

Our Ref: 23055 - Addendum Letter of Advice - Biodiversity Assessment - Huassman Drive Stage-2
Via: email

Date: 15 July 2025

Attn: Deepak Sharma
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Dear Deepak,

RE: ADDENDUM LETTER OF ADVICE - BIODIVERSITY ASSESSMENT - HUASSMAN DRIVE STAGE-2

MJD Environmental has been engaged by EPS on behalf of Maitland City Council to prepare an addendum letter of advice regarding the *Biodiversity Assessment Report - Huassman Drive Stage 2 – Update* (MJD Environmental, 10 June 2025 – the 'BAR') prepared for inclusion in a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for Part 2 of Stage 2 of the Huassman Drive Road Upgrade, Thornton, NSW. The application is to be assessed by Maitland City Council under Part 5 of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act).

The objective of the assessment was to examine the likelihood of the proposal to have a significant impact on any threatened species, populations or ecological communities listed under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act). This assessment recognises the relevant requirements of the EP&A Act 1979 as amended by the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment Act 1997. Preliminary assessment was also made with regard to those threatened entities listed under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

The assessment concluded that the proposal was unlikely to have a significant impact on the threatened entities assessed.

Request for Updated Assessment

Subsequently, Maitland City Council supplied further updated extents, necessitated by landform constraints. The extra disturbance is due to a large earth mound approx. 10m wide which runs along the existing boundary. The acquired boundary on the northern and southern sides are within this earth mound, which will need to be removed to construct a new HP gas main that runs at a small offset from the new boundary line.

As the change in assessment area was minor (~5%), and the quantum of impact assessed in the BAR already limited, these minor changes have been assessed herein.

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Updated Areas

Updated engineering extents were supplied and are attached. The documents that have been assessed to inform this addendum follow:

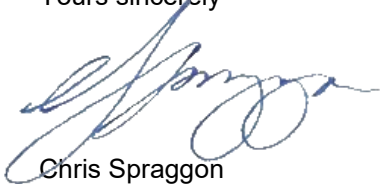
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In the context of the assessment of Significant Biodiversity impacts associated with the activity, the increase of approximately 300sqm of native vegetation, in addition to approximately 600sqm of native vegetation (~5%) is unlikely to constitute an impact on any entity beyond the scope of the assessment. An informal appraisal of the changes to impacts to vegetation communities or threatened species associated with the assessment indicates no change to the outcome is likely.

Clear recommendations have been made in the BAR to ensure direct and indirect impacts are carefully managed on site during the construction and operation phase.

We trust this is sufficient for your purposes, however, should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the writer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Spraggon', is written over a faint, larger blue signature.

Chris Spraggon
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Encl: Attachment 1 – Updates to engineering extents (supplied)

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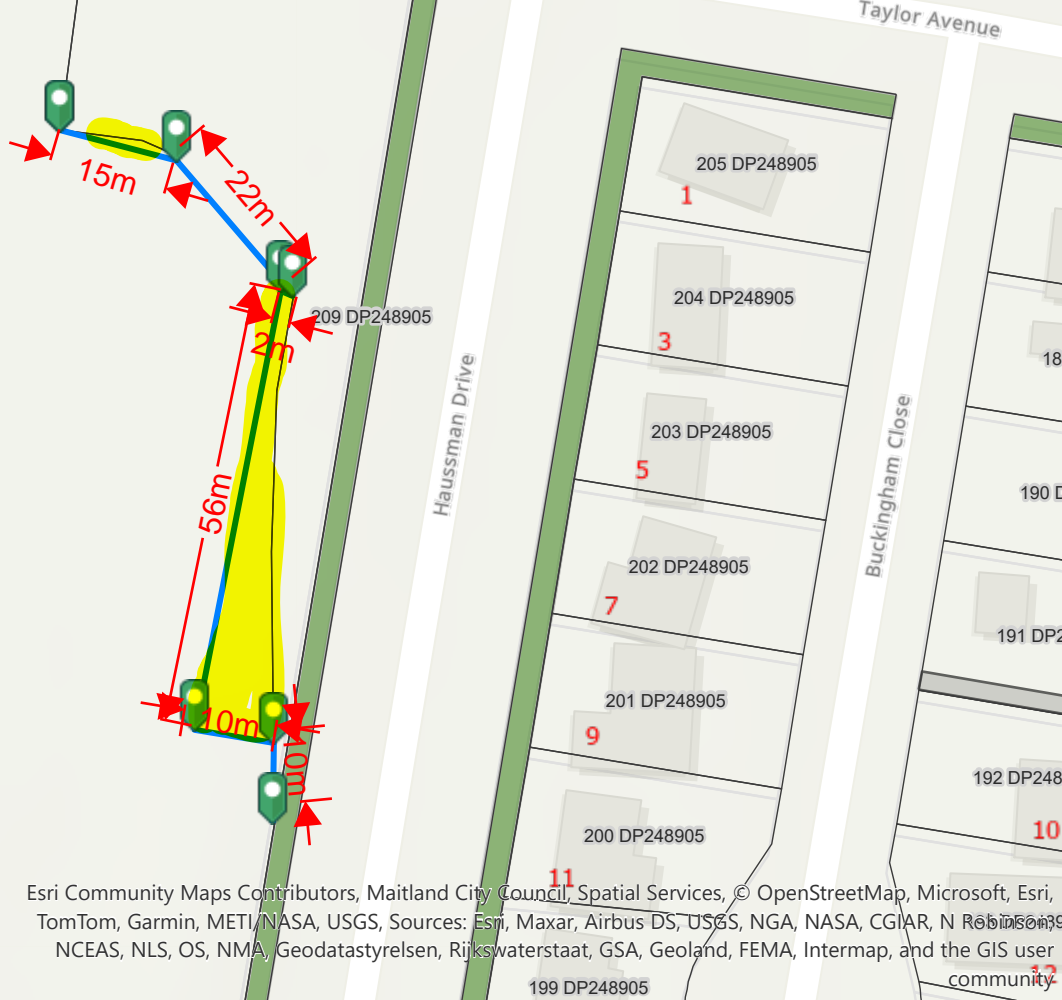
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