

Annual Compliance and Audit Report

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1. Introduction

Meteor Stone Pty Ltd is a limestone extraction and supply company that has been in operation for more than 20 years supplying dimension stone blocks. As their long-standing extraction site in part of mining lease M70/138 known as Sublease 1 is coming to the end of its working life, the M70/138 tenement holder, Adelaide Brighton Cement Ltd T/A Cockburn Cement, provided Meteor Stone with approval to access additional limestone resources in that portion of the tenement known as Sublease 5.

To enable the limestone to be accessed, a 6.495 ha vegetated portion of the Sublease 5 area containing Banksia heathland (FCT 24) which provides foraging habitat for Carnaby's Cockatoo (*Zanda latirostris*) needed to be cleared. The clearing area is located within a portion of Lot 12737 (210) Wesco Road, Nowergup, within the City of Wanneroo (Figure 1). Lot 12737 on Plan 193226 is zoned as Crown Reserve 27590 for Quarry Purposes.

As the vegetation in the Action Area (the Site) includes flora species that are preferred foraging habitat species for Carnaby's Cockatoo (*Zanda latirostris*), which is listed as Endangered under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cwlth) (EPBC Act, the Act), a Referral was submitted to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment, and Water (DCCEEW) on 3 August 2022, with the referral decision received on 10 October 2022 being that the planned clearing was a 'Controlled Action' as defined by the Act.

1.1 Approval Details

Meteor Stone Pty Ltd (Meteor Stone) was issued approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cwlth) (EPBC Act) approval EPBC 2022/09324 *Expansion of Limestone Extraction* (DCCEEW, 2024) to clear no more than 6.495 ha of banksia heath dominated by *Banksia sessilis*, a known Carnaby's Cockatoo foraging species, to enable expansion of limestone extraction activities within Mining Lease M70/138 at 210 Wesco Road, Nowergup within the City of Wanneroo (Figure 1). EPBC 2022/09324 requires the preparation and submission of an Annual Report documenting activities related to the clearing and offset site management for the period 9 September 2024 – 9 September 2025 each year as required by the approval instrument.

1.2 Scope

This Annual Compliance Report is Meteor Stone's first compliance report and documents their activities for the period 09 September 2024 – 08 September 2025 for EPBC 2022/09324. Activities carried out during the current period included:

- implementation of the Construction Environmental Management Plan (MBS Environmental, 2024a)
- carrying out environmental inductions for site personnel and contractors
- clearing of 5.69 ha within the approved clearing area
- stock piling of vegetative material and overburden within the Site
- site preparation ahead of limestone block extraction
- commencement of limestone block extraction activities.

Based on the above activities, the scope of the audit process that assessed Meteor Stone's compliance with EPBC 2022/09324 requirements included review of :

- all approval conditions documented on the Decision Notice issued by DCCEEW on 09 September 2024
- information included in the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) relating to proponent commitments, namely Sections 4, 5, and 9.

Compliance with the provisions of the Offset Management Plan (OMP) (MBS Environmental, 2024b) were not assessed as tenure of the Site did not transfer to Meteor Stone until 01 July 2025. One of the first activities that will be carried out at the Site will be some baseline flora and vegetation assessments that will inform the finalisation of the OMP and future on-ground management.

Activities undertaken to inform the assessment of compliance included:

- meeting with the Meteor Stone General Manager and communicating with other personnel as required
- carrying out a Site inspection on 04 July 2025
- reviewing relevant documentation and records
- seeking additional information when required.

1.3 Project Status

The project location is an active mine where limestone extraction is currently being undertaken, with the new pit located within the area cleared under the terms of the EPBC 2022/09324 approval.

1.4 Declaration of Accuracy

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

Signed:



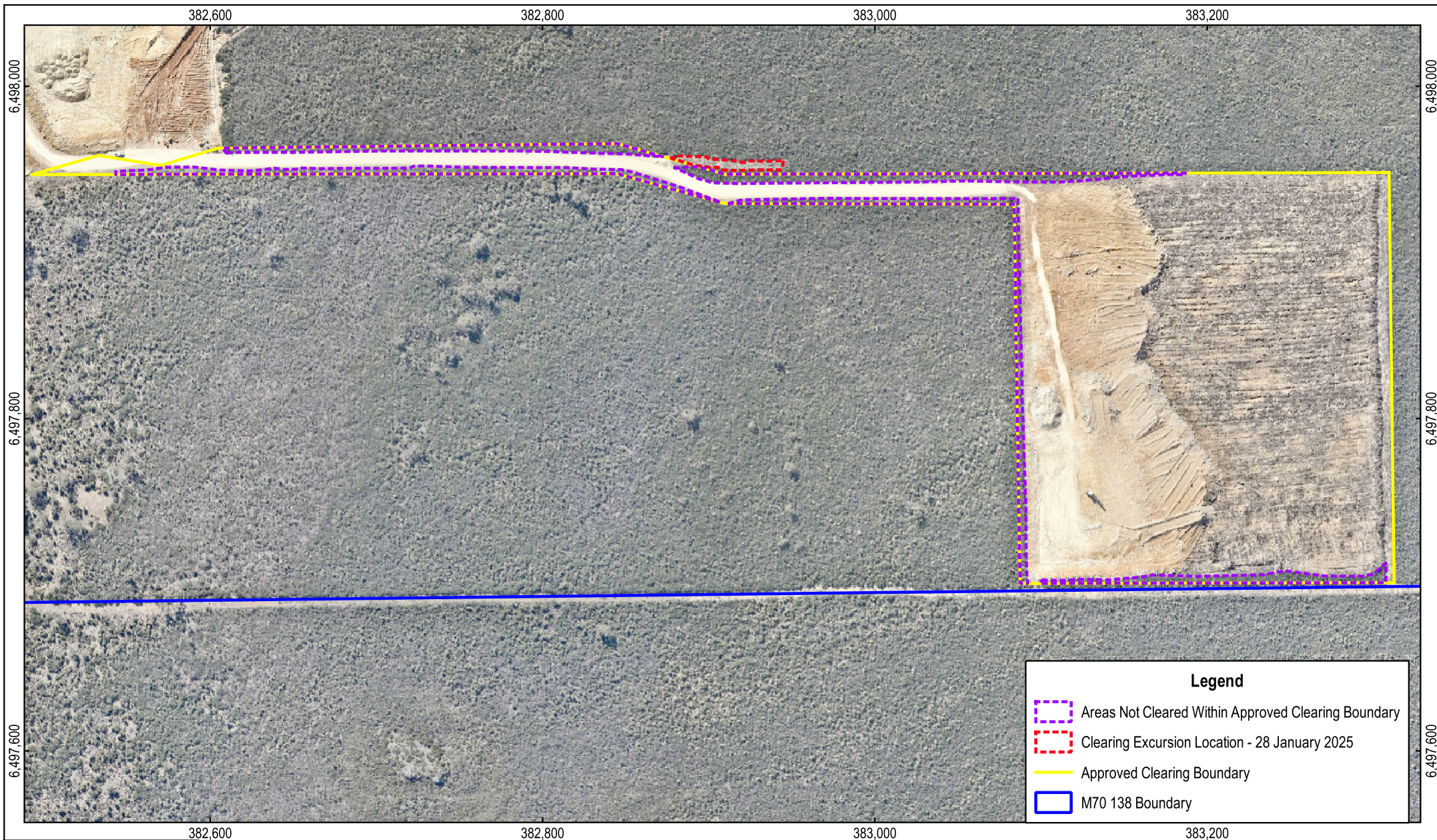
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2. EPBC Act Compliance

Table 1 summarises the EPBC 2022/09324 approval conditions, as specified in the decision report, and the actual performance during the 2024 – 2025 reporting period. Compliance is classified as 'Compliant (C)', 'Non-Compliant' (NC), or 'Not Applicable' (N/A).

Table 1: Compliance with EPBC Act Approval EPBC 2022/09324

ID	Condition Requirement	Compliance Supporting Information	Compliance
Part A – Avoidance, mitigation, and compensation conditions			
Action Area Bound			
1	The approval holder must not:		
	a) take the Action outside the Action area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inadvertent clearing of 329.8 m² outside nominated clearing area on 28 January 2025 Incident recorded and reported to Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) on 30 January 2025 by email; note that the incident was also reported to the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS) (now Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration (DMPE)) 	NC
	b) clear outside of the Action area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inadvertent clearing of 329.8 m² outside nominated clearing area Incident recorded and reported to DCCEEW and DEMIRS (now DMPE) 	NC
	c) harm Yanchep Mallee, <i>Melaleuca sp.</i> Wanneroo or Carnaby's Black Cockatoo foraging habitat outside of the Action area.	No harm to any Yanchep Mallee or <i>Melaleuca sp.</i> Wanneroo	C

ID	Condition Requirement	Compliance Supporting Information	Compliance
Clearing Limits			
2	The approval holder must not clear more than:		
	a) 6.495 hectares (ha) of Carnaby's Black Cockatoo foraging habitat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To date, 6.02 ha has occurred, including the 329.8 m² that was inadvertently cleared on 28 January 2025, thus 5.69 ha within the clearing boundary. The combined cleared area is 0.475 ha less than the 6.495 ha that was approved No additional clearing is expected as limestone extraction has commenced and will continue for a minimum of 10 years 	C
	b) 0.0 ha of Yanchep Mallee.	Nil	C
	c) 0.0 ha of Melaleuca sp. Wanneroo.	Nil	C
	d) 0 Yanchep Mallee individuals.	Nil	C
	e) 0 Melaleuca sp. Wanneroo individuals.	Nil	C
Action Management Plan – Construction Environmental Management Plan			
3	To avoid harm to the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo, the approval holder must commence implementing the Construction Environmental Management Plan no later than the commencement of the Action and continue to implement the Construction Environmental Management Plan until the completion of the Action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEMP prepared and implemented Inductions carried out prior to clearing commencing Induction records maintained and available Fauna spotter available during clearing 	C
4	To avoid harm to the surrounding vegetation and habitat, the approval holder must commence implementing the Construction Environmental Management Plan no later than the commencement of the Action and continue to implement the Construction Environmental Management Plan until the completion of the Action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dust lift minimal No evidence of dust on surrounding bushland Watercart available 	C

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Indirect Impacts to Threatened Species			
5	If the approval holder detects any reduction in habitat quality in the surrounding vegetation and habitat, the approval holder must notify the department in writing within 5 business days of detecting the reduction in habitat quality. The notification must include details of the location, extent and nature of the reduction in habitat quality in the surrounding vegetation and habitat that has been detected, and details of how the approval holder proposes to halt and reverse the reduction in habitat quality in the surrounding vegetation and habitat.	None detected	C
6	If any black cockatoo individual is injured within or adjacent to the Action area the approval holder must immediately arrange for it to receive veterinary care from a wildlife expert.	None observed during the clearing activities, thus none injured	C
Offset Site Securement and Offset Management Plan			
7	The approval holder must, prior to the commencement of the Action, submit to the department electronically shapefiles of the offset site. The approval holder must control the offset site within 12 months of the date of this approval decision. The approval holder must secure the offset site within 24 months of the date of approval of this decision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shapefiles provided as part of the approvals process Offset site acquisition by Dingo Road Pty Ltd was finalised on 01 July 2025, thus securing it for use as the Meteor Stone offset site and enabling its control by the subsidiary organisation that will be responsible for its management (Dingo Road Pty Ltd) 	C

ID	Condition Requirement	Compliance Supporting Information	Compliance
8	The approval holder must commence implementing the Offset Management Plan within 12 months of the date of this approval decision and continue to implement the Offset Management Plan until the offset outcomes have been met.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offset site acquisition was finalised 01 July 2025 Site baseline survey planned for November 2025 (spring), with outcomes to inform finalisation of the Offset Management Plan (OMP) and ongoing management activities As tenure of the Site was not finalised until 10 months post approval, the survey will represent the formal commencement of implementation of the OMP 	C
9	The approval holder must, within 5 business days of commencing implementation of the Offset Management Plan, notify the department of the date on which implementation of the Offset Management Plan commenced.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquisition of offset site finalised 01 July 2025 Site baseline survey planned for November 2025, with outcomes to inform finalisation of the Offset Site Management Plan and ongoing management activities DCCEEW will be advised when the site survey occurs as this will represent the commencement of the OMP implementation phase 	C
Offset Achievement of Outcomes			
10	To ensure that the offset required for Carnaby's Black Cockatoo provides a conservation gain in accordance with the Environmental Offsets Policy, the approval holder must achieve the following (the 'offset outcomes'):		
	a) within 20 years of the commencement of the Action achieve the completion criteria specified in the Offset Management Plan.	Not applicable at this stage	N/A

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	b) improve the habitat quality of at least 27.5 ha of Carnaby's Black Cockatoo foraging habitat at the offset site, as determined using the Bamford Habitat Scoring System, to a score exceeding 9 within 20 years of the commencement of the Action.	Site survey will occur November 2025 and will provide baseline data and inform ongoing management	N/A
11	Once the approval holder has achieved each offset outcome specified in condition 10b, the approval holder must maintain, or exceed, that offset outcome at least until the expiry date of this approval.	Not applicable at this stage	N/A
12	Within 40 business days of the 1st of October immediately following each 5th anniversary of the commencement of the Action the approval holder must:		
	a) have an independent suitably qualified ecologist assess the habitat quality of the offset site.	Not applicable at this stage	N/A
	b) submit to the department a written report of the habitat quality of the offset site and the advice of the independent suitably qualified ecologist as to whether the offset outcomes at the offset site have been achieved or are likely to be achieved within the specified timeframes for achievement.	Not applicable at this stage	N/A
Part B – Administrative conditions			
Revision of Action Management Plans			
13	The approval holder may, at any time, apply to the Minister for a variation to an action management plan specified in 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 any previous version of the action management plan.	OMP will be updated after site survey results are available, with the updated version to be submitted to the Minister when that is done	N/A


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Submission and Publication of Plans			
14	Wherever these conditions require the approval holder to submit any plan to the department, all such plans must be submitted to the department electronically.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted, draft plans submitted with approval documents The OMP will be updated with findings of the November survey and submitted to DCCEEW for their review and approval 	C
15	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish each plan on the website within 15 business days of the date:		
	a) of this approval, if the version of the plan to be implemented is specified in these conditions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Management information relating to the project approvals is available on Meteor Stone's website via: https://www.meteorstone.com.au/projects/ Note that redacted versions of documents are available as the offset site is in private ownership and other commercially sensitive information is also provided in those documents An updated version of the OMP will be implemented when it is finalised after the planned November survey 	C
	b) the plan is approved by the Minister in writing, if the plan requires the approval of the Minister.	The updated OMP will be submitted to the Minister for review and approval when it is updated based on the outcomes of the November survey	C

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16	The approval holder must keep all plans published on the website, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, from the first date which that plan must be published and until the expiry date of this approval. This requirement applies to all current and superseded versions of plans.	Redacted versions of the relevant documents are present as PDF documents that can be readily downloaded	C
17	The approval holder is required to exclude or redact sensitive biodiversity data from any version of a plan before that plan is published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. If sensitive biodiversity data is excluded or redacted from a plan, the approval holder must notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website.	Redacted versions of documents are available on the website	C
Commencement of the Action			
18	The approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of commencement of the Action, within 5 business days following commencement of the Action.	Reported via email on 30 January 2025 when the inadvertent clearing was reported	C
19	The approval holder must not commence the Action later than 5 years after the date of this approval decision.	Not applicable, action commenced	C
Compliance Records			
20	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records and document the procedure for recording and storing compliance records.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance records are maintained by Meteor Stone in accordance with internal administrative procedures Records were available during the audit process that was carried out between July and October 2025 	C

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21	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.	None received	C
22	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data, surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data, Commonwealth of Australia 2018, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Noted, data and mapping provided during the approval process complied, as does mapping provided with this compliance report	C
23	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data, surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects, Commonwealth of Australia 2021, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Noted, none completed as yet	N/A
24	The approval holder must submit all monitoring data, surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the department within 20 business days of the 1st October immediately following each anniversary of the commencement of the Action except where otherwise specified in a plan.	Not yet commenced, note that the requirement to comply by 20 business days after 01 Oct is not necessarily achievable as that is the middle of the optimal flora survey time for the Swan Coastal Plain (Sep to Nov)	N/A
Compliance Reporting			
25	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each Annual Compliance Report period (ACR period).	This document is the first ACR and covers the period 09 September 2024 – 08 September 2025	C

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26	The approval holder must ensure each compliance report includes:		
	a) accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance with:		
	i) each condition attached to this approval decision.	Documented in Table 1 of this document	C
	ii) all commitments made in each plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The commitments made in the CEMP are documented in Table 2 of this document Reporting against the provisions of the OMP have not been carried out as implementation has not yet occurred 	C
	b) a schedule of all plans in effect in relation to these conditions during the ACR period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two management plans have been prepared in relation to this approval, namely the CEMP, and OMP The CEMP was in effect during the clearing phase that commenced on 28 January 2025 and was completed within 4 weeks The OMP is yet to be implemented after Dingo Road Pty Ltd (a subsidiary of Meteor Stone Pty Ltd) taking formal ownership when the title was issued by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage on 01 July 2025 The first activity that will represent the commencement of the OMP implementation will be the flora and vegetation survey activities planned for November this year 	C

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	c) accurate and complete details of how each plan was implemented during the ACR period.	<p>The CEMP was implemented via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Equipment used for clearing was available on site, thus clean on entry ▪ Engaging the fauna spotter to be onsite during clearing activities ▪ Confirming the date clearing would commence, with the date delayed to very hot weather for several days before it was considered safe to proceed with clearing ▪ Environmental inductions were carried out on day 1 of clearing (28 January 2025), with personnel provided a copy of the CEMP and requested to sign induction acknowledgement prior to work commencing; induction records are available ▪ Clearing commenced, with the access way and perimeter of the Site cleared initially, then progressive clearing of the remainder of the site occurred over several days ▪ Vegetative material and topsoil were stockpiled for later reuse <p>Once clearing was complete, the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overburden and sand was removed and stockpiled to expose the limestone ▪ Limestone was prepared to facilitate the cutting of limestone blocks ▪ Limestone extraction commenced approximately 4 weeks after clearing commenced ▪ Implementation of the OMP is yet to occur 	C


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	d) if any incident occurred, accurate and complete details of each incident.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During clearing activities on 28 January 2025, the mis-sighting of the flagging tape marking out the clearing boundary meant the bulldozer was directed straight ahead rather than taking a bend on the access way, resulting in the inadvertent clearing of 329.8 m² outside the nominated boundary (single pass of the bulldozer blade)  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bulldozer reversed out of the area and continued within the nominated clearing boundary, with no further incidents associated with the clearing area occurring The incident was reported to DCCEEW on 30 January 2025 via email An investigation occurred into causes and contributing factors, with suggestions for any future clearing, as once the boundary of the site was cleared, the chances of inadvertent 	C

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		clearing were very low combined with the short duration of the clearing activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An incident report was prepared and forwarded to DCCEEW on 05 February 2025 	
27	The approval holder must ensure each compliance report is completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and is consistent with the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2023.	Noted; the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines (Commonwealth of Australia, 2023) were used to guide the content of this document	C
28	The approval holder must, within 20 business days following the end of each ACR period, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, publish on the website:		
	a) each compliance report.	A copy of this document will be uploaded to the Meteor Stone website; note that this condition appears to be inconsistent with condition 38 that indicates the approval holder must submit an audit report for written agreement from the department within 3 months following the end of each audit period	C
	b) a downloadable shapefile folder showing all clearing of protected matters, and their habitat, undertaken within the ACR period.	A shapefile of the clearing boundary has been uploaded to the Meteor Stone website (https://www.meteorstone.com.au/projects/)	C
29	The approval holder must:		
	a) Exclude or redact sensitive biodiversity data from each compliance report and a downloadable shapefile folder published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.	Not applicable – no sensitive biodiversity data has been reported on or included in this document	N/A
	b) If sensitive biodiversity data is excluded or redacted from a version of a compliance report published or otherwise provided to a member of the public, submit the full compliance report to the department within 5	Not applicable – no sensitive biodiversity data has been reported on in this document	N/A

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	business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.		
	c) If sensitive biodiversity data is excluded or redacted from a version of a downloadable shapefile folder published or otherwise provided to a member of the public, submit the full downloadable shapefile folder to the department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.	Not applicable – the clearing area is slightly less than that approved by DCCEEW, with no additional clearing to take place	N/A
30	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 5 business days of each date of publication that the compliance report has been published on the website. In this notification, the approval holder must provide the department with the web address for where the compliance report and related downloadable shapefile folder are published on the website.	This document is the first annual compliance report that has been prepared and will be uploaded to the Meteor Stone website in coming days	C
31	The approval holder must keep each compliance report and related shapefile published on the website from the first date which that compliance report must be published and until the expiry date of this approval.	Shapefiles relating to the Site boundary, clearing, and the inadvertent clearing are available on the Meteor Stone website via: https://www.meteorstone.com.au/projects/ , and are provided as an attachment with the submission of this document.	C

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Reporting Non-compliance			
32	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 2 business days of becoming aware of any incident. The approval holder must specify in each notification:		
	a) any condition or commitment made in a plan which has not been, or may have not been, complied with.	DCCEEW was notified on 30 January 2025 of the inadvertent clearing that occurred on 28 January	C
	b) a short description of the incident.	The email included a short description of the incident	C
	c) the location (if applicable, including co-ordinates), date and time of the incident.	The incident was investigated, with details of the location and area of the inadvertent clearing, with a copy of the incident report provided to DCCEEW on 05 February 2025	C
33	The approval holder must provide to the department in writing, within 12 business days of becoming aware of an incident, the details of that incident. The approval holder must specify:		
	a) all corrective measures and investigations which the approval holder has already taken in respect of the incident.	Included in the incident report provided on 05 February 2025	C
	b) the potential impacts of the incident.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the overall clearing that occurred, including the inadvertent clearing on 28 January 2025, was less than the approved clearing area, there was no nett increase in the loss of Carnaby's Cockatoo foraging habitat. The bulldozer pass was a single pass that knocked over larger vegetation, with lower vegetation being retained. As the photograph included in the notes for Item 26 (d), evidence of natural regeneration of the cleared area is apparent. 	C

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	c) the method and timing of any corrective measures that the approval holder proposes to undertake to address the incident.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the first instance, natural regeneration of the cleared area will be allowed to progress If required, additional restoration methods will be applied to restore the site to a similar condition prior to the clearing 	C
	d) any variation of these conditions or revision of a plan that will be required to prevent recurrence of the incident and/or to address its consequences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the clearing of the Site occurred over a period of four weeks, with the boundary cleared after the access way and then the internal portion of the Site, there was very little chance of any additional inadvertent clearing occurring On that basis, the CEMP has served its purpose and does not require any revision, nor will there be any need to vary the conditions documented in the approval instrument 	C
Independent Audit			
34	The approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions is conducted for every audit period.	Carried out by Surefire Environmental Pty Ltd	C
35	The approval holder must submit details of the proposed independent auditor and their qualifications to the department within 10 business days following the end of each audit period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit was carried out by Sue Brand, Surefire Environmental's Director and Principal Environmental Scientist, with activities including reporting outcomes Her qualifications and experience includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master of Science (Environmental Science) Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Impact Assessment 	C

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accredited environmental auditor for more than 20 years via Exemplar Global  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified Environmental Practitioner Extensive experience carrying environmental compliance audits associated with Western Australian and Commonwealth environmental approvals Sue's relationship to Meteor Stone is as an independent consultant Submission of this document is the final phase of the audit process and complies with the requirement to submit details of the auditor within 10 days of the conclusion of that process. 	
36	The approval holder must ensure the scope of each independent audit is sufficient to determine the compliance status for each condition of approval, and each commitment made in each plan.	<p>Audit activities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of the various audit tables Undertaking the site visit on 04 July 2025 at the commencement of the audit phase Carrying out interviews with relevant quarry and organisational personnel Reviewing various supporting documents 	C
37	The approval holder must ensure the criteria for each independent audit and the undertaking of each independent audit are consistent with the Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines.	Noted, contributed to the preparation of this document	C

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38	The approval holder must submit an audit report to the department for written agreement from the department within 3 months following the end of each audit period, or as otherwise directed by the Minister in writing.	Noted, this document represents the annual compliance report and the independent audit report, and was prepared by Sue Brand from Surefire Environmental Pty Ltd, a consultant to Meteor Stone	C
39	The approval holder must ensure each audit report is completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and is consistent with the Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document reviewed by client Approval conditions used as basis of the audit activities and content of this ACR, which also represents the outcomes of the independent audit carried out between July and October 2025 Report compliance and consistency with the <i>Annual Compliance Report Guidelines</i> (Commonwealth of Australia, 2023) was reviewed prior to its submission to DCCEEW 	C
40	The approval holder must publish each audit report on the website, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, within 10 business days of the date the department agrees to that audit report in writing.	As the audit report and the annual compliance report are combined in this document, it will be uploaded to Meteor Stone's website in coming days; will be compliant	N/A
41	The approval holder must notify the department within 5 business days of the date the audit report is published on the website. In this notification, the approval holder must provide the department with the web address for where the audit report is published on the website.	The Department will be notified with five days of the audit report being uploaded to the Meteor Stone website, noting that this document is the first Annual Compliance Report and independent audit document to be prepared	N/A
42	The approval holder must keep each audit report published on the website from the first date which that audit report must be published and until the expiry date of this approval.	Noted	N/A

ID	Condition Requirement	Compliance Supporting Information	Compliance
Completion of the Action			
43	Within 20 business days after the completion of the Action, and, in any event, at least 20 business days before this approval expires, the approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of completion of the Action and provide completion data. The approval holder must submit any spatial data that comprises completion data as a shapefile.	Noted	N/A
44	The approval holder must notify the department electronically 60 business days prior to the expiry date of this approval, that the approval is due to expire.	Noted	N/A

3. Compliance with CEMP Commitments

Condition 26 (ii) of the DCCEEW approval instrument requires an assessment of compliance with commitments in the CEMP and the OMP. Sections 4, 5, and 9 of the CEMP include the commitments made by Meteor Stone relevant to the clearing phase, with Table 2 providing the commitment, the associated descriptor, compliance supporting information, and the assessment of compliance of each using the same descriptors as those indicated in Table 1, namely, compliance being classified as 'Compliant (C)', 'Non-Compliant' (NC), or 'Not Applicable' (N/A). Note that compliance with commitments included in the OMP are not being reported this period as implementation of that document has not commenced.


Table 2: Compliance with CEMP Commitments


CEMP Commitments	Compliance Supporting Information	Compliance
Section 4: Reporting		
4.1 Weekly Inspection the Active Work Site		
The Site Quarry Manager will undertake an inspection of the PAA at the commencement of each work week, recording outcomes on the Inspection Checklist	Inspection checklists made available	C
4.2 Incident Reporting		
Incident reporting will be required in the following circumstances:		
▪ Injury or death of a Carnaby's Cockatoo	Not applicable as no Carnaby's Cockatoos were sighted during clearing activities, none were injured or killed	N/A
▪ Inappropriate interaction with Carnaby's Cockatoo flocks or individuals by any personnel	Not applicable as no Carnaby's Cockatoos were sighted during clearing activities, there were no inappropriate interactions with flocks or individuals by personnel	N/A
▪ Receipt of a complaint from neighbours or a member of the public	Not applicable as no complaints have been received from neighbours or others	N/A
As a minimum, reporting will detail:		
▪ The person reporting the incident or non-compliance	Not applicable – no incidents as specified in Section 4.2 have occurred	N/A
▪ The location of the incident or non-compliance	Not applicable – no incidents as specified in Section 4.2 have occurred	N/A


CEMP Commitments	Compliance Supporting Information	Compliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A short description of the event, including where relevant, photographs and maps 	Not applicable – no incidents as specified in Section 4.2 have occurred	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outcomes of incident investigations carried out by Meteor Stone 	Not applicable – no incidents as specified in Section 4.2 have occurred	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any relevant corrective actions undertaken within the short term to manage the event 	Not applicable – no incidents as specified in Section 4.2 have occurred	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any updates to procedures to resulting from the incident or non-compliance to reduce the likelihood of reoccurrence 	Not applicable – no incidents as specified in Section 4.2 have occurred	N/A
4.3 Non-conformance Reporting		
Non-conformances will be considered minor or major. Examples of minor non-conformance include inappropriate interaction with Carnaby's Cockatoos, or exceedance of the Site speed limit; whilst major non-conformance includes the removal of vegetation beyond the approved clearing area, or injury or death of Carnaby's Cockatoo. Each will be investigated and reported in accordance with this CEMP. In the event of a major non-conformance:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-operational activities will cease immediately 	Inadvertent clearing of 329.8 m ² occurred on 28 January 2025	C
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant organisations will be notified, such as DCCEEW and DEMIRS (now DMPE) 	DCCEEW was notified of the incident on 30 January 2025	C
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remedial actions will be developed and implemented in consultation with relevant regulatory officers, organisational personnel, and specialist consultants as appropriate. 	Remedial actions indicated in the incident report that was prepared and submitted to DCCEEW on 05 February 2025, with evidence of natural regeneration apparent during the July 2025 Site visit	C
4.4 Compliance Reporting		
The short duration of the pre-operational activities means that reporting demonstrating compliance with the CEMP is limited. It may occur at nominated frequencies, such as at the conclusion of the construction phase and/or during the first annual compliance reporting activity in accordance with EPBC Act approval conditions.	This compliance report includes assessment of the conditions included on the DCCEEW approval instrument and relevant sections of the CEMP as indicated in this Section	C


CEMP Commitments	Compliance Supporting Information	Compliance
Section 5 Environmental Training		
All personnel involved with the proposed limestone extraction operation will undergo a site environmental induction process to ensure they understand their responsibilities and obligations under the CEMP. The training will be conducted for all existing and new personnel (including relevant contractors, sub-contractors) and all visitors to Site that are not accompanied by an inducted person. All personnel will receive training on:		
▪ The importance of Carnaby's Cockatoos and their protection under State and Commonwealth legislation	Included within the Induction Materials included in the CEMP, training was carried out by Sue Brand of Surefire Environmental	C
▪ What the birds look like and where they might be found within the PAA	Photos included in the Induction materials	C
▪ Required monitoring and management actions during operations, as appropriate to their roles	Included within the Induction Materials	C
▪ Project boundaries and restrictions for personnel and vehicle movements	Included within the Induction Materials	C
▪ Locations of protected trees and vegetation, i.e.: the extent of the Site	Included within the Induction Materials, Site delineated with flagging tape	C
▪ Emergency procedures and contacts as set out in the CEMP	Included within the Induction Materials	C
▪ Actions and reporting required for a non-compliance or unexpected environmental incident	Included within the Induction Materials	C
▪ Adhering to the advice of a fauna specialist	Included within the Induction Materials, fauna specialist on site during clearing activities	C
If required, follow up training will occur	Not applicable, no follow-up training required	N/A
Training records will be maintained	Induction records kept and maintained according to internal organisational requirements	C


CEMP Commitments	Compliance Supporting Information	Compliance
9. Environmental Management Activities, Controls and Performance Targets		
Direct Impacts		
Presence of Carnaby's Cockatoos foraging within the PAA:		
Use of a fauna spotter to note presence and location of birds.	Fauna spotter was engaged and available on site during clearing activities	C
Allow birds to move on of their accord, ensuring they are not shepherded or encouraged to move along in any way	Not applicable - no Carnaby's Cockatoo's or other black cockatoos sighted during clearing activities	N/A
Clearing will occur in a general north–south direction, along cleared areas into uncleared areas from the access track and then towards the southern extent of proposed action area to minimise potential interactions with birds.	Clearing of the Site occurred as a single phase, commencing along the access track, then around the perimeter, and finished with the interior	C
Mobile plant and equipment will comply at all times with the specified internal speed limit of 20 km/h for the PAA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed limit signs are posted throughout the Meteor Stone lease and associated areas Observations during the July 2025 Site visit and previous site visits confirmed this occurred 	C
Reporting via daily checklist. Inappropriate interactions with birds will be recorded as an environmental incident, investigated, recorded, and reported in accordance with organisational and DCCEEW approval conditions.	Not applicable - no Carnaby's Cockatoo's or other black cockatoos sighted during clearing activities	N/A
Bird strike resulting in injury or death:		
Use of a fauna spotter to note presence and location of birds.	Fauna spotter was engaged to be on site during clearing activities	C
Allow birds to move on of their accord, ensuring they are not shepherded or encouraged to move along in any way	Not applicable - no Carnaby's Cockatoo's or other black cockatoos sighted during clearing activities	N/A
Clearing will occur in a general north–south direction, along cleared areas into uncleared areas from the access track and then towards the southern extent of proposed action area to minimise potential interactions with birds	Clearing of the Site occurred as a single phase, commencing along the access track, then around the perimeter, and finished with the interior	C


CEMP Commitments	Compliance Supporting Information	Compliance
Mobile plant and equipment will comply at all times with the specified internal speed limit of 20 km/h for the PAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed limit signs are posted throughout the Meteor Stone lease and associated areas Observations during the July 2025 Site visit and previous site visits confirmed this occurred 	C
Injured animals will be taken to a nearby native animal rescue partner vet for assessment	Not applicable - no Carnaby's Cockatoo's or other black cockatoos sighted during clearing activities	N/A
Dead animals will be disposed of appropriately	Not applicable - no Carnaby's Cockatoo's or other black cockatoos sighted during clearing activities	N/A
Reporting via daily checklist. Inappropriate interactions with birds will be recorded as an environmental incident, investigated, recorded, and reported in accordance with organisational and DCCEEW approval conditions	Not applicable - no Carnaby's Cockatoo's or other black cockatoos sighted during clearing activities	N/A
Clearing beyond approved boundary:		
Delineating clearing area prior to clearing commencing using flagging tape or other suitable means	<p>Clearing boundary marked with flagging tape prior to clearing commencing</p> 	C

CEMP Commitments	Compliance Supporting Information	Compliance
Site Quarry Manager and key personnel walking site daily prior to clearing commencing to review area to be cleared on the day, reporting via daily checklist	Daily inspection outcomes recorded on daily checklists	C
Clearing beyond the approved boundary will be considered an environmental incident and non-conformance, investigated, recorded, and reported in accordance with organisational and DCCEEW approval conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inadvertent clearing beyond the boundary occurred on 28 January 2025 As a non-conformance, it was reported to DCCEEW on 30 January 2025, recorded, investigated, with a copy of the incident report provided to DCCEEW on 05 February 2025 	C
Indirect Impacts		
Dust:		
Vegetation clearing and topsoil removal will only be undertaken on days of conducive wind strength and conditions to ensure windblown dust is minimised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearing occurred on days when windblown dust was minimal Water cart was available if required 	C
Vegetation clearing and ground disturbance will occur over a maximum 4-week period	Clearing and ground-disturbance was completed within four weeks	C

CEMP Commitments	Compliance Supporting Information	Compliance
Topsoil stockpiles will be no greater than 4 m in height	Stockpiles within site less than 4 m 	C
A vehicle speed limit of 20 km/h will be implemented across the Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed limit signs are posted throughout the Meteor Stone lease and associated areas Observations during the July 2025 Site visit and previous site visits confirmed this occurred 	C
A water cart with a capacity greater than 10,000 L will be available when required and will undertake preventative watering of access tracks and working areas when required	Water cart was available if required	C
Reporting via daily checklist	Daily inspection outcomes recorded on daily checklists	C
Noise:		
Operational hours will be limited to between 7 am and 6 pm Monday to Friday, and 7 am to 1 pm on Saturday	Operational hours applied were 7 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday	C
All vehicles and machinery on site will be regularly serviced to maintain good operating condition and minimise unnecessary noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles maintained in good order on an ongoing basis Short duration of clearing (4 weeks) meant that servicing was not required during that time 	C
The importance of minimising noise on site will be communicated to all personnel and contractors	Included in the induction process	C
If noise complaints are received, these will be investigated promptly	Not applicable – no noise or other complaints received	C

CEMP Commitments	Compliance Supporting Information	Compliance
Site personnel will monitor noise generation on an ongoing basis and if unusually high noise levels are observed, these will be proactively investigated and rectified.	Noise monitoring occurs in accordance with DMPE (previously DEMIRS) requirements and is based on the nature of the limestone operations carried out at the Site	C
Reporting via daily checklist	Daily inspection outcomes recorded on daily checklists	C
Weed encroachment:		
All vehicles will be clean on entry	Vehicles were either clean on entry or present on site prior to clearing	C
A dedicated sweep out station will be provided where any seeds and/or dirt on vehicles that could harbour seeds can be removed by manual or other appropriate means and disposed of appropriately to landfill	A vehicle clean down station is present at the site entrance	C
Where possible, plant and equipment and other vehicles should remain within the clearing area to minimise the risk of spreading weeds	Vehicles remained on site during the entire clearing process as the works were carried out over a four-week period	C
If appropriate, unwanted or unnecessary access to vegetated areas will be discouraged through track signage and education	Not applicable – there is only one access option to the Site	N/A
Weed affected topsoils may need to be taken offsite or buried by 500 mm soil/overburden	Not applicable – the weed presence within the Site was limited 	N/A
If required, declared weeds should be treated promptly by digging out or spraying	Not applicable – no declared or other weeds apparent	N/A

CEMP Commitments	Compliance Supporting Information	Compliance
Reporting via daily checklist	Daily inspection outcomes recorded on daily checklists	C
Introduction of plant pathogens:		
All plant and equipment will be clean on entry, with any soil removed prior to entering the site and disposed of to landfill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles were either clean on entry or present on site prior to clearing Limestone is present within the site, and is a known inhibitor to <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i> 	C
Where possible, plant and equipment and other vehicles should remain within the clearing area to minimise the risk of spreading disease	Vehicles remained on site during the entire clearing process as the works were carried out over a four-week period	C
Inform personnel that dieback may be spread into a location through the movement of infected soil, particularly moist or wet soil, on plant, equipment, vehicles, and footwear	Included in the induction process	C
Entry to and exit from the PAA will be limited to the nominated access track only	<p>Access is available from the single access track created during the clearing process</p> 	C
Existing and new personnel will be informed of dieback prevention measures through the induction process	Included in the induction process	C

CEMP Commitments	Compliance Supporting Information	Compliance
Signage regarding unauthorised entry and 'clean on entry' requirements will be placed at the overall site entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unauthorised entry is indicated at the Meteor Stone entry from Wesco Road The 'clean on entry' sign has since been damaged, removed, and not replaced as clearing is complete and vehicle movements are confined to those associated with extraction activities, with no deviation from the specified access route 	C
Vegetation and topsoil will be removed and stockpiled in accordance with the provision of the Mine Closure Plan (Landform Research, 2020), and the subsequent movement of vehicles and machinery will be limited to the areas that are cleared of vegetation	<p>Stockpiles are currently within the cleared area, away from current extraction operations</p> 	C
Reporting via daily checklist	Daily inspection outcomes recorded on daily checklists	C
Fire:		
CEMP prepared	CEMP implemented when clearing commenced	C
Water truck present on site for dust and fire suppression	Water truck present on site	C
Vehicles are fitted by fire extinguishers	Fire extinguishers observed on vehicles	C
Vehicles restricted to cleared areas unless directly involved with clearing works	Only vehicles involved with clearing allowed to be present on Site, with access limited to one access route	C
Vegetation immediately adjacent to the PAA is dense with few weeds present, thus the likelihood of ignition is lower than in weedier areas to the west and outside the M70/138 boundaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearing delayed for several days due to extreme fire hazard Clearing of access track occurred first, then the perimeter of the approved clearing area, then the remaining area 	C

CEMP Commitments	Compliance Supporting Information	Compliance
Fire danger ratings will be checked and observed if clearing occurs in warmer months, particularly those associated with Total Fire Bans, Extreme and Catastrophic fire rating days	Clearing delayed for several days due to extreme fire hazard	C
Recorded via daily checklist	Daily inspection outcomes recorded on daily checklists	C

4. Conclusion

A review of activities carried out by Meteor Stone Pty Ltd for the period 09 September 2024 – 08 September 2025 indicated that except for the non-compliance associated with the inadvertent departure from the site boundary on the first day of clearing, they have complied with the approval conditions documented on the Decision Letter dated 09 September 2024, as well as commitments included within the CEMP.

Commitments documented in the OMP were not assessed as site tenure was not confirmed until the title was issued on 01 July 2025, and thus implementation has not yet commenced. Site survey activities are currently being organised for November 2025, with outcomes informing an update of the OMP and future on-ground management activities aimed at improving the offset site condition.

The compliance assessment process (audit) has indicated that there are no new environmental risks associated with the clearing of the Site, with all clearing completed within the four-week timeframe that was projected. In addition, the assessment process has highlighted an aspect of the approval conditions that needs some clarification, namely the reference to annual compliance report requirements and the need for publishing the ACR on the organisation's website within 20 business days at the conclusion of the ACR period (e.g.: conditions 25, 26, 27, and 28) and the also the need for an independent audit to be carried out with a report provided within 3 months of the audit period (e.g.: conditions 34, 37, 38, and 39).

Given the ambiguity relating to the need for both an ACR and an independent auditor, for the purposes of this assessment, it has been presumed they have been used interchangeably, with an audit of compliance being the same thing as the independent audit and report of compliance with approval conditions on an annual basis. However, there needs to be some clarification with the wording of the relevant conditions to confirm their meaning and timing of their need/application, and it would be appreciated if Meteor Stone can be advised as to how to progress that request for clarification.

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