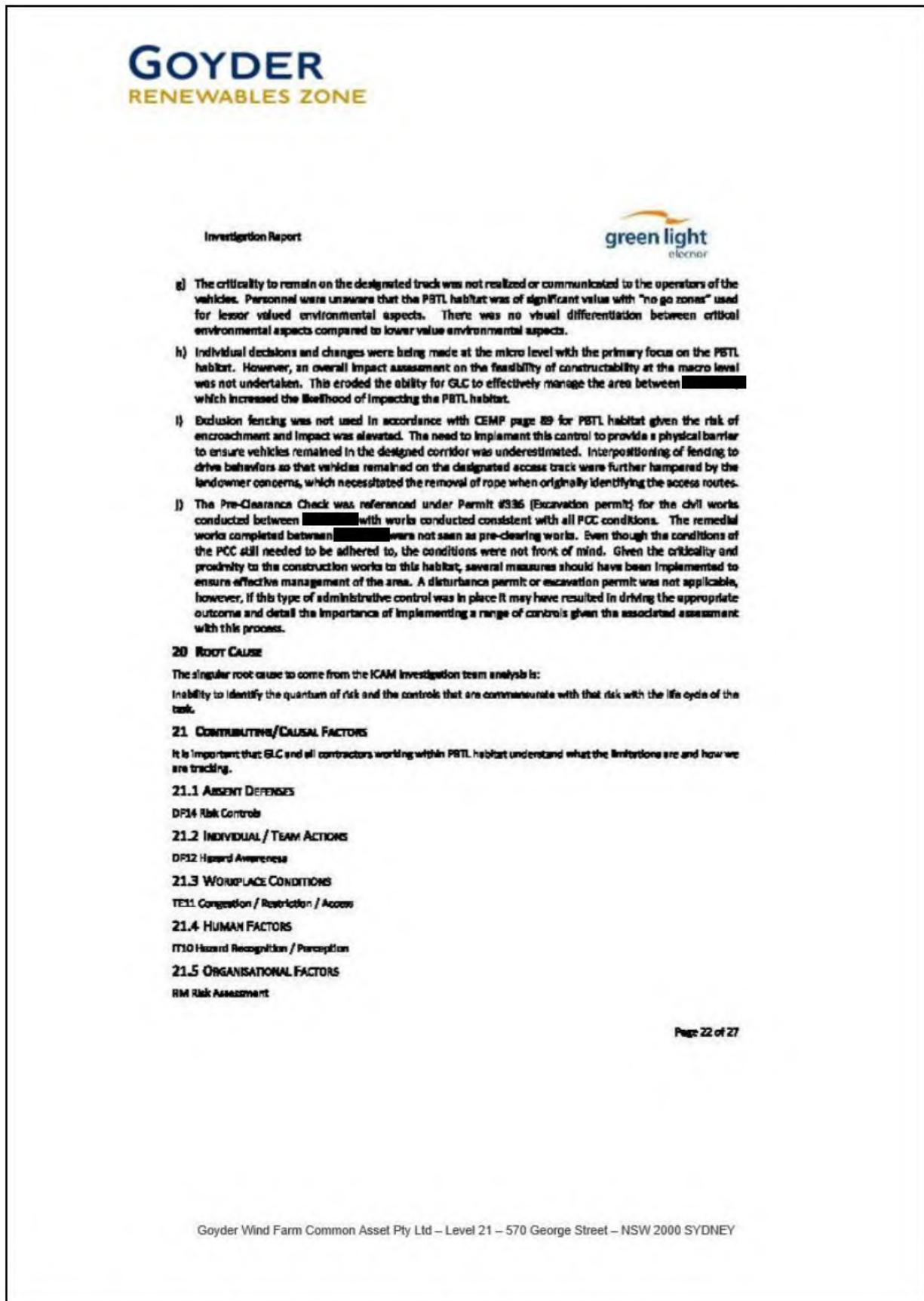


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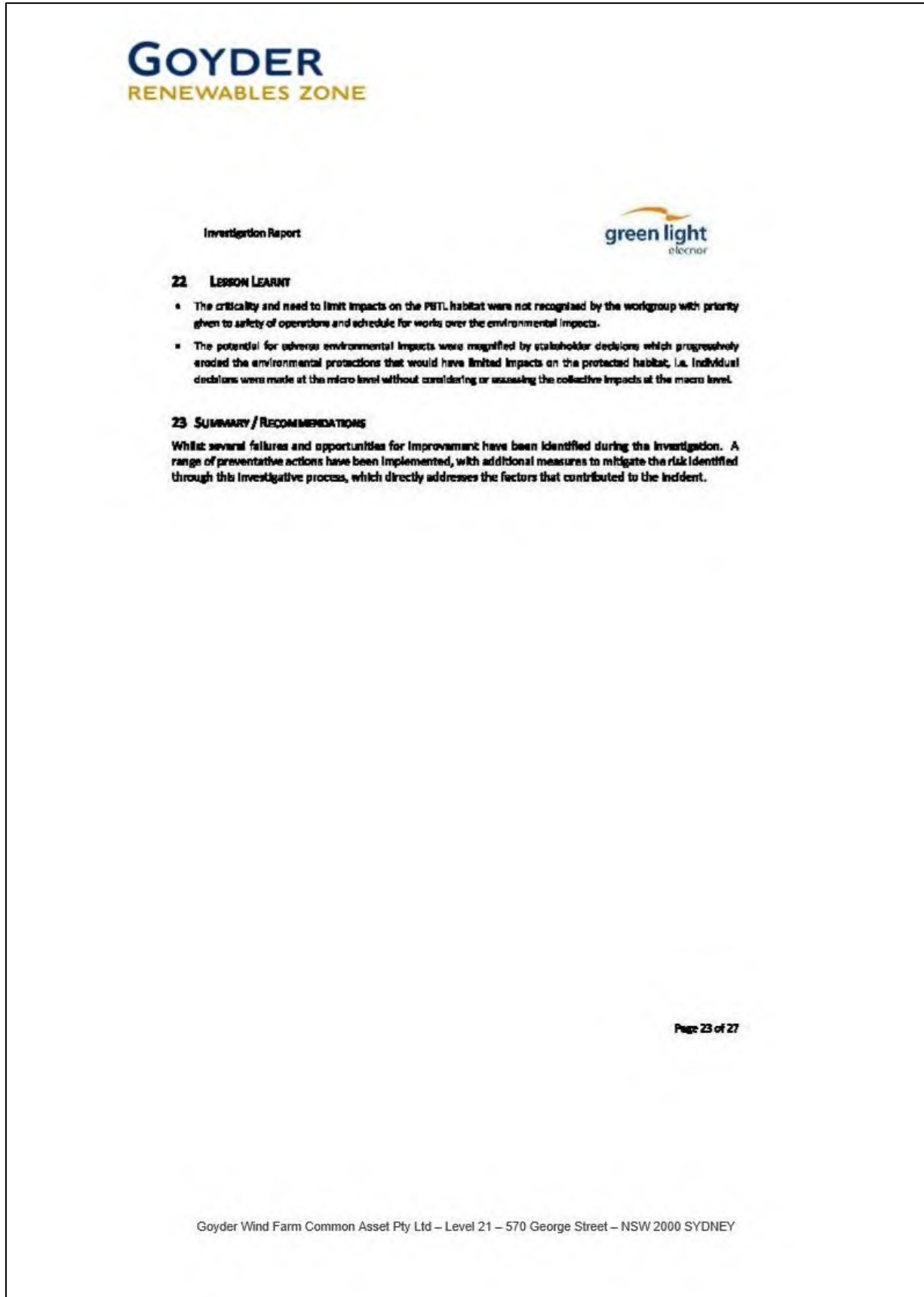


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24 Corrective Actions


#	Factor	Action	Responsible Department	Responsible Person	Due Date	Date closed
1	DF14 Risk Controls	Additional signage to be installed and signage reinstated between [redacted] to clearly delineate access to combat any further damage to PBTL habitat.	GLC	M Martin	08/09/2023	08/09/2023
2	DF14 Risk Controls IT10 Hazard Recognition / Perception	Issue a daily reminder to remain on designated access tracks in CHTL prestart meetings.	GLC	J Moore	08/09/2023	08/09/2023
3	DF14 Risk Controls IT10 Hazard Recognition / Perception DF12 Hazard Awareness	Work methods revised to reference the need to positively identify PBTL habitat.	GLC	J Moore	18/09/2023	18/09/2023
4	IT10 Hazard Recognition / Perception DF12 Hazard Awareness	GSWF Project Induction revised to provide additional information for workers to identify known PBTL habitat sites.	GE/E	M Moore	30/09/2023	
5	RM Risk Assessment	PCC process is reviewed to consider potential impacts on sustainability and application across a spectrum of activities and not just clearing.	GE/E	M Moore	30/09/2023	
6	IT10 Hazard Recognition / Perception DF13 Hazard Awareness	Briefing on PBTL to be provided to each discipline across project.	GE/E	S Younand	30/09/2023	
7	RM Risk Assessment	PCC to be subject to document control and communications of this type to use Access.	EBS	T How	30/09/2023	
8	Nil	Permit to work scope to be reviewed to include critical or high valued environmental risks and where impacts from construction activities are more likely to impact. The scope should be extended to include this.	GE/E Ecology Providers	M Moore	30/09/2023	

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P	All	SE / E to identify where a constructability review can be performed, to ensure design is feasible and works are planned appropriately and consider approval and environmental constraints.	SE / E	A Gargallo	30/09/2023
Notes: NIL		Signature: 	Date: 29/09/2023		
Name: Paul Tucker					

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13 Incident Report Approval

Report Approval			
	I/CAM Investigator	Construction Manager	Project Manager
Name	Paul Tester		
Date	29/04/2023		
Sign			

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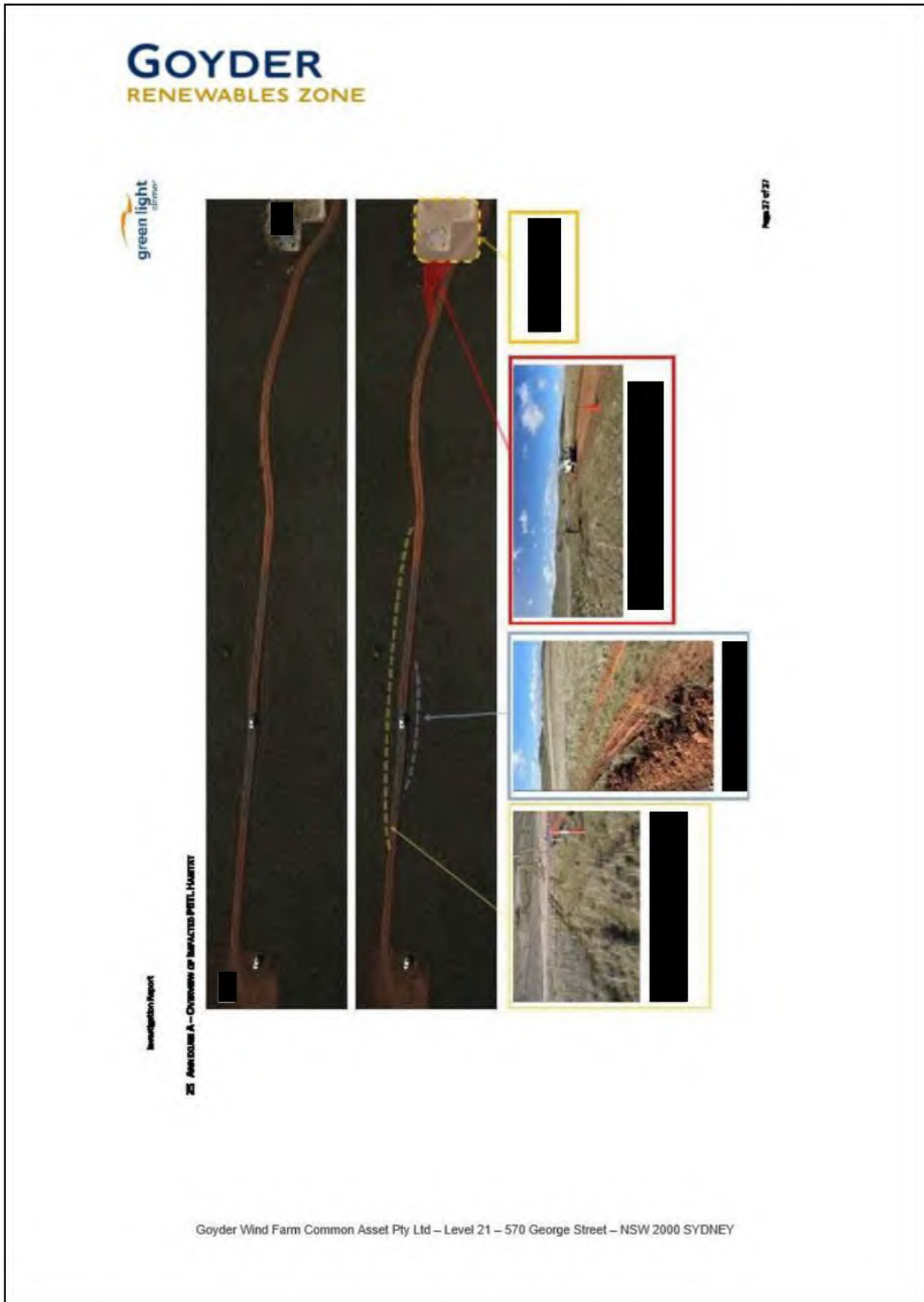


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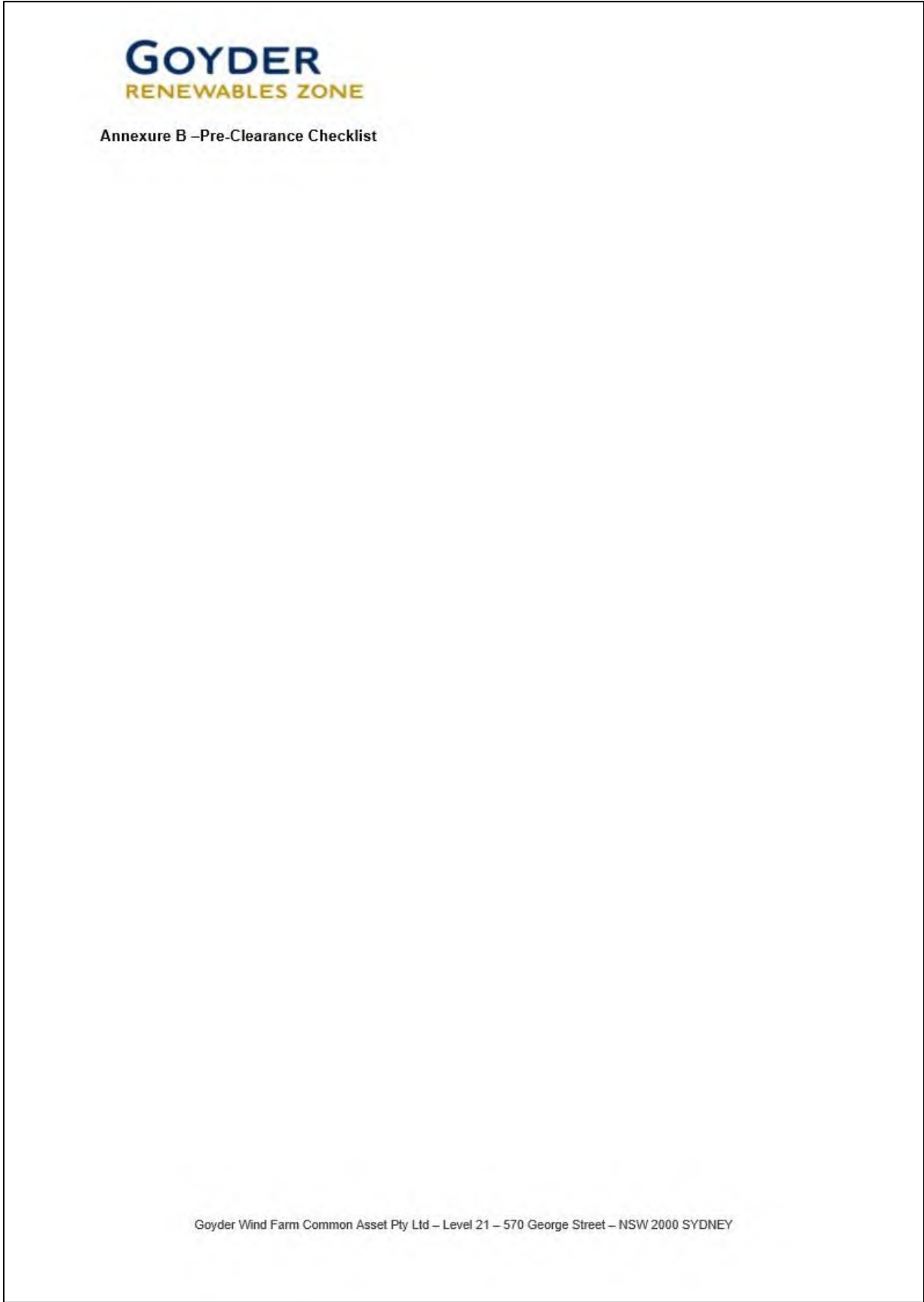


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Project Stage:	Overhead Transmission Line (OTL)
Project Phase:	OTL - [REDACTED]
PCC Area:	This PCC focused entirely on surveying for PBTLs within a section of the [REDACTED] which will be used by light vehicles / construction equipment / machinery to travel / traverse from [REDACTED]. The PCC survey area is shown in Figure 1 on the following page.
PCC completed by:	EBS Ecology
Personnel:	[REDACTED]
PCC date:	01 March 2023
PCC memo prepared by:	[REDACTED]
PCC Summary	<p>As there is no access track from [REDACTED] in the design, it has been decided that light vehicles and construction equipment can travel / traverse along a section of the [REDACTED] to gain access to [REDACTED] this is referred to as the [REDACTED].</p> <p>However, the <i>stringing corridor</i> access must not be graded or stripped of topsoil and must not have any road base material placed on it. Furthermore, light vehicle / construction equipment / machinery movements within / along it must be kept to the absolute minimum required, to minimise impacts to the PBTL habitat.</p> <p>EBS marked out a 5m wide corridor on site from [REDACTED] on the southern side of the 12m wide OTL [REDACTED] and surveyed the area for PBTLs. When a PBTL was found, a GPS waypoint was recorded, two survey pins were installed and the PBTL burrow was circled with spray paint as an additional marker as cattle are likely to pull out / knock over the survey pins. The [REDACTED] was then micro-sited around PBTLs, with the micro-sited sections also checked for the presence of PBTLs. Micro-siting was successful and no PBTLs needed to be relocated.</p> <p>[REDACTED] EBS Ecology) and Aidan Hargans (OTL supervisor from Eleonor / GLC) drove the length of the [REDACTED] to check its suitability and Aidan confirmed that it was suitable. Aidan got another worker (Jaz) to install star droppers along the edges of the [REDACTED] to clearly demarcate it. [REDACTED] then checked the star droppers and confirmed that they were in the right place. Waypoints were recorded by handheld GPS for each star dropper for mapping purposes. However, it must be noted that these GPS waypoints have an accuracy of approximately +/- 5 metres. As such, the star droppers installed on site should be considered to be the agreed layout and extent of the [REDACTED].</p> <p>Refer to the information on the following pages for more detail and recommendations for mitigation and management. Impacts to PBTL habitat must be minimised as much as possible.</p>



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Related PCCs	
	The following PCCs are related to this one and should be referred to for more detail: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- "EBS_Ecology_PCC_OTL_ [REDACTED] "PBTL_20230214" (for OTL- "EBS_Ecology_PCC_ [REDACTED] "PBTL_20230216"- "EBS_Ecology_PCC_ [REDACTED] "PBTL_20230220" (for the access track between [REDACTED]- "EBS_Ecology_PCC_ [REDACTED] "PBTL_Update_20230302" (update for the access track between [REDACTED] Refer to the initial PCCs completed by Succession Ecology for other details.

Refer to the following pages for more detail on this PCC.



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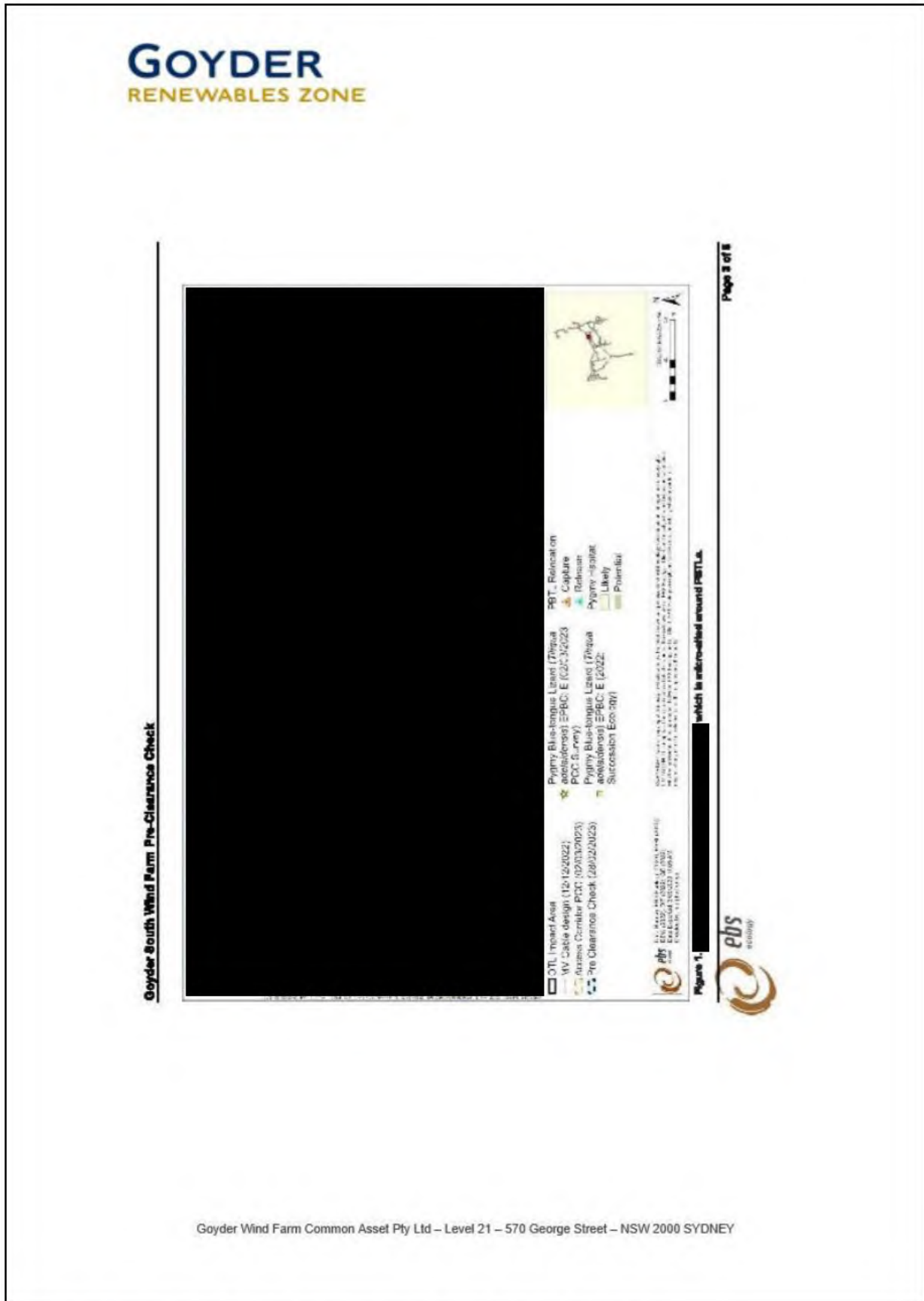


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General

Exclusion fencing or flagging present	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Comments: The location and extent of the [redacted] was demarcated with star droppers immediately after the PCC assessment. Exclusion ("No-go zones") flagging/signage should also be installed to prevent vehicle movements beyond the stringing corridor access.
Watercourses 50m setback for concrete batching	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments: There is no drainage line located within or immediately adjacent to the stringing corridor between [redacted]

Flora

Declared Weeds Present	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Comments: Salvation Jane (<i>Echium plantagineum</i>)
Environmental Weeds	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Comments: Wild Oats (<i>Avena barbata</i>), Saffron thistle (<i>Carthamus lanatus</i>)
Native Vegetation Clearance Approval	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Comments: Clearance of vegetation within the proposed OTL impact footprint has approval. However, no intentional vegetation clearance is to occur, because as stated above, this [redacted] must not be graded or stripped of topsoil and must not have any road base material placed on it.
Peppermint Box (<i>Eucalyptus odorata</i>) Grassy Woodland Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) present (EPBC Act protected)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments:
Iron-grass (<i>Lomandra multiflora</i> , <i>L. effusa</i>) Natural Temperate Grassland of SA TEC present (EPBC Act protected)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments:
Acacia spilleriana present (EPBC Act protected)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments:
Dodonaea procumbens present (EPBC Act protected)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments:



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Dodonaea subglandulifera present (EPBC Act protected)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments:
Olearia pannosa ssp. pannosa present (EPBC Act protected)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments:
SA Threatened Species (NPW Act 1972)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments:

Fauna

Wedge-Tailed Eagle Nests present/Raptor activity	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments:
Wombat activity/evidence	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments:
Pygmy Blue-Tongue Lizards (EPBC Act protected)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Comments: This PCC focused on surveying for PBTLs within the [redacted] on the southern side of the 12m wide OTL [redacted] and surveyed the area for PBTLs. When a PBTL was found, a GPS waypoint was recorded, two survey pins were installed and the PBTL burrow was circled with spray paint as an additional marker, as cattle are likely to pull out / knock over the survey pins. The [redacted] as then micro-sited around PBTLs, with the micro-sited sections also checked for the presence of PBTLs. Micro-siting was successful and no PBTLs needed to be relocated. Refer to 'Additional general comments' further below for mitigation and management recommendations.
Hollows and/or nests	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments:

Cultural Heritage

Aboriginal Heritage present	None observed.
European Heritage present	None observed.



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Additional general comments

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weed density• Invasive fauna• Farm infrastructure• Topography• Hazards	<p>PBTL habitat is present within and adjacent to the [REDACTED] (as shown in Figure 1). As such, it is imperative that all light vehicle / construction equipment / machinery movements within / along it must be kept to the absolute minimum required, to minimise impacts to PBTL habitat.</p> <p>It is recommended that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highly visible pegging is established and maintained along the perimeter of the [REDACTED] to clearly demarcate it.• If any star droppers are damaged or removed by cattle, they will need to be reinstated to ensure the [REDACTED] is demarcated at all times.• Exclusion ("No-go zone") flagging is installed prior to light vehicle / construction equipment / machinery movements along the [REDACTED]• A pre-start is held with all construction staff working in the area to ensure all relevant staff are aware of constraints and issues.
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Approvals

EBS Ecology Representative: [REDACTED] Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 3/03/2023

Approval by Environment Manager/HSE or Civil Manager:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____



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