



Site-specific biodiversity condition for koalas in koala hubs in the proposed GKNP assessment area

I, Tony Chappel, Chief Executive Officer of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), for and on behalf of the EPA, provide this site-specific biodiversity condition to Forestry Corporation of NSW pursuant to condition 21.3(a) and Protocol 31.3 of the Integrated Forestry Operations Approval for the Coastal Region (the **approval**) dated 16 November 2018.

Interpretation

1. Terms in this document have the same meaning as in the **approval**, and terms in bold and italics are as defined in Protocol 39 of the **approval**.

Area and records to which this **site-specific biodiversity condition** applies

2. This **site-specific biodiversity condition** applies to all **forestry operations** in:
 - a. **koala hubs** within the **provisional GKNP assessment area**, and
 - b. all other circumstances in which condition 21 applies because of a **koala hub** within the **provisional GKNP assessment area** that is within 100 metres of the boundary of an **operational area**.

*Note: This **site-specific biodiversity condition** is intended to cover all **operational areas** that would trigger condition 21.1(a)(i) of the **approval**, where the **approval** relates to measures for **koala hubs** in the **provisional GKNP assessment area**. However, the substantive requirements of this **site-specific biodiversity condition** (namely, the treatment of koala hubs as category 1 ESAs) only relate to the area of **koala hubs** in the **provisional GKNP assessment area**.*

Duration of the **site-specific biodiversity condition**

3. This **site-specific biodiversity condition** has effect from the date it is signed, until revoked or amended in writing by the EPA.

Continuation of the **approval**

4. The conditions of the **approval** and the **protocols** continue to apply, except as otherwise provided in relation to the protection of **koala hubs** within the **provisional GKNP assessment area** by this **site-specific biodiversity condition**.

Inconsistency between instruments

5. In the event of inconsistency between this **site-specific biodiversity condition** and the **approval** or **protocols**, this **site-specific biodiversity condition** prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.



Environmentally significant areas

6. **Koala hubs** in the **provisional GKNP assessment area** are taken to be a **category 1 ESA** for the purposes of the **approval**, and are to be treated as such.

Forestry operations in FMZ 5 and FMZ 6 that adjoin koala hubs

7. Where a **koala hub** adjoins any area of **FMZ 5** or **FMZ 6** mapped in the 'Forest_Management_Zone' **spatial dataset**, **forestry operations** must not commence or recommence in that **FMZ 5** or **FMZ 6** area until the **EPA** has verified the boundary of the **koala hub** to ensure all areas of native forest within the **FMZ 5** or **FMZ 6** area are correctly contained within the **koala hub**, and
 - a. the **EPA** has issued **FCNSW** and published a new 'Koala_Hub' spatial dataset; or
 - b. the **EPA** has otherwise provided written notice to **FCNSW** authorising the commencement or recommencement of **forestry operations** in the relevant **FMZ 5** or **FMZ 6** area.

Koala hubs not to form part of new wildlife habitat clumps

8. **FCNSW** must provide the **EPA** a map of all **local landscape areas** that contain a **wildlife habitat clump** established before the date of this **site-specific biodiversity condition** that contain areas of a **koala hub**. The map must be a spatial dataset and be provided within five business days of the date of this **site-specific biodiversity condition**.

Note: this paragraph is intended to provide clarity on the details of existing **wildlife habitat clumps** for the purposes of condition 50.1 and 50.2(b).

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