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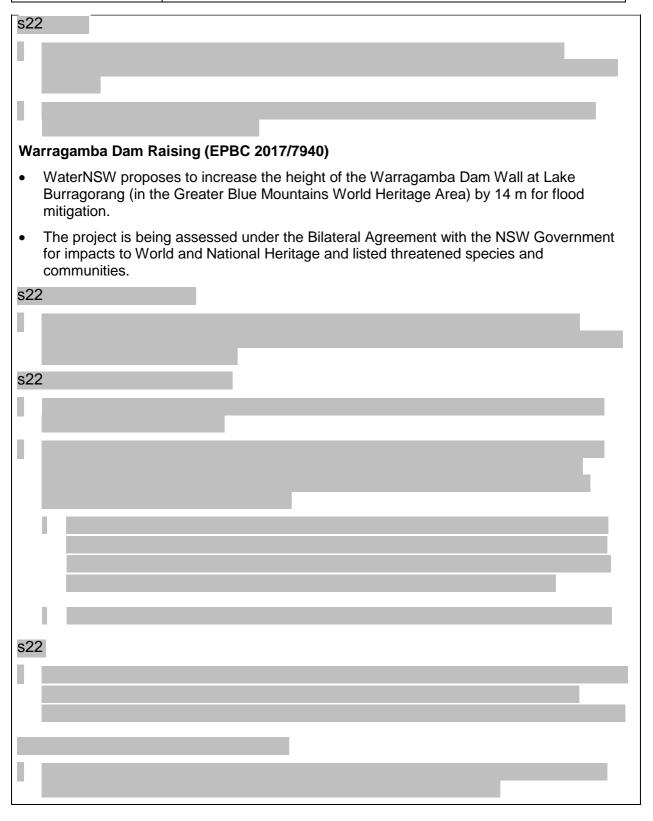


DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

National Infrastructure Committee Senior Officials Group Meeting

Tuesday, 14 November 2017

Topic/Issue	•	NSW Major Infrastructure Projects – EPBC Referrals and
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Subject: RE: WDR Ecological Surveys - regent Honeyeater

All,

Please find attached, the final copy of the meeting minutes as accepted by OEH for the meeting held 11 December 2017 regarding the survey efforts and associated biodiversity offsets for the regent honeyeater surveyed within the upstream WDR project inundation area. If you would like to discuss any of the included further, please do not hesitate to contact me. Based on the discussions therein the project will proceed in accordance with the FBA for the species.

Kind Regards

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Environmental Advisor, Warragamba Dam Raising



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Warragamba Dam Raising EIS

Meeting	OEH/WNSW/SMEC Meeting on Bre	eeding Reg	ent Honeyeaters
Date	11 December 2017	Time	1.00-2.00 pm
Location	WaterNSW Parramatta office		
Chair	WaterNSW: s22	Minutes	SMEC: s22
Attendees	WaterNSW: s22 OEH: s22 SMEC: s22		
Invitees	As above/below		
Apologies	DoEE: s22 DPE: s22		

Meeting minutes

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1	Regent Honeyeater Results	s47F s47B(b)
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2	Survey Methodology	s47F: s47B(b)



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3	Regent Honeyeater Population	s47F: s47B(b)	
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File Note: Biodiversity Assessment Method meeting, 24 August 2017

Attendees:
WaterNSW
s47F (Environmental Advisor, Warragamba Dam Raising)
SMEC
s47F (Principal Environmental Scientist) 22 (Ecology Team Leader)
DoEE
(Environment Standards Division, Assessment Officer) (Environment Standards Division, Assessment Officer)
File note created 24 August 2017. Amended 30 August 2017.
Meeting Notes:
Meeting between WaterNSW (proponent), SMEC (proponent's consultants), DoEE, to discuss proposed survey and assessment methods for the Warragamba Wall Raising EIS.
Design refinements and environmental approvals will run in parallel. EIS preparation may take up to two years. NSW DPE issued SEARS on 30 July 2017, s47B(a), s47B(b)
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Threatened Species Surveys:

WaterNSW plans to conduct full threatened flora searches both upstream and downstream.
Daytime searches for Grey-headed Flying-fox camps will be conducted in line with NSW requirements. s47B(a), s47B(b)
DoEE committed to provide EPBC GHFF referra
guidelines.
SMEC confirmed threatened bird species will be surveyed, including habitat.
SMEC confirmed threatened frog species will be surveyed, including habitat.
s47B(a), s47B(b)
SMEC, WaterNSW commit to keep DoEE updated on progress.
DoEE noted heritage will be a key consideration for the project. Heritage impacts can be challenging to offset, owing to like-for-like requirement. Sections 137 and 137A of the EPBC Act mean the EIS must also address consistency with approved management plan.
s47B(a), s47B(b)



File Note: Lake Burragorang Site Visit, 22 June 2017

Attendees:

WaterNSW

s47F	(Environmental Advisor, Warragamba Dam Raising)
s47F	(Catchment Officer)

DoEE

s22	(Environment Standards Division Assistant Director)
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Site visit on 22 June 2017. File note created 27 June 2017.

Meeting Notes:

DoEE attended a site visit at Lake Burragorang with WaterNSW to better understand the project area. WaterNSW and DoEE inspected two areas, Tonalli Cove and Joorilands.

During the Site visit WaterNSW and DoEE sighted approximately 10 endangered *Hakea dohertyi* plants at Tonalli Cove.

WaterNSW then showed DoEE the old growth White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland (Critically Endangered) of Crown Reserve 30 at Joorilands which was mentioned during public submissions for the project.

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Contact: James Tregurtha
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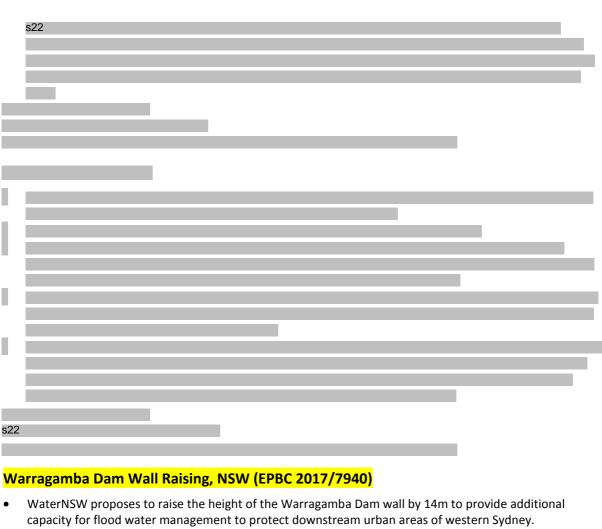
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• A	meeting with NSW stakeholders occurred on 19 September 2017 and considered s47C
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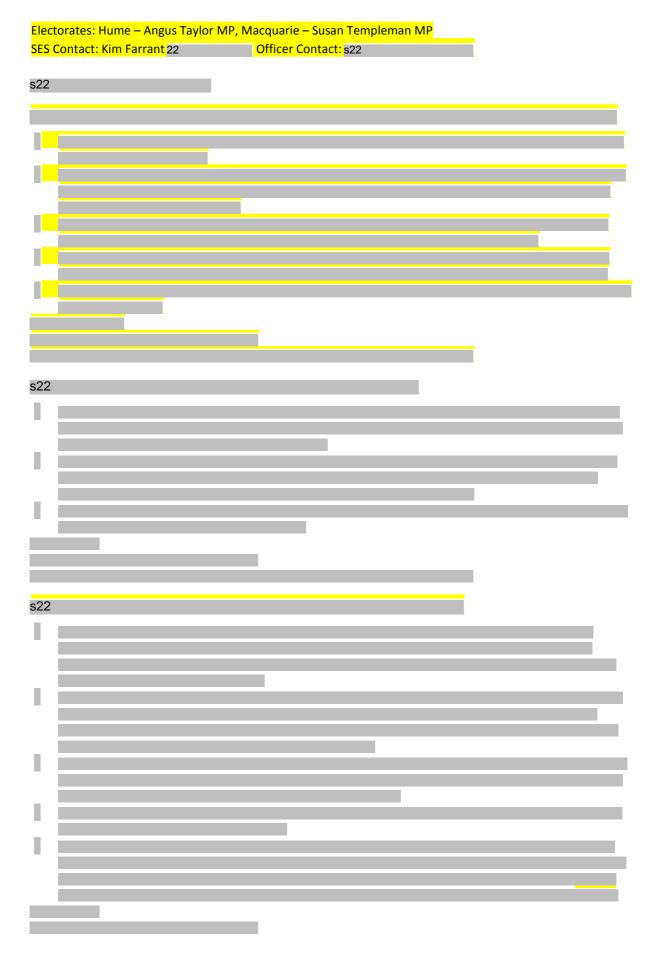
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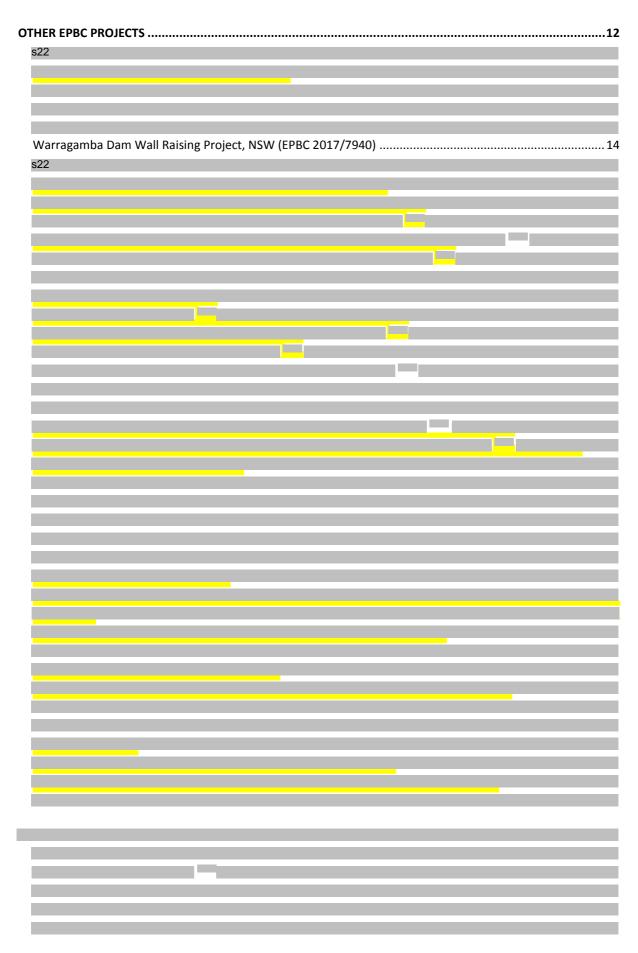
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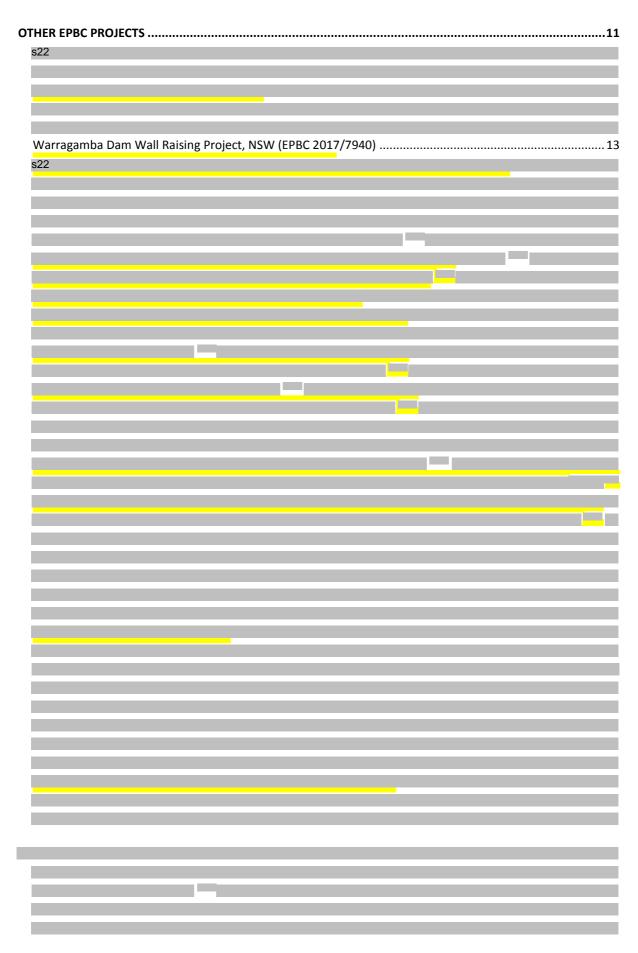
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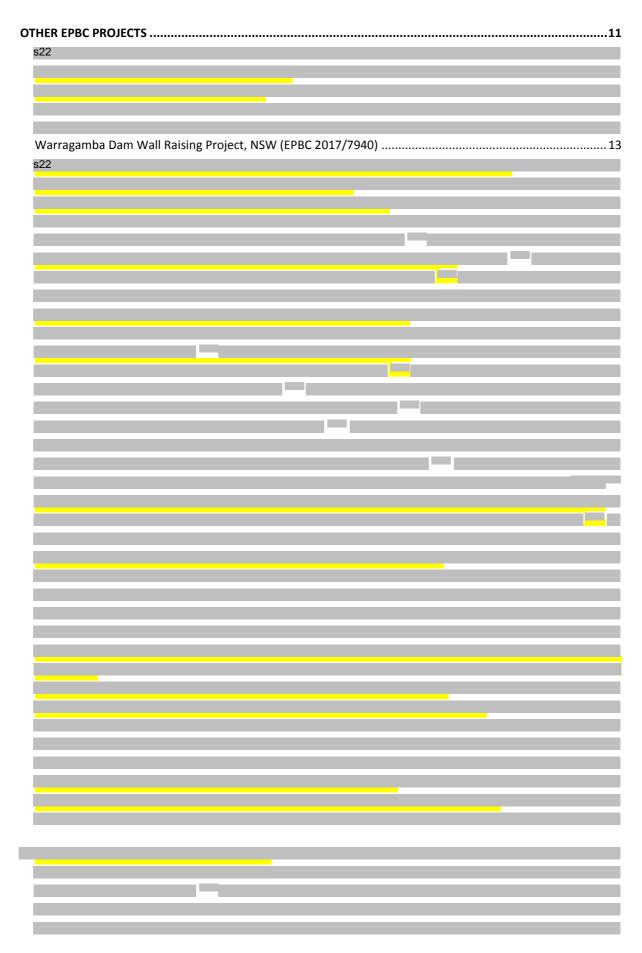
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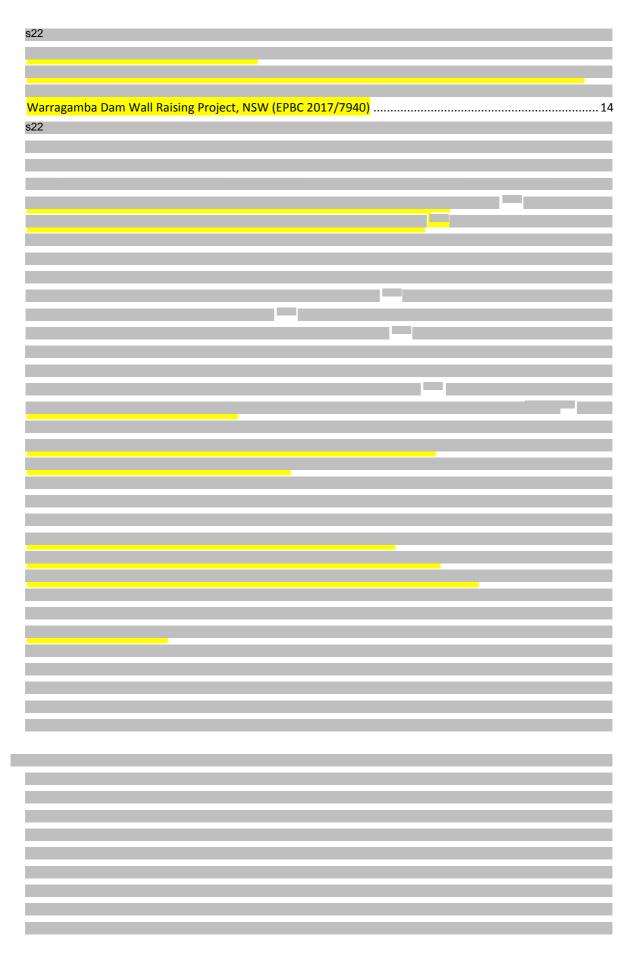
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