Significance Criteria	Comment
Result in an invasive species that is harmful to the migratory species becoming established in an area of important habitat for the migratory species	The Proposed Action is unlikely to result in the establishment of harmful invasive species. Horse Swamp comprises <i>Melaleuca rhaphiophylla</i> over introduced pasture herbs and grasses. The wetland is already considered degraded. The Proposed Action will not result in further degradation of this wetland.
Seriously disrupt the lifecycle (breeding, feeding, migration or resting behaviour) of an ecologically significant proportion of the population of a migratory species.	The Proposed Action is unlikely to disrupt the lifecycle of the Glossy Ibis. The Proposed Action is not within Glossy Ibis breeding habitat.

12.11.3. Conclusion

The Proposed Action is considered unlikely to have a significant impact on the Glossy Ibis.

12.12. Potential impacts to MNES

The potential impacts on MNES are described in Table 99.

Table 99: Potential impacts on MNES

Proposed Action Stage	Impact Type	Activities	Potential Impacts
Construction	Direct	Clearing of native vegetation.	 Permanent loss of: 10.05 ha of Banksia Woodland of the Swan Coastal Plain TEC. 81.4 ha of Carnaby's Black Cockatoo foraging habitat including 54.1 ha quality habitat. 68.1 ha of Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo foraging habitat including 38.0 ha of quality habitat. 81.4 ha of Baudin's Black Cockatoo foraging habitat including 42.8 ha of quality habitat. Removal of 423 Black Cockatoo potential breeding trees including 33 trees with hollows, none of which were assessed as suitable for Black Cockatoo nesting. Injury/mortality of Black Cockatoos from vehicle strike. Inadvertent removal of trees with nesting occurring.

Proposed Action Stage	Impact Type	Activities	Potential Impacts
	Indirect	 Accidental clearing of native vegetation. Cut and fill works. Soil compaction. Construction of permanent and temporary infrastructure including but not limited to rail, roads, car parks, buildings, hard stand and laydown areas. Temporary groundwater abstraction for construction water supply and temporary dewatering for construction purposes. Disturbance to Bennett Brook riverbed leading to increase sediment loads migrating downstream. 	 Introduction and spread of declared pests and other weed species. Introduction and spread of Phytophthora dieback. Decline in Banksia Woodland TEC as a result of groundwater drawdown. Degradation of Carter's Freshwater Mussel/potential Black-stripe Minnow habitat from contamination of surface water, increased sediment loads, altered surface hydrology and dewatering. Disruption or disturbance to fauna as a result of noise, vibration, light and dust.
Operation	Indirect	 Operation and maintenance of the railway line Operation of plant and machinery and service vehicles. Operation and maintenance of the electrified railway line. 	 Introduction and spread of declared pests and other weed species. Introduction and spread of dieback. Injury/mortality of Black Cockatoos from train strike.

12.13. Mitigation of impacts to MNES

Table 100 demonstrates how the PTA has applied the mitigation hierarchy of avoid, minimise and rehabilitate during design of the Proposed Action to address key potential impact to MNES.

Table 100: Summary of environmental impacts and mitigation hierarchy for Matters of National Environmental Significance

Potential impacts	Assessment of impacts	Preliminary Mitigation Hierarchy
Direct Impacts		
Removal of up to 12.3 ha of inferred suitable Caladenia huegelii habitat.	Targeted surveys of habitat identified as potentially critical to the survival of Caladenia huegelii over two consecutive years have not encountered any individuals or populations of the species. Two areas of Suitable Habitat have been identified within the Development Envelope, which are synonymous with the Banksia Woodlands TEC. An assessment against critical habitat criteria has determined that neither Area A nor Area D can be considered critical to the survival of the species. The Proposed Action is therefore not considered to have a significant impact on Caladenia huegelii habitat.	 A significant portion (6.95 ha) of Caladenia huegelii habitat Area A, represented by vegetation in Excellent condition, has been incorporated into a NVRA. Permanent access paths where the rail alignment crosses the junction between Drumpellier Drive and Gnangara Road have been relocated to avoid impact on Caladenia huegelii habitat Area D. Minimise The potential habitat coincides with TEC Patch 1 and TEC Patch 5 of the Banksia Woodlands TEC. Measures aimed at minimising impacts to Caladenia huegelii are consistent with those implemented for minimising impacts on this TEC. These are outlined in Section 5.7 and will be implemented in accordance with the TECMP. The embankment and proposed alignment have been modified to minimise impacts to Caladenia huegelii habitat Area D. The location of the dive structure under the southbound carriageway of Tonkin Highway was modified to allow the rail to cross Caladenia huegelii habitat Area A through the lowest condition vegetation practicable. Rehabilitate Not Applicable.
Removal of quality Black Cockatoo foraging habitat	Field surveys identified 51.4 ha of Carnaby's quality foraging habitat (habitat classed as medium or high quality) within the Proposed Action's Footprint and within this area 38 ha Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo and 42.8 ha Baudin's quality foraging habitat.	Avoid The Development Envelope has been aligned to avoid areas of quality foraging habitat wherever practicable. NVRAs have been established that specifically incorporate potential Black Cockatoo habitat.

Potential impacts	Assessment of impacts	Preliminary Mitigation Hierarchy
		 Minimise Where unavoidable, the alignment has been designed to minimise impacts on Black Cockatoo habitat. Rehabilitate Not Applicable
Removal of 423 potential breeding trees for Carnaby's and Forest Redtailed Black Cockatoos.	Of the 423 potential nesting trees (trees with DBH > 500mm), 33 were noted to contain hollows. An inspection of hollows determined that none are considered suitable for nesting purposes. No actual nesting or sign of nesting has been observed. Field surveys identified 30.8 ha of potential suitable roosting habitat within the Development Envelope, however no roosting was observed. There are no historical records of roosting occurring within the Development Envelope	 Avoid The Development Envelope has been aligned to avoid potential breeding trees wherever practicable. NVRAs have been established that specifically incorporate Black Cockatoo breeding trees. Minimise Where unavoidable, the alignment has been designed to minimise impacts on Black Cockatoo breeding trees. Rehabilitate Not Applicable
Injury/mortality of Black Cockatoos from vehicle and/or train strike	Injury of Black Cockatoos may occur as a result of vehicle movement during construction activities or train passage during operation. Black cockatoos are known to drop to the ground when they alight from a foraging location, and this increases the risk of vehicle strike when alighting from roosts adjacent to transport corridors. Habitat that attracts black cockatoos to forage adjacent to transport corridors increases the risk of vehicle impact resulting in mortality and injury.	 Avoid Not Applicable. Minimise The Proposed Action includes high fencing to deter Black Cockatoos from entering the rail corridor. No Black Cockatoo foraging species will be planted near the train corridor for landscaping to deter use of these areas by Black Cockatoos. Rehabilitate Not Applicable.
Removal of up to 10.05 ha of Banksia Woodlands of the Swan Coastal Plain listed as a TEC under EPBC Act and Priority 3 by DBCA.	Two TEC patches will be impacted by the Proposed Action. The Proposed Action will result in the clearing of 8.54 ha of vegetation from Patch 2 Malaga TEC, comprising 7.26 ha in Very Good condition and 0.84 ha in Good condition. The Proposed Action will result in the clearing of up to 1.51 ha of vegetation from Patch 5 Gnangara Road all of which is in Good – Very Good condition. The alignment dissects Patch 1, resulting in increased edge effects and creating two smaller patches. An assessment against the significant impact guidelines indicates that the impacts of the Proposed Action on Banksia Woodland TEC are likely to be considered significant.	 Avoid The Proposed Action has been designed to avoid three patches of TEC that were mapped within the survey area. A significant portion (6.22 ha) of vegetation in Excellent condition within Patch 1 has been incorporated into a NVRA. Minimise Permanent access paths where the rail alignment crosses the junction between Drumpellier Drive and Gnangara Road have been relocated to minimise the impact on TEC Patch 5.

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Potential impacts	Assessment of impacts	Preliminary Mitigation Hierarchy The embankment and proposed
		The embankment and proposed alignment have been modified to minimise impacts to TEC Patch 5.
		The location of the dive structure under the southbound carriageway of Tonkin Highway was modified to allow the rail to cross Patch 1 through the lowest condition vegetation practicable.
		<u>Rehabilitate</u>
		Not Applicable.
Indirect Impacts – C	Construction Phase	
Edge effects	Vegetation condition has the potential to decline adjacent to the alignment where it traverses previously uncleared areas. This is most relevant where the alignment passes through Patch 1 Malaga TEC and Caladenia huegelii habitat. With the implementation of appropriate weed and dieback management, particularly within Patch 1 Malaga TEC, and restriction of access once construction has been completed, this impact is not considered to be significant.	 Avoid Not Applicable. Minimise The majority of the alignment has been designed to avoid dissecting areas of native vegetation, thus limiting edge effects to one side of the development. Mitigation measures outlined in Section 5.7 of this ERD have been developed to minimise edge effects as a result of the Proposed Action. These have been incorporated into the TECMP and CEMP. Rehabilitate Not Applicable.
Introduction/ spread of dieback as a result of contaminated machinery, equipment and vehicles, movement of dieback infested soil into dieback free areas and imported construction materials containing dieback	A dieback survey undertaken by Glevan (2020) determined that Patch 1 Malaga TEC was largely infested by dieback, apart from two areas situated either side of the rail alignment. The remainder of the Development Envelope was mapped as either Excluded, Uninterpretable-Unprotectable or Infested. No dieback mapping has been undertaken for Patch 5 Gnangara Road TEC or any other areas adjacent to the Development Envelope. Dieback has the potential to significantly impact the quality of the Banksia Woodland TEC and Caladenia huegelii habitat adjacent to the Development Envelope. Foraging, roosting and potent nesting habitat for Black Cockatoo species is susceptible to impacts from dieback. Inappropriate construction management practices have the potential to spread the dieback infestation into the dieback free area or other areas throughout the	Not Applicable. Minimise Mitigation measures outlined in Section 5.7 of this ERD provide direction on appropriate measures for minimising the risk of introducing dieback infestations to the site, including clean in procedures.

Potential impacts	Assessment of impacts	Preliminary Mitigation Hierarchy
	Development Envelope and adjacent areas.	RehabilitateNot Applicable.
Introduction/ spread of weeds by way of natural spread from cleared areas, imported on machinery, vehicles and equipment, or in imported materials.	No Weeds of National Significance were identified during field surveys. Two declared species listed under Section 22(2) of the BAM Act, Zantedeschia aethiopica (Arum Lily) and Moraea flaccida (Cape Tulip), were recorded during field surveys. An infestation of the highly invasive exotic grass species *Cenchrus macrourus (African feather grass) was recorded in the Bennett Brook wetland vegetation. Weeds have the potential to have a significant impact on habitat quality and as such, have the potential to indirectly impact the Banksia Woodlands TEC and Caladenia huegelii habitat. *Cenchrus macrourus has the potential to indirectly impact Carter's Freshwater Mussel habitat within Bennett Brook. Inappropriate construction management practices have the potential to spread weed infestation throughout the Development Envelope and adjacent areas.	 Not Applicable. Minimise Mitigation measures outlined in Section 5.7 of this ERD include direction on appropriate measures for minimising the risk of spreading weeds, including weed/seed inspections, and brush down procedures. Mitigation measures outlined in Section 5.7 of this ERD includes measures to manage topsoil management measures to reduce the weed seed bank prior to re-use for rehabilitation or landscaping purposes. The TECMP outlines procedures to prevent the movement of weed infested soil from within the Patch 1 Malaga TEC to other areas of the Development Envelope. Rehabilitate Not Applicable.
Groundwater drawdown from dewatering and abstraction	Construction of the Proposed Action will require periods of groundwater abstraction and dewatering to occur. Abstraction will be required to source a construction water supply, and dewatering will occur where the groundwater levels need to be reduced in order to facilitate excavations for construction purposes. There is the potential for unmanaged groundwater drawdown to impact the Banksia Woodlands TEC and Caladenia huegelii habitat adjacent to the Proposed Action. Due to the importance of the TECs to State and Commonwealth conservation objectives, this indirect impact has the potential to be significant. Dewatering also has the potential to impact wetlands, and therefore potentially impact the Carter's Freshwater Mussel and Blackstripe Minnow.	impacts are determined to be unavoidable, management measures will be implemented that are aimed at

Potential impacts	Assessment of impacts	Preliminary Mitigation Hierarchy
		 measures to minimise potential impacts on the Patch 1 Malaga TEC. Groundwater abstraction and drawdown will be managed in such a way as to avoid any indirect impacts on Mussel Pool. <u>Rehabilitate</u> Not Applicable.
Sedimentation and water quality for bridge construction at Bennett Brook	There is potential for construction of the bridge at Bennett Brook to impact on habitat of Carter's Mussel and Black-stripe Minnow. Neither species is considered likely to occur within the Footprint, however indirect impacts associated with increased sediment loads has the potential to impact populations downstream from the Proposed Action.	Bridge construction avoids installation of permanent structures in the water way, ensuring stream flow will be maintained. Minimise Mitigation measures outlined in Section 8.7 of this ERD include measures to manage surface water runoff from disturbed areas during construction and minimise impacts of turbidity and sedimentation impacts down stream Rehabilitate Not Applicable.

13. Holistic impact assessment

It is important to recognise that the Proposal will not affect relevant environmental factors in isolation, and that there are many connections and interactions between parts of the environment (environmental factors). This section of the ERD considers the connections and interactions between the preliminary key environmental factors relevant to the Proposal:

- Flora and vegetation.
- Terrestrial fauna.
- Terrestrial environmental quality.
- Inland waters.
- Social surroundings.

Each of these environmental factors is addressed separately in Sections 5 to 10. Table 101 provides a summary of the assessment of environmental factors and how these connect to the EPA's environmental principles/objectives, after application of the EPA's environmental mitigation hierarchy (avoid, minimise, rehabilitate). A summary of how the Proposal addresses the principles outlined in the EP Act is provided in Table 10. Other environmental factors are considered in Section 10.

The PTA acknowledges the connections and interactions between environmental factors and that those relationships may require consideration and management to achieve good overall environmental outcomes. A key focus of design development of the Proposal to date has been the identification of relevant environmental factors, and early integration of these environmental factors into the design development process. This has allowed a holistic view of environmental factors to be taken and responded to through design to avoid or minimise impacts on those environmental factors while still achieving Proposal objectives and good design outcomes for future users of the Proposal.

Table 101 summarises key connections and interactions between environmental factors (grouped by the relevant EPA theme) and the series of measures that are anticipated to be the most significant in the mitigation and management of impacts across environmental factors. Of these, three have been identified as representing the most important impacts of the Proposal when assessed holistically:

- Impacts within and around Bennett Brook and its tributaries, with a series of impact interactions relating to surface water flows and quality, interactions with groundwater and groundwater dependent ecosystems, terrestrial and aquatic habitat connectivity, and urban amenity, cultural and natural heritage.
- Vegetation clearing and loss of habitat, particularly foraging habitat for Black Cockatoo species (Carnaby's Cockatoo and Forest Red-tailed Cockatoo), with associated changes in ecological and hydrological systems.
- Reduction in extent of part of Whiteman Park, with implications for urban amenity, cultural and natural heritage, fauna habitat and connectivity.

Impacts to environmental factors and the connections and interactions between them have been subject to concerted efforts at avoidance and minimisation, with residual impacts expected to be unavoidable. Notwithstanding, the PTA will investigate and where practicable, apply additional measures to avoid or minimise impacts during the future detailed design process for the Proposal. This will include the following key focus areas:

- At Bennett Brook, opportunities to:
- Minimise changes to surface water and ground water flows;
- Enhance habitat connectivity through fauna crossing infrastructure, revegetation of disturbed areas and landscaping of the Proposal using appropriate locally endemic native species, minimise intrusion of lighting and noise sources, and minimise interfaces between the public / traffic and fauna; and
- Limit the potential for runoff, accidental leaks and spills, waste and other potential discharges from Proposal to affect surrounding natural, rehabilitated and landscaped areas of ecological value.
- With respect to clearing of native vegetation, opportunities to:
- Further minimise the Proposal's construction and operational footprints where practicable;
- Implement offsets for areas of ecological value that cannot be avoided, consistent with the Offsets Strategy (PTA 2020); and
- Rehabilitate disturbed areas and undertake landscaping of the Proposal using appropriate locally endemic native species.
- At Whiteman Park, opportunities to:
- Further minimise the need to directly affect Whiteman Park and access arrangements for park; and
- Enhance social, cultural and natural heritage values, particularly through opportunities that may be identified during consultation with affected stakeholders.

The PTA has provided a comprehensive assessment of the Proposal's potential impacts to the EPA's key environmental factors. The PTA has considered the regional context of all factors including the extent, condition and values of factors such as flora and vegetation, fauna and inland waters and the interconnections between each factor across the Swan Coastal Plain.

This ERD identified potential impacts that could either directly or indirectly impact these factors, assessed those impacts and determined that whilst the majority of these impacts can be avoided, managed or mitigated there are some significant residual impacts that will be offset in the proposed PTA Offsets Strategy

The PTA is confident that with the implementation of the proposed mitigation and management measures, outlined in the CEMP (Appendix U), TECMP (Appendix X), Dewatering Management Plan, Acid Sulfate Soil Management Strategy (Appendix W) and the commitment to offset the significant residual impacts in the proposed Offset Strategy (Appendix T), the Proposal will meet the EPA's objectives for all of the key environmental factors.

Table 101: Key Linkages between environmental factors

Environmental Factor	Significant residual impacts	Predicted outcomes	Connection to environmental principles / environmental objectives
Flora and vegetation	 17.2 ha of direct loss of regionally significant bushland within Bush Forever site 304. 10.05 ha of direct loss of Banksia Woodlands the Swan Coastal Plain TEC (including Banksia Woodlands PEC) listed as Endangered under the EPBC Act and Priority 3 by DBCA. PTA has proposed an Offsets Strategy to counterbalance the significant residual impacts for the Proposal 	the Footprint to avoid impacts to the Banksia Woodlands TEC, the minimisation of impacts to utilise existing disturbed	The PTA has applied the <i>Precautionary Principle</i> to ensure that, wherever practicable, the Proposal has avoided clearing. The PTA has reduced the size of the Proposal's Development Envelope by 36.5 ha since referral of the Proposal to the EPA. A Proposal footprint of 249 ha has been applied to the Proposal to minimise the potential impacts to environmental values within the 463.8 ha Development Envelope. Of the proposed clearing of 152.1 ha of native vegetation within the Footprint, 92.1 ha (60%) is classified as Completely Degraded and only 0.4 ha is in Excellent condition. The majority of the Footprint (189.1 ha or 76%) has been designed to be located within previously cleared or Completely Degraded condition vegetation. The PTA has aligned the Footprint along existing road infrastructure at Drumpellier Drive to further minimise the impacts on Bush Forever site 304 and Whiteman Park PRR. The <i>Principle of the Conservation of Biological Diversity</i> is demonstrated by the PTA's efforts in minimising the impacts on integral components of ecosystems by limiting impacts on regionally significant bushland to 17.2 ha within Bush Forever site 304 and limiting clearing of the Banksia Woodlands TEC to 10.05 ha. This is equivalent to 0.02% of the extent of Banksia Woodlands TEC that is protected in conservation reserves across its extent. The impact of 10.05 ha to Banksia Woodlands TEC (including PEC) and 17.2 ha of regionally significant bushland within Bush Forever site 304. Through minimising the size of the Development Envelope to the north of Malaga Station, the PTA has avoided clearing of 14.96 ha of Banksia Woodlands TEC and PEC. The PTA has reduced the Proposal's impact on Bush Forever site 304 by 17 ha since referral, by reducing the size of the Development Envelope and further limiting disturbance through the application of a Proposal Footprint.

Environmental Factor	Significant residual impacts	Predicted outcomes	Connection to environmental principles / environmental objectives
			The Proposal minimises the impacts to Bennett Brook UFI 15259 to a direct loss of 0.9 ha by limiting the width of the Development Envelope. The Proposal has been designed to construct a rail bridge over Bennett Brook to ensure that the regional ecological linkage Greenways 13 through Bennett Brook maintains connectivity and function post implementation of the Proposal.
			The Proposal further protects native vegetation through the inclusion of 44.9 ha of Native Vegetation Retention Areas within the Development Envelope. NVRAs have been selected to protect values associated with flora and vegetation, fauna habitat and wetlands.
			PTA has undertaken modelling of the potential drawdown impacts to environmental values within the Proposal, to minimise the potential for indirect impacts associated with dewatering for construction purposes. This modelling demonstrated that the dewatering for the Tonkin Highway dive structure and the Gnangara Road bridge, which are adjacent to Patch 1 and Patch 5 Banksia Woodlands TEC can be managed to avoid any significant impacts, and the PTA will implement a TECMP that includes appropriate triggers and contingencies to manage the potential indirect impacts.
			In summary, the PTA's mitigation strategy, the Proposal design and the implementation of the Offsets Strategy has ensured that the Proposal demonstrates adherence to the <i>Principle of Intergenerational Equity</i> by ensuring that the health, diversity and productivity of the environment is enhanced for future generations.
Terrestrial fauna	 Loss of 81.4 ha of foraging habitat for Carnaby's and Baudin's Black Cockatoo. Loss of 68.1 ha of foraging habitat for Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo. 	The selection of the rail alignment through areas of highly disturbed fauna habitat or adjacent to existing roads together with the application of the management strategies outlined in the CEMP and the TECMP, and the implementation of an Offsets Strategy for the	the careful selection of the preferred alignment to avoid the clearing of Black Cockatoo habitat wherever practicable. The PTA has reduced the size of the Proposal's Development Envelope by 36.5 ha since referral of the Proposal to the EPA, avoiding high value fauna habitat, including Black Cockatoo habitat, at the Malaga TEC and Whiteman Park Station. The reduction in the Development Envelope also increased the buffer between the Proposal and Horse Swamp wetland.

Environmental Factor	Significant residual impacts	Predicted outcomes	Connection to environmental principles / environmental objectives
	Loss of 423 potential nesting trees, including 33 with hollows. PTA has proposed an Offsets Strategy to counterbalance the significant residual impacts for the Proposal.	Proposal, the PTA is confident that the Proposal will meet the EPA's objective for Terrestrial fauna.	463.8 ha Development Enveloped consists of highly fragmented or degraded fauna habitat or cleared areas containing no fauna habitat value. A Footprint of 249 ha has been applied to the Proposal to restrict and minimise the potential impacts to fauna habitat within the Development Envelope. The PTA has aligned the Footprint through highly degraded fauna habitat in Marshall Paddocks and adjacent to existing road infrastructure along Drumpellier Drive to further minimise the impacts on fauna habitat. The Proposal requires clearing of 188.7 ha of general fauna habitat within the Footprint, of which 218.5 ha (88%) is of low to no general fauna habitat value. The <i>Principle of Conservation of Biological Diversity and Ecological Integrity</i> is demonstrated through consideration of the impact in a regional context. The loss of up to 81 ha of foraging habitat for Carnaby's and Baudin's Black Cockatoos and 68.1 ha for Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo represents no more than 0.7% of habitat for any species within a 10 km buffer of the Proposal. PTA's establishment of NVRAs further demonstrates its commitment to the principle by ensuring that stands of quality Black Cockatoo habitat are protected from construction activities and potential changes to Proposal design. The NVRAs protect approximately 20% of Black Cockatoo foraging habitat within the Development Envelope. The Proposal aims to minimise impacts to ecological integrity by locating the Footprint adjacent to Drumpellier Drive, where barrier effects of the road and kangaroo fencing currently exist and aligning the rail next to this road avoids creating additional impediment to fauna movement. To minimise potential barrier effects of the rail, the Proposal includes a fauna crossing at Bennett Brook bridge and provision of an additional fauna crossing within Marshall Paddocks, to the east of the bridge. The construction of a rail bridge that spans Bennett Brook and avoids interfering with the watercourse will also maintain the connectivity and function of the ecolog

Environmental Factor	Significant residual impacts	Predicted outcomes	Connection to environmental principles / environmental objectives
			The PTA avoided and minimised impacts to wetlands through the design of the Proposal, the implementation of a Proposal Footprint and the application of NVRAs. Potential impacts to aquatic fauna habitat from the construction of the Proposal will be adequately managed through the CEMP.
Terrestrial environmental quality	No significant impacts to Terrestrial environmental quality are expected as a result of the Proposal.	With the application of an Acid Sulfate Soil Management Strategy, CEMP and unexpected finds protocol, PTA is confident that the Proposal will meet the objective for Terrestrial environmental quality.	The PTA is likely to encounter Acid Sulfate Soils (ASS) or Potential Acid Sulfate Soils (PASS) whilst constructing the Proposal. The PTA will accept the onus for treatment, remediation and if necessary, disposal of any residual ASS contaminated material and will accordingly apply the polluter pays principle (those who generate pollution and waste should bear the cost of contaminant avoidance or abatement). The PTA will therefore adhere to the <i>Principles in relation to Improved Valuation, Pricing and Incentive Mechanisms</i> .
		quanty.	In the unlikely eventuality that the PTA inadvertently encounters or disturbs any areas of contaminated soil or groundwater, The PTA will accept the same principle and treat, remediate and if necessary dispose of any residual contaminated soil or ground water attributable to its construction activities.
			As all reasonable and practicable measures will be taken to minimise the generation of waste, and ensure no discharge into the environment, PTA will also be adhering to the <i>Principle of Waste Minimisation</i> .
Inland waters	 0.1 ha of CCW UFI 8429 1.2 ha of CCW UFI 8728. 0.6 ha of CCW UFI 15259 (Bennett Brook). 	Application of management measures outlined in the CEMP. Having regard to the proposed mitigation	The PTA avoided and minimised impacts to wetlands through the design of the Proposal, the implementation of a Proposal Footprint and the application of NVRAs. The Proposal has been designed to not impede water flows to minimise the risk of indirect impacts to wetland adjacent to the Development Envelope.
	0.5 ha of REW UFI 8678. PTA has proposed an Offsets Strategy to counterbalance the significant residual impacts for the Proposal.	measures, the implementation of the management measures outlined in the CEMP (Appendix U, TECMP (Appendix X) and Dewatering Plan, combined with the	The wetlands within the Footprint will be directly impacted by the Proposal through clearing for rail construction or could potentially be indirectly impacted by changes to hydrological processes and or reduction in water quality. For the implementation of the Proposal 1.9 ha of Conservation Category Wetlands UFI 8417, UFI 8429, UFI 8728 and UFI 15259 (Bennett Brook) will be cleared for the implementation of the Proposal.

Environmental Factor	Significant residual impacts	Predicted outcomes	Connection to environmental principles / environmental objectives
		implementation of an Offsets Strategy for the Proposal, the PTA is confident that the Proposal will meet the EPA's objective to protect inland waters.	The Proposal minimises the impacts to Bennett Brook UFI 15259 to a direct loss of 0.9 ha by limiting the width of the Development Envelope. The Proposal has been designed to construct a rail bridge over Bennett Brook to ensure that the regional ecological linkage Greenways 13 through Bennett Brook maintains connectivity and function post implementation of the Proposal.
			The Proposal intersects one REW of biological value as a dampland with Good vegetation condition, of which 0.5 ha of Good condition vegetation will be cleared for the Proposal.
			The Proposal has been designed to avoid impacts to UFI 8724 (Horse Swamp) which is a palusplain wetland more than 50 metres outside of the Development Envelope in the south-eastern corner of Whiteman Park within Bush Forever site 304 that has conservation and recreational values. The Proposal's Development Envelope was realigned to avoid impacts to Horse Swamp, and a NVRA has been applied to the edge of the Development Envelope to provide an additional precautionary buffer to prevent indirect impacts. The carpark design at Whiteman Park Station will be designed according to WSUD principles to ensure that surface water runoff is managed to prevent water quality impacts to Horse Swamp. No impacts to Horse Swamp are anticipated in the implementation of the Proposal.
			Groundwater and surface water impacts are considered manageable by the Proposal's CEMP, TECMP and a Dewatering Plan.
Social surroundings	No significant impacts to Social surroundings are expected as a result of the Proposal	With the implementation of a CEMP and NVMP, PTA is confident that the EPA's objective for Social surroundings can be met.	In determining that the Proposal will not result in significant impacts to social surroundings, the PTA considered impacts to Aboriginal heritage values, historical heritage and potential impacts to sensitive receptors living in residential areas adjoining the Proposal including noise and vibration, loss of visual amenity and bushfire risk.
			The PTA applied The Principle of Intergeneration Equity -The present generation should ensure that the health, diversity and productivity of the environment is maintained or enhanced for the benefit of future generations by ensuring that mitigation measure such as noise walls and vibration matting would maintain the amenity of future generation at similar levels to those of the present generation. The use of Aboriginal monitors will also ensure Aboriginal heritage values are preserved for future generations.

Environmental Factor	Significant residual impacts	Predicted outcomes	Connection to environmental principles / environmental objectives
			Principles in relation to Improved Valuation, Pricing and Incentive Mechanisms were also applied. The PTA as the user of natural resources and assets, in this case the social environment, will pay for the use of those resources through the implementation of mitigation measures such as those to address noise and vibration and bushfire risk impacts, and will consider full lifecycle costs when determining mitigation measures.

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15.Appendices

Appendix A Environmental Scoping Document

Appendix B Additional information Fauna Memorandum (Black Cockatoo and Black Striped Minnow) Bayswater to Ellenbrook rail alignment

Appendix C SRE and Conservation Significant Invertebrate Fauna

Appendix D Detailed Flora and Vegetation Assessment (RPS)

Appendix E Banksia Woodland Community Assessment (Patch 1)

Appendix F Banksia Woodland Community Assessment (Patch 5)

Appendix G Phytophthora Dieback Occurrence Assessment

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