

**PUBLIC FORUM
QUESTIONS/ANSWERS
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Proposed Ellerton Drive Extension – Pre-clearance survey of termite mounds

Office of Environment and Heritage Consent Report requires a pre-clearance survey of termite mounds to be undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist immediately prior to clearance of the termite mounds.

1. When was this survey undertaken?

Response – Assets and Projects

Prior to Christmas, after 1 January and immediately before clearance of the mound.

2. Has more than one survey been undertaken?

Response – Assets and Projects

See above.

3. Who conducted the survey or surveys?

Response – Assets and Projects

Experienced ecologists from NGH Environmental.

4. When did the council receive the survey report or reports?

Response – Assets and Projects

An initial report was received on 11 January 2017. Another report will be provided at the completion of the clearing works.

5. What did the survey report or reports state?

Response – Assets and Projects

No mounds were identified as being in use by the Rosenberg's Goanna.

6. Will the council publish the survey report or reports on its website immediately?

Response – Assets and Projects

Council will be placing the reports on its website.

Proposed Ellerton Drive Extension – Pre-clearance survey of hollow-bearing trees

Condition 3(b) requires a pre-clearance survey of hollow-bearing trees to be undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist immediately prior to clearance of the hollow-bearing trees.

7. When was this survey undertaken? Was more than one survey undertaken?

Response – Assets and Projects

Trees were inspected before Day 1 clearing commenced, again just before the tree is felled and finally after the tree is felled. In addition, trees identified as being a potential nesting site for Gang-gang Cockatoos were monitored at dusk for a few days before the tree was felled.

8. Who conducted the survey or surveys?

Response – Assets and Projects

Experienced ecologists from NGH Environmental.

9. When did the council receive the survey report or reports?

Response – Assets and Projects

An initial report was received on 11 January 2017. Another report will be provided at the completion of the clearing works.

10. What did the survey report or reports state?

Response – Assets and Projects

Additional hollow bearing trees were found and as a result additional nest boxes are required to be installed. No change in the recommendations of the Species Impact Statement.

11. Will the council publish the survey report or reports on its website immediately?

Response – Assets and Projects

Council will be placing the reports on its website.

Proposed Ellerton Drive Extension – Pre-construction surveys for threatened fauna

Condition 4(b) requires pre-construction surveys for threatened fauna to be carried out by a suitable qualified ecologist immediately prior to clearance of forest and grassland areas.

12. When are these surveys scheduled to occur?

Response – Assets and Projects

See previous questions.

13. Who will conduct the surveys?

Response – Assets and Projects

Experienced ecologists from NGH Environmental.

14. Will the council publish the survey reports on its website as soon as it receives the reports?

Response – Assets and Projects

Council will be placing the reports on its website.

Proposed Ellerton Drive Extension – Procedures in the event of threatened fauna detected

Condition 4(b) states that section 6.2 of the Species Impact Statement Addendum should be implemented if any threatened fauna or signs of use by threatened fauna are detected.

Rosenberg's goanna

Condition 3(a) requires that any termite mounds showing evidence of Rosenberg's Goanna young must be left in situ and connected to existing vegetation until all young have dispersed.

15. Have the surveys referred to above identified evidence of Rosenberg's Goanna young?

Response – Assets and Projects

Please refer to question 5.

16. If so, how many?

Response – Assets and Projects

N/A

17. What steps have been taken to protect them?

Response – Assets and Projects

N/A

Tree clearing

Condition 4(c) requires non-hollow bearing trees in an area to be knocked down on the first day, with hollow-bearing trees knocked down on the second day.

18. How many non-hollow bearing trees are to be cleared?

Response – Assets and Projects

There are no requirements to count non-hollow bearing trees within the footprint.

19. How many non-hollow bearing trees have been cleared?

Response – Assets and Projects

N/A

20. What procedures has the council put in place to ensure compliance with condition 4(c)?

Response – Assets and Projects

The process of clearing in accordance with the Office of Environment and Heritage's requirements was included in the clearing specifications for the contractor and further discussed with the contractor prior to work commencing. Compliance has been monitored by the ecologists onsite as the work progresses and the project team.

21. How many nest boxes have been installed, as per condition 4(d)?

Response – Assets and Projects

There are currently 115 nest boxes installed adjacent to the road corridor.

22. Council has advised previously it plans to clear 55 hollow-bearing trees.

How many hollow-bearing trees have been cleared?

Response – Assets and Projects

Pre-clearing surveys identified 105 hollow bearing trees to be cleared during the project. These will be cleared in accordance with approval conditions for the project.