

Six-monthly site and fencing inspection report

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The second bullet point in **Table 2 Offset Strategy Details** in the EPBC Approval (EPBC 2017/7994) for the Lockyer Energy Project requires the following actions to be undertaken:

Monitoring of wildlife friendly boundary fencing (including koala exclusion fencing around the project infrastructure and along the southern boundary of the lot) on a 6-monthly basis to identify maintenance requirements, such as trimming regrowth within 3m of koala exclusion fence and repairing fences to assist in excluding predators.

On 9 September 2024 I inspected all sections of all fencing around the boundary of Lot 191 CSH2361 and can confirm that:

- a. The koala exclusion fence along the southern boundary of the lot is in good order, free of weeds or other live vegetation and requires no action.
- b. The property accommodates a buried high-pressure gas pipeline, and the pipeline operator maintains vegetation to its own standards, namely a 10 m wide (as opposed to the requirement in the EPBC Approval for a minimum of three metre wide) strip of mown grass (immediately inside and adjacent to the koala exclusion fence) with no woody weeds or trees. Coincidentally, the pipeline easement abuts the southern boundary of the lot. This easement has recently been mowed, is in good condition, and requires no action. See photograph below:



- c. As no project infrastructure has yet been installed, there is no other koala exclusion fencing present.
- d. The farm dam situated in the southern end of the property is full of water, and now contains a number of water reeds and other aquatic plants. See photographs below:



- e. The wildlife friendly fences along the western, northern and eastern sides of the lot are in generally good condition. They include a plain top wire, a plain bottom wire, and variously two or three middle wires which are ordinary barbed wire.
- f. A tree has fallen onto the northern fence and will require to be cut up with a chain-saw, the branches removed and the wires re-tensioned. (see photograph below).



- g. The full length of each of the fence maintenance lines along the western, northern and eastern boundaries were mowed by a contractor using a tractor-mounted slasher in the week commencing 2 September 2024, are now in good condition, and require no action. (see photographs below)



- h. The area which was cleared of trees in September 2021 (the approved project footprint) contained several hundred eucalyptus regrowth suckers, up to 2 m tall, plus areas of woody weeds. This whole area was mowed by a contractor using a tractor-mounted slasher in the week commencing 2 September 2024. The area is now in good condition and requires no action (see photographs below).



- i. A few hundred lantana weeds have emerged along and inside the western boundary of the vegetation offset area. These weeds require spot-treatment using a suitable herbicide, delivered via long, hand-held, hoses/nozzles, to avoid moving vehicles into that area and damaging other vegetation. (see photographs below)



Actions

Two representatives of ProEarthworks accompanied me on my inspection, and we discussed appropriate repairs to the fence, and methods of weed treatment. ProEarthworks will shortly provide quotations for property maintenance including:

- Remove the fallen tree across the northern boundary fence and re-tension the fence
- Selectively spot-spray lantana weeds within the western margin of the vegetation offset area.

Those quotations will be submitted to Lockyer Energy Management Pty Ltd shortly for approval.