

EPBC Monitoring

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Via email: EPBCmonitoring@dcceew.gov.au

Date: 14 February 2025

Our reference: 16303

To whom it may concern,

Re: Annual Compliance Report Year 1 following approval of Action at 78-88 Groves Road, Armstrong Creek, Victoria (EPBC 2022/9357)

Ecology and Heritage Partners Pty Ltd were commissioned by AC Manager Pty Ltd to prepare the Preliminary Documentation for the proposed development of 200 residential lots and raise a section of Groves Road to facilitate access to 78-88 Groves Road, Armstrong Creek, Victoria (EPBC 2022/9357).

On 23 December 2022, it was determined by a delegate for the Department under Section 75 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) that the proposed action is considered a controlled action, and that the development of the study area will likely have a significant impact on 'Listed threatened species and communities (Section 18 & Section 18A)'. On 5 March 2024 a delegate for the Minister granted approval to AC Manager Pty Ltd to undertake the proposed action in accordance with conditions specified in the approval.

This letter addresses Condition 9 'Provide the department an annual report detailing the results of the population and habitat monitoring' and Condition 28 'Prepare compliance report' by anniversary of date of approval decision.

On behalf of AC Manager Pty Ltd, as the proponent of 78-88 Groves Road, Armstrong Creek, Victoria (EPBC 2022/9357), preparatory works for the construction of Growling Grass Frog wetlands commenced on 14 February 2025, with the Department notified on the same date. Growling Grass Frog monitoring is proposed to occur following constructed wetland completion, and therefore, has not yet commenced. No instances of non-compliance or clearing of protected matters and/or their habitat by AC Manager Pty Ltd have been recorded within the 12-month period since approval of the Action.

The following plans have been scheduled for undertaking of Growling Grass Frog wetland construction:

Activity	Contractor	Est. Commencement	Est. Completion
Weed Management	TBC (Aus Ecosystems or alternative)	February 2025	Ongoing
Pest Survey	TBC (Aus Ecosystems or alternative)	February 2025	Ongoing
Civil Construction	Wellams	February 2025	May 2025
Plant Procurement	TBC	February 2025	August 2025

Activity	Contractor	Est. Commencement	Est. Completion
Landscape Construction	TBC	May 2025	July 2025
Landscape Planting	TBC	August 2025	September 2025

Please don't hesitate to contact me via awilkinson@ehpartners.com.au if you have any questions regarding this correspondence or the project.

Kind regards,

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