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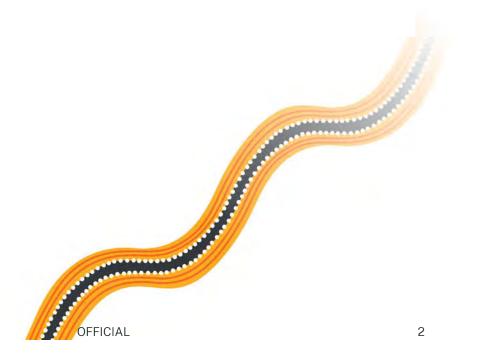
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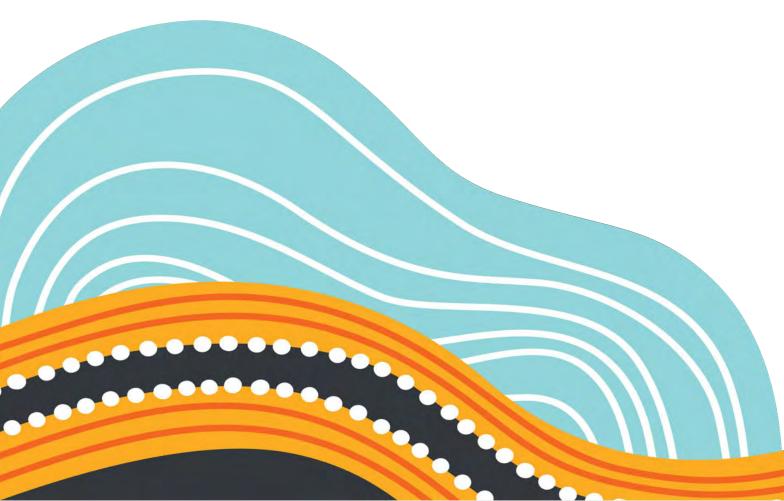
Acknowledgement of Country

Transport for NSW acknowledges the Bidjigal and Gweagal clans who traditionally occupied Kamay (Botany Bay).

We pay our respects to Elders past and present and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of NSW.

Many of the transport routes we use today – from rail lines, to roads, to water crossings – follow the traditional Songlines, trade routes and ceremonial paths in Country that our nation's First Peoples followed for tens of thousands of years.

Transport for NSW is committed to honouring Aboriginal peoples' cultural and spiritual connections to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.



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	Transport for NSW
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Declaration of accuracy (Mandatory)

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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1. Introduction

1.1 Introduction

The NSW Government is building wharves at La Perouse and Kurnell to provide a valuable recreational resource for the community, and to allow for future ferry access between both sides of Kamay Botany Bay National Park. The wharves will improve access for locals and visitors in small commercial and recreational boats and for people to swim, dive, fish, walk and enjoy the local sights.

The Project forms part of the NSW Government's Kamay Botany Bay National Park, Kurnell Master Plan, which aims to improve visitor experience and access to the National Park. Kamay 2020 is a joint Commonwealth and New South Wales Government initiative. The plan is being delivered by Transport and the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. Stage 1 of the Master Plan includes the reestablishment of the wharves at La Perouse and Kurnell.

The project recognises the rich culture and ongoing importance of the area to Aboriginal people. Feedback from the community has helped to guide the design and stories of Country have been embedded into elements of the built form. Large scale artworks by two local Aboriginal artists are integrated into the designs of the jetties and the shelter structures at La Perouse and Kurnell.

The project was classified State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) under the NSW Planning Framework. It was also confirmed to be a controlled action under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act)

Accordingly, bilateral approval has been sought from the NSW State Government, under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act), and the Australian Government, under the EPBC Act.

An Environmental Impacts Statement (EIS) was placed on public exhibition from July to August 2021. A response to submissions report was prepared in October 2021 to address issues raised during public exhibition of the EIS. The project was determined under the EP&A Act by the NSW Minister for Planning in July 2022 and by the Australian Government under the EPBC Act in March 2023.

Construction of the wharves commenced in July 2023 and is expected to be completed in late 2024.

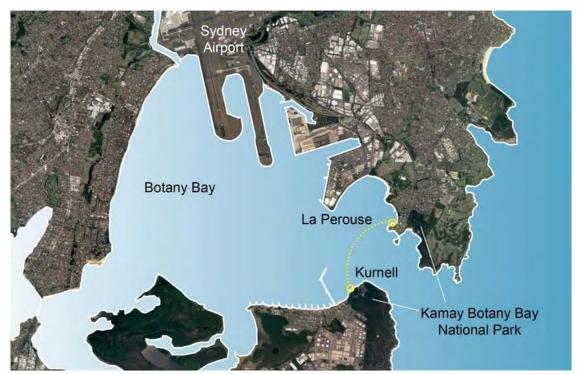


Figure 1-1: Project location

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1.2 Purpose of the report

The purpose of this report is to document compliance with the conditions for the EPBC ref 2020/8825 in accordance with Condition 27. This report covers the period between 16 March 2023 and 16 March 2024 (the reporting period).

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2. Description of activities

2.1 Overview of the project

On 16 March 2023, under subsection 130(1), section 133 and section 134 of the EPBC Act, Kamay Ferry Wharves project received approval, subject to conditions, for the replacement and operation of two ferry wharves and associated infrastructure at La Perouse and Kurnell.

Transport for NSW (Transport) obtained approval to construct and operate the Kamay Ferry Wharves at La Perouse and Kurnell (the project). The project aims to establish waterborne access between La Perouse and Kurnell and to the National Park, accommodating ferries and tourism-related commercial vessels. They will also improve access for locals and visitors in small recreational boats and for people to swim, dive, fish, walk and enjoy the local sights.

Key features of the project include:

- Demolition of the existing viewing platform at Kurnell
- Construction of temporary ancillary works including access roads, compound areas, stockpiles, fencing and temporary building platforms (including a temporary causeway at both sites and a temporary steel jetty at Kurnell)
- Relocation of swing moorings at La Perouse
- Construction of two wharves on piles, one at La Perouse and one at Kurnell that would include:
 - A berth for passenger ferries (to cater for ferries between 15 metres to 40 metres in length)
 - A multi-user berth for commercial and recreational vessels (to cater for vessels between two metres and 20 metres long)
 - Sheltered waiting areas and associated furniture located on the wharves
 - Signage and lighting
- Landside paving and landscaping at the entrance to the wharves
- New footpaths connecting the entrance of the wharves to the existing footpaths
- Reconfiguration of existing car parking areas at La Perouse to increase the number of spaces, and associated footpath changes to accommodate these additional car parking spaces
- Bicycle racks near the La Perouse wharf
- Installation of utilities to service the wharves including power and water.

The construction of the two wharves will occur at the same time with landside and waterside works occurring simultaneously.

2.2 Activities undertaken during the reporting period

2.2.1 Low impact works

Low impact works were undertaken between 03 May and 09 July 2023. These low impact works were completed as defined under the NSW Approval definition and EPBC Approval.

Low impact works included:

- Relocation of *Posidonia australis* as defined in the approved Marine Biodiversity Offset Strategy;
- Utility Investigations including investigative non-destructive digging both land and water side:
- Road and building condition surveys
- General survey set up

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A Site Establishment Management Plan was prepared and approved by the NSW DPE to allow the set up of the project compounds prior to the approval of the CEMP and sub plans. The SEMP and approval can be found on the at the following links:

- Kamay Ferry Wharves Site Establishment Management Plan June 2023 (nsw.gov.au)
- Kamay Ferry Wharves DPE Site Establishment Management Plan approval June 2023 (nsw.gov.au)

2.2.2 Construction works

Construction of the Project commenced on the 10 July 2023. Key construction activities during the reporting period for the project include:

La Perouse

- Site establishment
- Tree removal
- Installation of fencing
- Asbestos removal
- Utility installation of water and electrical
- Construction of temporary causeway
- Marine and landside piling
- Excavation and construction of retaining walls
- Installing pre-fabricated headstocks
- Placement and concreting of the wharf deck

Kurnell

- Site establishment
- Water utility installation
- Asbestos removal
- Tree removal
- Installation of fencing
- Construction of temporary causeway
- Marine and landside piling
- Excavation and construction of retaining walls
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- Placement and concreting of the wharf deck.

3. Compliance

The following section provides a review of the EPBC approval conditions for the project and statement of whether the operations during the reporting period were found to be compliant, non-compliant or not applicable.

3.1 Compliance table

Table 3-1: EPBC Act conditions of approval and compliance

Condition number / reference	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition (Compliant /Non- Compliant / Not applicable)	Evidence/ comments
1	The approval holder must not clear outside of the project area.	Compliant	An independent audit was undertaken to ensure compliance with the NSW Approvals. As required in the NSW Approval the independent auditor was approved by the NSW Department of Planning prior to the commencement of the audit. The audit was completed on the 20 December 2023. A copy of the report and Transport's response to the audit can be found at the links below: Environment Audit Report of Kamay Ferry Wharves (Audit 1) December 2023 Transport response to the Independent Environmental Audit (Audit 1) Page 28 of 67 of the Audit Report describes the auditor review of the boundaries and clearing. The audit identified that the site project boundary is clearly delineated on site including physical barriers to prevent unauthorized disturbance beyond the Project boundary. A survey confirmed that the ATF fence at both La Perouse and Kurnell was placed within or upon the Project boundary.
2	The approval holder must comply with NSW Approval conditions E21 – E37 and E49 to minimise impacts on the Indigenous, Non-Indigenous, and Natural heritage values of Kurnell Peninsula Headland.	Compliant	An independent audit was undertaken to ensure compliance with the NSW Approvals. As required in the NSW Approval the independent auditor was approved by the NSW Department of Planning prior to the commencement of the audit. The audit was completed on the 20 December 2023. A copy of the audit report can be found at the link below: Environment Audit Report of Kamay Ferry Wharves (Audit 1) December 2023 Page 37 to 46 of the Audit Report provides the description of the evidence and compliance with all heritage conditions in the NSW Approvals. The Construction Heritage Management Sub Plan has been approved by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and can be found at the below link:

Condition number / reference	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition (Compliant /Non-Compliant / Not applicable)	Evidence/ comments
			Kamay Ferry Wharves Construction Environmental Management Plan – Appendix B1 Heritage Management Plan June 2023
3	Within the project area, the approval holder must not clear more than:	Compliant	An independent audit was undertaken to ensure compliance with the NSW Approvals. As required in the NSW Approval the independent auditor was approved by the NSW Department of Planning prior to the commencement of the audit. The audit was completed on the 20 December 2023. A copy of the audit report can be found at the link below: Environment Audit Report of Kamay Ferry Wharves (Audit 1) December 2023 Page 28 of 67 of the Audit Report describes the auditor review of the boundaries and clearing. The audit identified that the site project boundary is clearly delineated on site including physical barriers to prevent unauthorized disturbance beyond the Project boundary. A survey confirmed that the ATF fence at both La Perouse and Kurnell was placed within or upon the Project boundary.
За	0.0683 hectares of seagrass meadows	Compliant	The Marine Biodiversity Offset Report (MBOR) has been attached as Appendix A. A Seagrass Translocation, Rehabilitation and Monitoring Baseline Report was prepared, and is attached to the MBOR (see MBOR, Attachment B). The baseline report outlines that only 0.0268 hectares has been removed as part of the project.
3b	0.0683 hectares of White's Seahorse habitat.	Compliant	The Marine Biodiversity Offset Report (MBOR) has been attached as Appendix A. A <u>Seagrass Translocation</u> , <u>Rehabilitation and Monitoring Baseline Report</u> was prepared, and is attached to the MBOR (see MBOR, Attachment B). The baseline report outlines that only 0.0268 hectares has been removed as part of the project.
4	The approval holder must comply with NSW Approval conditions E6 – E8 and E11 related to pre-construction surveying and protection measures	Compliant Compliant E11 Not triggered	The Construction Biodiversity Management Sub Plan outlines all the requirements to manage vegetation clearing requirements. The Construction Biodiversity Management Sub Plan was approved by the NSW Department of Planning on the 30 June 2023 and can be found in the below link: Kamay Ferry Wharves Construction Environmental Management Plan Appendix B2 Biodiversity Management Plan June 2023 (nsw.gov.au)
			A Syngnathid Relocation Plan has been included as part of the Construction Biodiversity Management Sub Plan. These plans have been implemented as part of

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			the project. Page 28 to 36 of the Audit Report provides the evidence of the implementation of the plans. A copy of the audit report can be found at the link below: Environment Audit Report of Kamay Ferry Wharves (Audit 1) December 2023
5	The approval holder must comply with NSW Approval conditions E62 – E65, E67 – E68, and E70 related to the prevention and management of contamination on protected matters.	Compliant	Transport obtained a Section B1 Site Audit Statement and Section B2 Site Audit Statement for the Construction Soil and Water Management Plan. Site Audit Report: Kamay Ferry Wharves Site Audit Report July 2023 (nsw.gov.au) Site Audit Statement: Kamay Ferry Wharves Site Audit Report July 2023 (nsw.gov.au) A Remedial Action Plan has been prepared and an interim audit advice has been provided for the implementation of the Remedial Action Plan: Remedial Action Plan: Kamay Ferry Wharves Remedial Action Plan September 2023 (nsw.gov.au) Interim Audit Advice: Kamay Ferry Wharves Interim Audit 2 Review of Remediation Action Plan 26 September 2023 (nsw.gov.au) An Unexpected Contamination Finds Procedure for Contamination has been prepared and included in the Soil and Water Management Sub Plan and the Remedial Action Plan Soil and Water Management Plan: Kamay Ferry Wharves Construction Environmental Management Plan Appendix B6 Soil, Water and Contamination Management Plan June 2023 (nsw.gov.au) Compliance with these requirements is demonstrated within the Environment audit report (page 51 to 54) which can be found at the link below: Environment Audit Report of Kamay Ferry Wharves (Audit 1) December 2023
6	The approval holder must comply with NSW Approval conditions C1 – C13 related to the	Compliant	Compliance with these requirements is demonstrated within the Environment audit report (page 19 to 25) which can be found at the link below:

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	preparation and implementation of a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) to avoid, mitigate and manage impacts on protected matters during construction.		Environment Audit Report of Kamay Ferry Wharves (Audit 1) December 2023 The Project has received approval for the Construction Environmental Management Plan and its sub plans including: Construction Environmental Management Plan: Kamay Ferry Wharves Construction Environmental Management Plan, June 2023 Construction Heritage Management Sub Plan: Kamay Ferry Wharves Construction Environmental Management Plan—Appendix B1 Heritage Management Plan June 2023 Construction Biodiversity Management Sub Plan: Kamay Ferry Wharves Construction Environmental Management Plan Appendix B2 Biodiversity Management Plan June 2023 (nsw.gov.au) Construction Traffic, Transport and Access Management Sub Plan: Kamay Ferry Wharves Construction Environmental Management Plan Appendix B3 Construction Traffic, Transport and Access Management Sub Plan June 2023 (nsw.gov.au) Construction Noise and Vibration Management Sub Plan: Kamay Ferry Wharves Construction Environmental Management Plan Appendix B5 Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan June 2023 (nsw.gov.au) Construction Soil and Water Management Sub Plan: Kamay Ferry Wharves Construction Environmental Management Plan Appendix B6 Soil, Water and Contamination Management Plan June 2023 (nsw.gov.au) NSW Department of Planning approval letter: Kamay Ferry Wharves CEMP and sub plans approval letter, June 2023
7	The CEMP required by the NSW Approval must include environmental management measures to manage impacts during construction to protected matters and be informed by the contamination documentation.	Compliant	The Construction Environment Management Plan and its sub plans have been prepared with management measures to manage impact to protected matters including but not limited to the following: • Syngnathid Relocation Plan • Heritage vibration monitoring • Pre-disturbance surveys Refer to comments in Condition of Approval 6.

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8	The approval holder must prepare, in consultation with the department, an Operational Environmental Management Plan (OEMP) or Environmental Management System (EMS) to avoid, mitigate and manage impacts on protected matters during operation. The OEMP or EMS must be informed by the contamination documentation.	Not triggered	Not triggered until later in 2024 when nearing completion of construction.
9	The approval holder must comply with NSW Approval conditions D1 – D4 related to the submission and implementation of the OEMP or EMS.	Not triggered	Not triggered until later in 2024 when nearing completion of construction.
10	The approval holder must comply with NSW Approval conditions E12 – E20 related to the requirements of the Marine Biodiversity Offset Strategy (MBOS) to compensate for the clearing of 0.0683 hectares of seagrass meadows and White's Seahorse habitat	Compliant E20 – Not triggered	E12 and E13-Compliance with DPI Fisheries policy and guidelines are demonstrated in the Environmental Audit Report (Dec 2023) and MBOS. E14-Marine Biodiversity offset calculations and obligations are outlined in the MBOS and are ongoing for 10 years as part E17. E15 and E18-Offsets were established as part of the MBOS approval. Seagrass offset is ongoing as per the MBOS including seagrass translocation and shoot collection and planting. This includes a 10 year monitoring program. Monitoring reports are published on the project website. Refer to E19 for bank guarantee update. E16-Compliance with the requirement for an MBOS Implementation reference panel and actions are demonstrated in Project Audit report (Dec 2023). Quarterly meetings are held with the panel with the latest meeting held on 05 March 2024. E17-The MBOS remains live and notes the requirement to be operational for 10 years from the date of MBOS approval. E19-DPHI granted a deferral of the Bank Guarantee up to July 2024. A Bank Guarantee was obtained and issued to DPI Fisheries in February 2024. A copy of the deferral approval and Bank Guarantee are available on the project website. MBOS Implementation and Monitoring: The Marine Biodiversity Offset Strategy (MBOS) has been prepared to meet both Commonwealth and NSW Approval requirements. The most up to date MBOS can be found here: Kamay Ferry Wharves: Marine Biodiversity Offset Strategy (nsw.gov.au)

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			Pre-construction seagrass surveys can be found in the following links: Pre-construction seagrass monitoring report –Winter 2021: Kamay Ferry Wharves Seagrass Monitoring Report –Winter 2021 (nsw.gov.au) Pre-construction seagrass monitoring report –Summer 2022: Kamay Ferry Wharves Seagrass Pre-construction Monitoring Report: Baseline 2 (Summer 2022) (nsw.gov.au) Pre-construction seagrass monitoring report –Winter 2022: Kamay Ferry Wharves seagrass pre-construction monitoring report: Baseline 3 (Winter 2022) (nsw.gov.au) Pre-construction seagrass monitoring report –Sumer 2022/23: Kamay Ferry Wharves Seagrass Monitoring Program: Final baseline report –February 2023 (nsw.gov.au) The Marine Biodiversity Offset Report has been attached as Appendix A to this annual report. A Seagrass Translocation, Rehabilitation and Monitoring Baseline Report was prepared, and is attached to the MBOR (see MBOR, Attachment B). The baseline report outlines that only 0.0268ha has been removed as part of the project. Construction phase seagrass surveys to monitor the progress of translocation and rehabilitation can be found in the following links or appendices: Initial Baseline Survey for Translocation: Refer to Attachment B of the MBOR: Seagrass Translocation, Rehabilitation and Monitoring: Seagrass Baseline report (Oct 2023) Round 1 during October to November 2023: Refer to Attachment C of the MBOR (Appendix A): Seagrass Translocation, Rehabilitation and Monitoring: Seagrass Monitoring Report 1 (Nov 2023) Round 2 during February 2024: Refer to Attachment D of the MBOR (Appendix A) - Seagrass Translocation, Rehabilitation and Monitoring: Seagrass Monitoring Report 2 (April 2024) Construction Monitoring during Summer 2023/2024: Refer to Attachment E of the MBOR (Appendix A) - Construction Seagrass Monitoring report - Summer 2023-2024 (April 2024)
11	To monitor the outcomes of the MBOS for seagrass meadows and White's Seahorse	Compliant	Marine Biodiversity Offset Report has been included as Appendix A to this Annual Report.

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	habitat, the approval holder must include a Marine Biodiversity Offset Report as part of the compliance report until the 10th anniversary of the date of this approval, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister. Each Marine Biodiversity Offset Report must include:		
11a	a progress report on the implementation of the MBOS;	Compliant	Marine Biodiversity Offset Report has been included as Appendix A to this Annual Report.
11b	a list of success metrics;	Compliant	Marine Biodiversity Offset Report has been included as Appendix A to this Annual Report.
11c	details of the monitoring methodology(ies) implemented and the locations of reference sites;	Compliant	Marine Biodiversity Offset Report has been included as Appendix A to this Annual Report.
11d	monitoring results including a comparison against reference sites;	Compliant	Marine Biodiversity Offset Report has been included as Appendix A to this Annual Report.
11e	a summary of any adaptive management measures taken to improve implementation of the MBOS and/or monitoring methodology(ies); and	Compliant	Marine Biodiversity Offset Report has been included as Appendix A to this Annual Report.
11f	a conclusion as to whether the outcomes, as measured against the success metrics, have been achieved, are likely to be met or are unlikely to be met, as determined by a suitably qualified person.	Compliant	Marine Biodiversity Offset Report has been included as Appendix A to this Annual Report.
12	To assess the ongoing success of the MBOS, the approval holder must submit a Rehabilitation Monitoring Review to the department within 6 years of the date of this approval and every 5 years thereafter, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister. The approval holder must publish each Rehabilitation Monitoring Review on the website within 15 business days of submission and keep every Rehabilitation Monitoring Review published until this	Not triggered	The Marine Biodiversity Offset Strategy commenced in June 2023 with the start of the translocation of the <i>Posidonia australis</i> . The 6 th year Rehabilitation Monitoring Review has not been triggered.

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	approval expires. Each Rehabilitation Monitoring Review must include:			
12a	a review of the monitoring methodology(ies) by a suitably qualified person;	Not triggered	The Marine Biodiversity Offset Strategy commenced in June 2023 with the start of the translocation of the <i>Posidonia australis</i> . The 6 th year Rehabilitation Monitoring Review has not been triggered.	
12b	a conclusion based on the success metrics as to whether the environmental offsets for seagrass meadows and White's Seahorse habitat have been achieved, are likely to be met or are unlikely to be met, as determined by a suitably qualified person; and	Not triggered	The Marine Biodiversity Offset Strategy commenced in June 2023 with the start of the translocation of the <i>Posidonia australis</i> . The 6 th year Rehabilitation Monitoring Review has not been triggered.	
12c	if environmental offsets for seagrass meadows and White's Seahorse habitat have not been achieved based on the success metrics:	Not triggered	The Marine Biodiversity Offset Strategy commenced in June 2023 with the start of the translocation of the <i>Posidonia australis</i> . The 6 th year Rehabilitation Monitoring Review has not been triggered.	
12c i	a list measurable and time-bound remediation measures which will be undertaken to ensure the success metrics are achieved; and	Not triggered	The Marine Biodiversity Offset Strategy commenced in June 2023 with the start of the translocation of the <i>Posidonia australis</i> . The 6 th year Rehabilitation Monitoring Review has not been triggered.	
12c ii	justification for how the remediation measures will provide full compensation for the impacts to seagrass meadows and White's Seahorse habitat.	Not triggered	The Marine Biodiversity Offset Strategy commenced in June 2023 with the start of the translocation of the <i>Posidonia australis</i> . The 6 th year Rehabilitation Monitoring Review has not been triggered.	
13	The approval holder must submit all plans required by these conditions electronically to the department.	Compliant	All management plans were submitted to the Department on 13th July 2023. Email evidence of the submission of the following documents is provided within Appendix B: Construction Environment Management Plan Construction Biodiversity Management Sub Plan Construction Heritage Management Sub Plan Construction Traffic, Transport and Access Management Sub Plan Construction Soil and Water Management Sub Plan Construction Noise and Vibration Management Sub Plan	

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14	If the approval holder submits a revised version of a plan for the Planning Secretary's approval, the approval holder must provide the revised plan to the department within 5 business days and an explanation of the differences between the approved plan and the revised plan.	Not triggered	No revised versions of the management plans have been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning for approval.
15	If a revised version of a plan is approved by the Planning Secretary, the approval holder must provide the revised plan to the department within 10 business days of the Planning Secretary's approval.	Not triggered	No revised versions of the management plans have been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning for approval.
16	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:	Compliant	The CEMP and its sub plans were approved on the 30 June 2023 and placed on the Project website on the 7th July 2023. Project website: Project documents-Kamay Ferry Wharves Transport for NSW
16a	the plan is approved by the Planning Secretary; or	Not triggered	The CEMP and its sub plans were approved on the 30 June 2023 and placed on the Project website on the 7th July 2023. Project website: Project documents-Kamay Ferry Wharves Transport for NSW
16b	a revised version of the plan is approved by the Planning Secretary.	Not triggered	No revised versions of the management plans have been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning for approval.
17	The approval holder must keep all published plans required by these conditions on the website until the expiry date of this approval.	Compliant	Project website is operational, link below: Project documents-Kamay Ferry Wharves Transport for NSW
18	The approval holder must exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from plans published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.	Compliant	Relevant information redacted as required.
19	If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from a plan, the approval holder	Compliant	Relevant information redacted as required.

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	must notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website.		
20	The approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of commencement of the action, within 5 business days of the commencement of the action.	Compliant	Construction commenced on the 10 July 2023. The Department was notified via email on the 13 July 2023. A copy of the email and notification letter are attached in Appendix C.
21	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.	Not triggered	The project was approved on the 16 March 2023 and construction commenced on the 10 July 2023.
22	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records.	Compliant	Demonstrated by the completed independent audit report and evident in this report.
23	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.	Not triggered	The Department has not made a request of Transport
24	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological 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.	Compliant	The two consultants preparing the monitoring data (UNSW and Niche) have confirmed data is consistent with these requirements.
25	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the Guide to providing	Compliant	The two consultants preparing the monitoring data (UNSW and Niche) have confirmed data is consistent with these requirements.

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	maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects (Commonwealth of Australia 2021), or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.			
26	The approval holder must submit all monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the department within 12 months of the date of this approval.	Non-compliant	Non-compliant Non-compliance identified on 2 May as part of annual compliance reporting and notification letter sent on 3 May. Monitoring shapefile data was promptly collated and sent via separate correspondence. Refer to evidence provided in Appendix D.	
27	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each 12-month period following the date of this approval, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister.	Compliant	This report	
28	Each compliance report must be consistent with the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines (Commonwealth of Australia 2014).	Compliant	This report	
29	Each compliance report must include:			
29a	Accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance with the conditions and the plans, and any incidents	Compliant	Table 3-1 of this report	
29b	One or more shapefile showing all clearing of any protected matters, and/or their habitat, undertaken within the 12-month period at the end of which that compliance report is prepared.	Compliant	The Marine Biodiversity Offset Report (MBOR) has been attached as Appendix A to this annual report. A Seagrass Translocation, Rehabilitation and Monitoring Baseline Report was prepared, and is attached to the MBOR (see MBOR, Attachment B). The baseline report outlines that 0.0268 hectares has been removed (compliant with CoA 3) as part of the project. Refer to corresponding Rehabilitation Baseline shapefile data.	
29c	A schedule of all plans in existence in relation to these conditions and accurate and complete details of how each plan is being implemented.	Compliant	Relevant plans are outlined in the responses to EPBC-CoA 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 including references to where the audit report demonstrates evidence of compliant implementation.	

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30	The approval holder must:		
30a	Publish each compliance report on the website within 60 business days following the end of the 12-month period for which that compliance report is required.	Not triggered	This Annual Compliance Report is the first report for the Project. The Annual Compliance Report will need to be placed on the Project website by 15 May (60 days following the 16 March end of reporting period) to be deemed compliant in the following reporting period.
30b	Notify the department electronically, within 5 business days of the date of publication, that a compliance report has been published on the website.	Not triggered	Will need to notify the department within 5 days of the date of publication of this annual compliance report (by 20 May at the latest) to be deemed compliant in the following reporting period.
30c	Provide the weblink for the compliance report in the notification to the department.	Not triggered	Will need to include the report weblink in the notification to the department of publication of this annual compliance report to be deemed compliant in the following reporting period.
30d	Keep all published compliance reports required by these conditions on the website until the expiry date of this approval.	Not triggered	Will need to demonstrate the first annual report is published on the website to compliant in the following reporting period.
30e	Exclude or redact sensitive ecological data from compliance reports published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.	Compliant	Relevant information has been redacted as required.
30f	If sensitive ecological data is excluded or redacted from the published version, submit the full compliance report 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.	Compliant	Relevant information redacted as required.
31	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 2 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with these conditions or commitments made in a plan.	Compliant	No incidents occurred in this 12 month reporting period. One administrative non-compliance was identified in the preparation of annual reporting regarding CoA 26 and provision of shapefile data. Notification was provided to the Department as per CoA 31 and 33 (see Appendix D).

Condition number / reference	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition (Compliant /Non-Compliant / Not applicable)	Evidence/ comments
32	The approval holder must specify in the notification:	Compliant	The non-compliance notification letter provided to the Department (Appendix D) addressed the following requirements as per CoA 32.
32a	Any condition or commitment made in a plan which has been or may have been breached.	Compliant	Refer Appendix D
32b	A short description of the incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non/compliance	Compliant	Refer Appendix D
32c	The location (including co-ordinates), date, and time of the incident and/or potential non/compliance and/or actual noncompliance.	Compliant	Refer Appendix D
33	The approval holder must provide to the department in writing, within 12 business days of becoming aware of any incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance, the details of that incident and/or potential non-compliance and/or actual non-compliance with these conditions or commitments made in a plan. The approval holder must specify:	Compliant	Refer Appendix D
33a	Any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken.	Compliant	Refer Appendix D
33b	The potential impacts of the incident and/or non-compliance and/or non-compliance.	Compliant	Refer Appendix D
33c	The method and timing of any corrective action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.	Compliant	Refer Appendix D
34	The approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with these conditions is conducted for every five-year period following the commencement of the action until this approval expires, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister.	Not triggered	The Project was approved on the 16 March 2023. The first 5 year audit is due in 2028.

Condition number / reference	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition (Compliant /Non-Compliant / Not applicable)	Evidence/ comments
35	For each independent audit, the approval holder must:	Not triggered	The Project was approved on the 16 March 2023. The first 5 year audit is due in 2028.
35a	Provide the name and qualifications of the nominated independent auditor, the draft audit criteria, and proposed timeframe for submitting the audit report to the department prior to commencing the independent audit.	Not triggered	The Project was approved on the 16 March 2023. The first 5 year audit is due in 2028.
35b	Only commence the independent audit once the nominated independent auditor, audit criteria and timeframe for submitting the audit report have been approved in writing by the department.	Not triggered	The Project was approved on the 16 March 2023. The first 5 year audit is due in 2028.
35c	Submit the audit report to the department for approval within the timeframe specified and approved in writing by the department.	Not triggered	The Project was approved on the 16 March 2023. The first 5 year audit is due in 2028.
35d	Publish each audit report on the website within 15 business days of the date of the department's approval of the audit report.	Not triggered	The Project was approved on the 16 March 2023. The first 5 year audit is due in 2028.
35e	Keep every audit report published on the website until this approval expires.	Not triggered	The Project was approved on the 16 March 2023. The first 5 year audit is due in 2028.
36	Each audit report must report for the five- year period preceding that audit report.	Not triggered	The Project was approved on the 16 March 2023. The first 5 year audit is due in 2028.
37	Each audit report must be completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and be consistent with the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines (Commonwealth of Australia 2019).	Not triggered	The Project was approved on the 16 March 2023. The first 5 year audit is due in 2028.
38	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.	Not triggered	Approval did not expire during the reporting period.

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Condition number / reference	Condition	Is the project compliant with this condition (Compliant /Non- Compliant / Not applicable)	Evidence/ comments
39	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 triggered	The project was not completed during this reporting period.
40	The approval holder must inform the department in writing within 2 business days of requesting any change to the NSW Approval conditions that may relate to protected matters.	Not triggered	Transport requested an administrative Modification from the NSW Department of Planning. This Modification to the NSW Approval was not related to protected matters.
41	The approval holder must inform the department in writing within 5 business days of any approved changes made to the NSW Approval conditions that may relate to protected matters.	Not triggered	Transport requested an administrative Modification from the NSW Department of Planning. This Modification to the NSW Approval was not related to protected matters.

3.2 Correcting non-compliances

The compliance review (Table 3-1) identified one EPBC non-compliance during the reporting period (16 March 2023 to 16 March 2024). A notification letter was promptly provided to the Department once the non-compliance was identified. The non-compliance related to an administrative requirement and there was no impact to protected matters. The project team has noted this requirement for future reporting periods to prevent recurrence.

3.3 New environmental risks

No new environmental risks were identified during the reporting period (16 March 2023 to 16 March 2024).

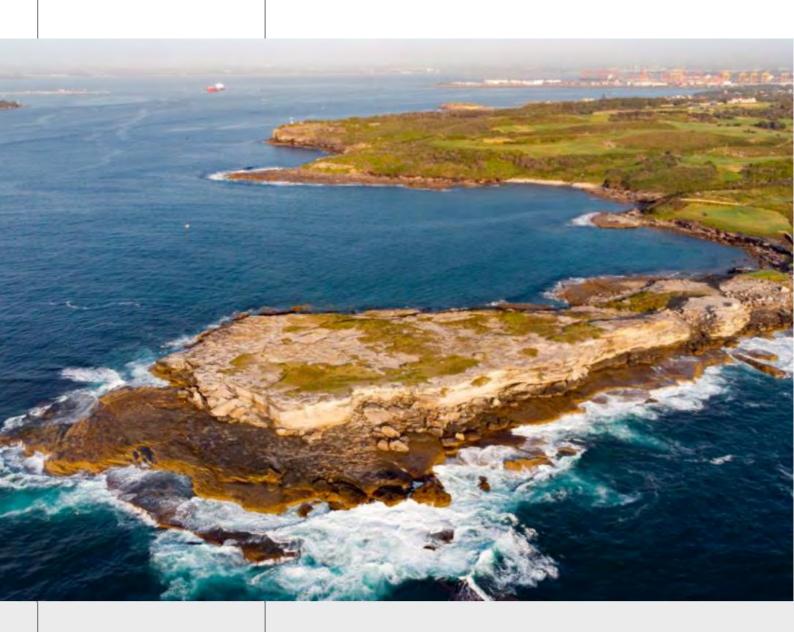
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Marine Biodiversity Offset Report

Kamay Ferry Wharves

16 March 2023 - 16 March 2024





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1. Introduction

1.1 Introduction

On 16 March 2023, under subsection 130(1), section 133 and section 134 of the EPBC Act, Kamay Ferry Wharves project received approval, subject to conditions, for the replacement and operation of two ferry wharves and associated infrastructure at La Perouse and Kurnell.

1.2 Purpose of the report

The purpose of this report is to document compliance with the conditions for the EPBC ref 2020/8825 in accordance with Condition 11. This report covers the period between 16 March 2023 and 16 March 2024 (the reporting period).

1.3 Reference table

EPBC CoA 11 includes a list of requirements for the MBOR to address. Table 1-1 below provides a reference to where this information can be found.

Table 1-1: Requirements of the MBOR and where these are addressed within this report

EPBC Condition number / reference	Condition	Where addressed in this report
11	To monitor the outcomes of the MBOS for seagrass meadows and White's Seahorse habitat, the approval holder must include a Marine Biodiversity Offset Report as part of the compliance report until the 10th anniversary of the date of this approval, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister. Each Marine Biodiversity Offset Report must include:	This report which forms Appendix A to the Annual compliance report.
11a	a progress report on the implementation of the MBOS;	This report
11b	a list of success metrics;	2.1.2 (and more detail within MBOS)
11c	details of the monitoring methodology(ies) implemented and the locations of reference sites;	2.1.1 (and more detail within attached monitoring reports)
11d	monitoring results including a comparison against reference sites;	2.1.3 (and more detail within attached monitoring reports)
11e	a summary of any adaptive management measures taken to improve implementation of the MBOS and/or monitoring methodology(ies); and	2.4
11f	a conclusion as to whether the outcomes, as measured against the success metrics, have been achieved, are likely to be met or are unlikely to be met, as determined by a suitably qualified person.	3.0 and Attachment A - Letter from independent Marine Scientist and chair of the MBOS implementation panel

2. MBOS Deliverables

2.1 Posidonia australis

The implementation plans for translocation and rehabilitation at Kurnell are attached as appendices to the current MBOS.

2.1.1 Location of reference sites

Monitoring surveys were carried out at six rehabilitation sites that were restored using translocated and naturally detached *Posidonia australis* shoots. A seventh rehabilitation site (Scar D) was added in the second round of monitoring (February 2024). The rehabilitation sites are located within the main *Posidonia australis* meadow to the west of the project boundary at Kurnell at depths of about 2-4 m (Figure 2-1).

Surveys were also carried out at six reference sites to enable comparisons between the density, condition and benthic composition of natural *Posidonia australis* meadows and *Posidonia australis* in rehabilitation sites. The reference sites are located at least 130 metres from the project boundary at Kurnell and distributed to ensure they represent healthy natural *Posidonia australis* meadows with similar exposure, tidal range, depth and physical characteristics to the rehabilitation sites. A detailed description and assessment of the rehabilitation and reference sites is provided in the MBOS Appendix 6-Site Selection and Validation Report. Details of the Kurnell seagrass rehabilitation and reference sites selected for the monitoring are listed in Table 2-1 and shown in Figure 2-1. Restoration sites were also ranked in order of priority for rehabilitation as shown in Figure 2-1.

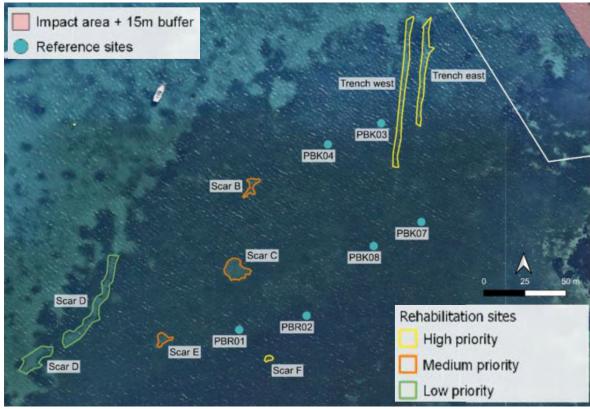


Figure 2-1: Map of the rehabilitation and reference sites at Kurnell

Table 2-1: Details of the rehabilitation and reference sites surveyed at Kurnell

Site ID	Site type	Coordinates
Scar B	Rehabilitation	-34.003730, 151.214583
Scar C	Rehabilitation	-34.004288, 151.214468
Scar D	Rehabilitation (Note: rehabilitation of this site started in February 2024)	-
Scar E	Rehabilitation	-34.004739, 151.213979
Scar F	Rehabilitation	-34.004842, 151.214691
Trench East	Rehabilitation	-34.002933, 151.215704
Trench West	Rehabilitation	-34.002979, 151.215608
PBK01	Reference	-34.0046782, 151.2144946
PBK02	Reference	-34.0045811, 151.2149550
PBK03	Reference	-34.003308, 151.215431
PBK04	Reference	-34.003443, 151.215073
PBK07	Reference	-34.0039644, 151.2157027
PBK08	Reference	-34.004118, 151.215373

2.1.1 Monitoring methodologies

Seagrass Translocation and Rehabilitation Monitoring

The seagrass rehabilitation monitoring program has included an initial baseline survey of translocation (Attachment B), a first round after translocation in late 2023 (Attachment C) and a second round in early 2024 (Attachment D). During these survey efforts monitoring of *Posidonia australis* density and condition (leaf length and epiphyte cover) was carried out at the rehabilitation sites and reference sites. Each site was located in the field using a GPS and a temporary float was deployed in the centre of the site. *Posidonia australis* was surveyed within randomly placed 0.25m2 quadrats (0.5 metre x 0.5 metre). The number of quadrats surveyed in rehabilitation sites was based on the size of the area transplanted within the site and ranged from five (Scar F) to fifteen (Scar C) with ten quadrats surveyed in all other sites. Ten quadrats were sampled for all reference sites. In each quadrat, the number of *Posidonia australis* shoots was quantified, and leaf length and epiphyte cover (using a one to five scale, where one indicated minimal and five indicated heavy epiphyte cover) was recorded for three random leaves per quadrat. Photos and general observations of the sites were also recorded.

In addition to the above, monitoring also captured digital photographs of each survey quadrat to assess benthic cover attributes.

2.1.2 Success metrics

Success criteria for monitoring the performance of the *Posidonia australis* translocation and rehabilitation efforts were established in consultation with the MBOS Implementation Reference Panel and other key project stakeholders. Success criteria were developed for short, mid and long-term periods of monitoring. Success criteria relevant to the short-term (initial two year) period of the offsetting strategy are used in this report as the project is within the first two years of commencing restoration works. The success criteria are detailed in full in the MBOS. The success criteria are intended to provide readily measurable structural attributes that will indicate changes in the status of transplanted and nearby naturally occurring *Posidonia australis* meadows through time. The two key *Posidonia australis* success criteria adopted in the MBOS target are:

- Areal extent minimum target to increase area by 268m2, and
- Shoot density minimum target of 25 shoots/m2.

The performance of the offsetting strategy is evaluated by comparing the monitoring data with these targets.

2.1.3 Monitoring results

Results of the seagrass translocation and rehabilitation monitoring against the success metrics are summarised below in Table 2-2.

Table 2-2: Posidonia australis offsetting success criteria and measures over short-term period of the restoration program

			Progress against success criteria	
Criteria	Measure	Short-term (2-years) success criteria	Monitoring round 1 (Nov to Dec 2023)	Monitoring round 2 (Feb 2024)
Increase in area of Posidonia. Long term (10-year) goal: 536m2	Areal extent of restored <i>Posidonia</i> australis meets EPBC offset requirements.	Areal extent of restored Posidonia australis is to a 1:1 ratio of area removed from the impact area. Minimum target: 268m2	Total area rehabilitated with translocated <i>Posidonia australis</i> is greater than the target at this stage. Results: 319m2. Exceeds target	Transplanting of naturally detached Posidonia australis in three rehabilitation sites increased the area restored at Kurnell by 47m2 since the previous monitoring event in late 2023. The total area restored exceeds the short-term success criteria at this stage. Results: 366m2. Exceeds target.
Maintain <i>Posidonia</i> australis density. Long term (10-year) goal: 42 shoots/m2	Shoot density of restored <i>Posidonia</i> australis (based on 0.25m2 quadrats).	Increase in shoot density in the offset sites from bare to vegetated at a minimum density of 25 shoots per square metre (>50% of the impact area density).	Densities of translocated <i>Posidonia</i> australis shoots in six rehabilitation sites closely match or exceed the natural density of the impact area patches of 42 shoots/m2.	Posidonia australis density at six out of seven rehabilitation sites exceeds the mean overall shoot density (42 shoots/m2) of the Posidonia australis that was translocated from the Kurnell impact area. All seven sites exceed the short-term shoot density success criteria of 25 shoots/m2.
		Minimum target: 25 shoots/m2	Results: 41 shoots/m2 (range 32-48) Exceeds target.	Results: 46 shoots/m2 (range 33-48) Exceeds target. Long term target also exceeded.

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Comparison against reference sites

The condition of restored *Posidonia australis* (as measured by maximum leaf length and epiphyte cover) in rehabilitation sites has remained reasonably stable with time. Monitoring results show maximum leaf lengths of restored *Posidonia australis* are about 30% shorter than the surrounding natural meadow. This may be attributed to exposures such as wind and wave action and the use of naturally detached shoots with pre-existing damage from their natural detachment and deposition. Long term monitoring of leaf lengths over seasons of the year will hopefully reveal insights into the growth rates of translocated Posidonia. Additionally, the introduction of Scar D rehabilitation site uses only naturally detached shoots and will hopefully provide insight into any difference in success from planting of translocated versus naturally detached Posidonia shoots.

Posidonia australis in rehabilitation and reference sites showed a pattern of gradually increasing epiphyte cover with time though this showed no negative association on the condition of transplanted seagrass which correlates with the outcomes of recent research.

Monitoring results demonstrated notable differences in benthic cover attributes between rehabilitation and reference sites. As expected, reference sites were dominated by *Posidonia australis* (>70% cover). Rehabilitation sites typically had lower coverage of *Posidonia australis* (about >30% cover). This provided space for opportunistic seagrass species to occupy with some sites observed over time to change over time from Zostera sp. to Halophila sp. as the dominant understorey seagrass species. Long term monitoring of benthic composition will hopefully reveal insights into whether these observed changes are permanent or if changes in species abundances frequently occur.

2.1.4 Summary of progress

Success Metric 1: Area restored

The results of the Seagrass translocation and rehabilitation monitoring to date demonstrate a positive outcome with target areas of restoration being exceeded for both monitoring rounds. A snapshot of progress of area restored over time is shown in Figure 2-3 below. (Note: August data represents the initial seagrass translocation exercise)

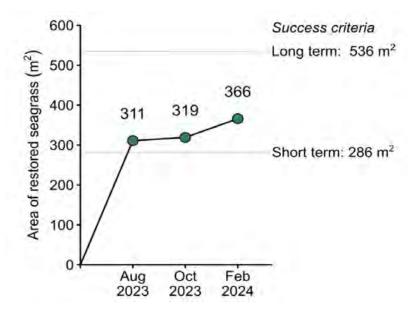


Figure 2-3 – Monitoring results of area of *Posidonia australis* restoration (m2) relative to the short term success criteria.

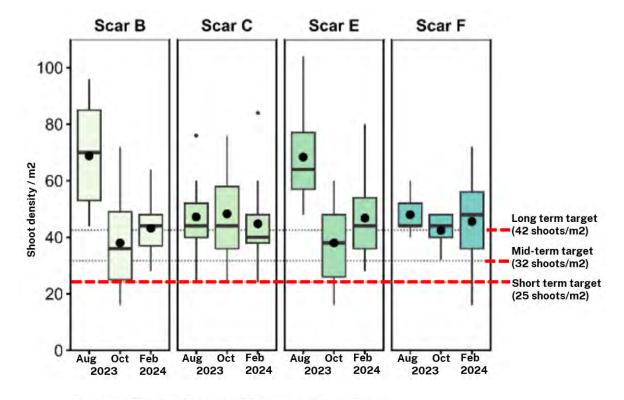
The progress of rehabilitation works at Kurnell is shown below in Figure 2-4 with shaded areas on the aerial image indicating the approximate areas of *Posidonia australis* restored as at February 2024.



Figure 2-4 – Areas of restored *Posidonia australis* (shaded areas) within the Kurnell rehabilitation sites

Success Metric 2: Shoot density

The results of the Seagrass translocation and rehabilitation monitoring to date also demonstrate a positive outcome for shoot density with restoration sites exceeded short term success target for both monitoring rounds. Figure 2-5 below demonstrates that the success criteria for shoot density was consistently exceeded at all restoration sites.



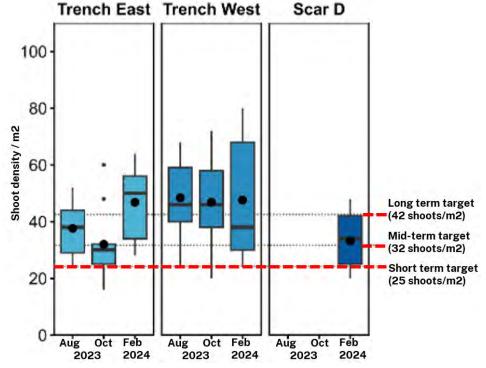


Figure 2-5: Representation of shoot density/m2 for each site over time during the monitoring period showing that all individual sites met and exceeded the short term success criteria. (Note: Restoration of Scar D commenced in February 2024).

2.1.5 Other monitoring

Pre-Construction monitoring

Prior to the commencement of construction, a series of pre-construction surveys were completed to develop baseline data across winter and summer seasons for seagrass at Kurnell and La Perouse. This consisted of surveys during Winter 2021, Summer 2022, Winter 2022, and Summer 2022/23. These four baseline surveys are published on the project website and provided the necessary baseline information to develop success metrics for the MBOS and to compare changes in seagrass attributes over time.

The monitoring sites established in these pre-construction surveys were also applied for construction phase monitoring as outlined below.

Construction monitoring (Summer 2023-24)

A construction monitoring survey was completed during summer (2023-2024) to provide a snapshot of seagrass coverage and condition at both La Perouse and Kurnell (Attachment E). The purpose of this Construction phase monitoring is to identify any large-scale changes in seagrass composition and areal extent within the project boundary and monitor for any changes in the adjacent large bed of *Posidonia australis* at Kurnell during construction that may be attributable to the Project. This summer survey will be followed by a winter survey in 2024. Once construction is complete, a detailed statistical assessment is to be prepared to review changes compared to baseline data.

Results of the summer monitoring indicated that at Kurnell, the area of *Halophila* and *Zostera* increased to levels above all four of the baseline surveys in both the project boundary and survey area. The total area of *Posidonia* seagrasses in the project boundary at Kurnell was comparable to the four baseline surveys, being relatively consistent across the monitoring dataset. *Posidonia* density values at the majority of *Posidonia* monitoring beds at Kurnell increased compared to last Summer 2022-23 (Baseline 4). An incidental observation of fine scale potential impact to *Posidonia* was identified on the buffer area boundary. Comparison to baseline condition attributes though indicated that shoot density remained within the range of baseline data and continued monitoring of this location through into winter and post construction was highlighted to assess for any change in condition over time.

Results of the summer monitoring indicated that at La Perouse, areas of *Halophila* and *Zostera* increased to levels comparable to the Baseline 1 (winter 2021) and Baseline 2 (summer 2022) surveys. Results also demonstrated a general increase in *Posidonia* density at the majority of *Posidonia* monitoring beds at La Perouse in comparison to last Summer 2022-23 (Baseline 4).

In conclusion, overall seagrass distribution and density was found to increase in this survey, when compared to the most recent survey in summer 2022/23 (Baseline 4). This has been driven primarily by increases in *Halophila* and *Zostera* seagrasses, with areas of *Posidonia* being relatively stable. This may reflect recovery following the cessation of the strong and prolonged La Nina weather pattern that occurred during the Baseline monitoring, with the deeper rooted *Posidonia* being more resilient to such environmental perturbations.

2.2 Moorings

2.2.1 Summary of progress

The MBOS indicates a target for a draft implementation plan to be issued to the MBOS panel four months after MBOS Revision 3. Transport is continuing to progress this plan though this target was unable to be met due to challenges encountered, including complexities in finding sufficient mooring sites, lack of standard Environmentally Friendly Mooring (EFM) specifications, lead time for decisions regarding funding for asset maintenance arrangements, and the lead time for procurement. The project team has sourced additional support from Maritime subject matter experts to assist in progressing the plan. Transport is continuing to work through these challenges and have quarterly meetings with the panel and will continue to provide status updates on the progress on this MBOS implementation plan.

2.3 Artificial Seahorse habitat

2.3.1 Summary of progress

The MBOS indicates a target for a draft implementation plan for artificial seahorse habitat to be issued to the MBOS panel four months after MBOS Revision 3. Transport is continuing to progress this plan though this target was unable to be met. Transport has prepared an optioneering paper which will feed into the Implementation Plan which evaluated artificial habitat netting versus seahorse hotels. This was reviewed and endorsed by the panel. This assessment indicated a preference for seahorse hotels. Transport is implementing feedback received from the panel to further investigate placement options for the hotels including consideration of opportunities outside of the project footprint and analysis of suitable site attributes (i.e. presence of target species, water depth and movement, availability of natural habitat etc) to maximise benefit for the White's Seahorse (*Hippocampus whitei*). Transport is also separately progressing the procurement of specialists for the manufacture and installation of the artificial habitat features.

2.4 Adaptive management measures

At this current stage there are no adaptive measures in place.

3. Conclusion

Monitoring results for the seagrass translocation and rehabilitation efforts to date indicate that the restoration is progressing well with results demonstrating exceedances for the two short term success criteria.

The targets for development of the Mooring and Artificial Seahorse Habitat implementation plans were not able to be met however continued progress is being made in the development of these plans (such as optioneering papers and additional subject matter expert advice) towards the development of the plans and the panel will continue to be provided regular updates on progress.

An independent statement on the progress to date on the MBOS implementation was also sought from the project independent Marine Scientist and chair of the MBOS implementation panel, Dr Roberts, and is provided within Attachment A.

Attachment A - Letter from independent marine scientist and chair of the MBOS implementation panel



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Kamay Ferry Wharves Endorsement of MBOR

I have completed my review of the Kamay Ferry Wharves (2020/8825) Marine Biodiversity Offset Report 16 March 2023 – 16 March 2024 (MBOR) as part of my role as Chair of the Independent Reference Panel (IRP) and as the appointed Independent Marine Scientist on the IRP.

The IRP reviewed the seagrass monitoring results and reports on the translocation and rehabilitation of seagrasses over the first year of the project. In the reviews by the IRP members, it was generally concluded that the success of the seagrass restoration was encouraging with results to date exceeding short term success criteria as outlined in the MBOS. The reports were: Seagrass Translocation, Rehabilitation and Monitoring: Seagrass Monitoring Report 1 (Nov 2023). Report prepared by the University of New South Wales (UNSW); Seagrass Translocation, Rehabilitation and Monitoring: Seagrass

Monitoring Report 2 (April 2024). Report prepared by the University of New South Wales (UNSW). Targets for development of Mooring and Artificial Seahorse Habitat implementation plans are works in progress and the IRP members are being updated as required.

In my opinion, the MBOR summary and seagrass monitoring reports meet the requirements for the conditions of consent and are fully endorsed. These requirements were to ensure compliance to all NSW and Australian Government Conditions of Approval (CoA), environment management measures, licence and permits requirements relevant to marine biodiversity offsets for the Project as outlined in the Project EIS and Response to Submissions Report (RtS); the NSW Ministers Conditions of Approval (MCoA), July 2022 (SSI-10049) and the EPBC-CoA, March 2023 (2020/8825).

Yours sincerely

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Independent Marine Scientist and Chair (Independent Reference Panel)

Attachment B - Seagrass Translocation, Rehabilitation and Monitoring: Baseline report (Oct 2023)

Seagrass Translocation, Rehabilitation and Monitoring: Seagrass Monitoring Baseline Report (October 2023)

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Attachment C - Seagrass Translocation, Rehabilitation and Monitoring: Seagrass Monitoring Report 1 (Nov 2023)

Seagrass Translocation, Rehabilitation and Monitoring: Seagrass Monitoring Report 1 (Nov 2023):

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Attachment D - Seagrass Translocation, Rehabilitation and Monitoring: Seagrass Monitoring Report 2 (April 2024)

Seagrass Translocation, Rehabilitation and Monitoring: Seagrass Monitoring Report 2 (April 2024)

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Attachment E - Construction Seagrass Monitoring report, Summer 2023-2024 (April 2024)

Construction Seagrass Monitoring Report, Summer 2023-24 (April 2024)

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Appendix B - Email evidence of submission of the CEMP and sub plans to DCCEEW

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Subject: RE: Kamay Ferry Wharves (EPBC ref 2020/8833) - Construction Environmental

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From: Christopher Williams

Sent: Thursday, 13 July 2023 10:09 AM

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Subject: Kamay Ferry Wharves (EPBC ref 2020/8833) - Construction Environmental Management

Plan

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- Construction Environmental Management Plan (NSW Approval C1-13 and EPBC condition 6);
- NSW Approval of the Construction Environmental Management Plan.

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Subject: Kamay Ferry Wharves (EPBC ref 2020/8833) - Construction Biodiversity Sub Management Plan

Date: Thursday, 13 July 2023 9:36:00 AM

Attachments: BMP_revK.pdf

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Subject: Kamay Ferry Wharves (EPBC ref 2020/8833) - Construction Heritage Sub Management Plan

Date: Thursday, 13 July 2023 9:37:00 AM

Attachments: <u>HMP_RevK.pdf</u>

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Subject: RE: Kamay Ferry Wharves (EPBC ref 2020/8833) - Construction Traffic, Transport and Access Sub

Management Plan

Date: Thursday, 13 July 2023 10:11:00 AM

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Sub Management Plan

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Kamay Ferry Wharves (EPBC ref 2020/8833) - Construction Soil, Water and Contamination Sub Management

Plan including the Construction Monitoring Program - Turbidity

Date: Thursday, 13 July 2023 9:37:00 AM

Attachments: <u>SWMP_RevH.pdf</u>

Approval Letter CEMP and sub plan.pdf

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To the DCCEEW Post Approval Team

Please find attached for your information and as required in the Kamay Ferry Wharves condition of approval 13:

- Construction Soil, Water and Contamination Management Sub Plan (including the Construction Monitoring Program – Turbidity as an appendix to the sub plan) (NSW Approval C1-13 and EPBC condition 6);
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Kamay Ferry Wharves (EPBC ref 2020/8833) - Construction Noise and Vibration Sub Management Plan

including the Construction Monitoring Program - Noise and Vibration

Date: Thursday, 13 July 2023 9:37:00 AM

Attachments: NVMP RevK.pdf

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To the DCCEEW Post Approval Team

Please find attached for your information and as required in the Kamay Ferry Wharves condition of approval 13:

- Construction Noise and Vibration Management Sub Plan including the Construction Monitoring Program – Noise and Vibration as an attachment to this sub plan (NSW Approval C1-13 and EPBC condition 6);
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Appendix C – Evidence of notification of commencement of action to DCCEEW

From: <u>Christopher Williams</u>

To: postapproval@dcceew.gov.au

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Subject: EPBC ref 2020/8825 - Kamay Ferry Wharves - Notification of commencement of action

Date: Thursday, 13 July 2023 9:41:00 AM

Attachments: Kamay Ferry Wharves - Notification of Commencement of Action.pdf

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To DCCEEW Post Approval Team

Please find attached notification of the commencement of the action for the Kamay Ferry Wharves Project as required in EPBC ref 2020/8825 condition 12.

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Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water GPO Box 3090 Canberra, ACT, 2601

Re: Notification of the commencement of the Action - CoA 12

12 July 2023

To whom it may concern,

In accordance with the Kamay Ferry Wharves (EPBC ref 2020/8825) condition of approval (CoA) 20 I wish to notify the Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water of Transport for NSW's commencement of the Action on the 10 July 2023.

Transport for NSW has ensured that all pre construction approval conditions have been complied with.

Should you have any questions please contact Chris Williams, Senior Environment and Sustainability Office on .

Sincerely,

Andrew Dooley

Transport for NSW Project Director - Kamay Ferry Wharves

Phone: Email: Appendix D – Evidence of notification of administrative non-compliance to DCCEEW

Karina Rubenis

From: Hannah D'eau

Sent: Friday, 3 May 2024 1:26 PM

To: EPBC Monitoring

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Subject: EPBC 2020/8825 - Kamay Ferry Wharves - Notification of non-compliance **Attachments:** EPBC2020-8825 Notification of administrative non-compliance May2024

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EPBC 2020/8825 - Kamay Ferry Wharves - Notification of non-compliance

In accordance with EPBC 2020/8825 <u>condition of approval 31 and 33</u>, Transport would like to notify the Department of an identified non-compliance with CoA 26. Details of the identified non-compliance are provided in the attached letter.

The non-compliance required shapefile data to be provided to the Department by March 16th. This non-compliance was identified in the preparation of annual reporting. This shapefile data has been collated and provided in separate email correspondence to address this requirement.

Kind regards,

Hannah D'eau

Senior Environment and Sustainability Officer Eastern Harbour and Central Rivers

Transport for NSW



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EPBC Compliance Monitoring
Environment Compliance Branch
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
GPO Box 3090 ACT 2601

02 May 2024

Re: EPBC 2020/8825 - Kamay Ferry Wharves - Notification of non-compliance (CoA 26)

Kamay Ferry Wharves EPBC Condition of Approval (CoA) 31 requires the approval holder to notify the Department in writing of any non-compliance with conditions within 2 business days of becoming aware of the non-compliance. Under EPBC CoA 33 additional information is required to be submitted within 12 days of becoming aware of the non-compliance. Please see relevant details below as required by CoA 31 and CoA 33 for this non-compliance.

CoA in breach: CoA 26 – "The approval holder must submit all monitoring data (including sensitive ecological data), surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the department within 12 months of the date of this approval."

A short description of the non-compliance: Under NSW CoA 26, Transport is required to provide a copy of monitoring data (shapefiles) within 12 months of the date of approvals which would be 16 March 2024. The non-compliance was identified on 02 May 2024 during preparation of the annual compliance reporting documentation.

The location: n/a this is an administrative non-compliance.

Corrective actions or investigation undertaken: Project staff have been made aware of the timing requirements under EPBC CoA 26 for lodgement of monitoring shapefile data and the requirement is noted for all future reporting deadlines.

Potential impacts to protected matters: none.

Method and timing of remedial action: n/a this is an administrative non-compliance.

If you have any questions or require any further information please contact Senior Environment and Sustainability Officer, Hannah D'eau on .

Sincerely,

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Doug Walker Senior Project Manager Transport for NSW

Date: 02/05/2024

From: EPBC Monitoring <epbcmonitoring@dcceew.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, 3 May 2024 1:27 PM

To: Hannah D'eau

Subject: EPBC Monitoring Autoreply [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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