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**Sent:** Friday, 17 September 2021 9:52 AM  
**To:** James Barker  
**Cc:** Kate Gowland; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: warragamba [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks

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**From:** James Barker <James.Barker@environment.gov.au>  
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**Subject:** RE: warragamba [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s. 47F(1). I understand from EAD that it is being published for public comment on 29 September. This is with EAD so I've cc'd Kate Gowland, and we'll be working with EAD to prepare some TPs in advance.

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**Subject:** warragamba [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Is the warragamba EIS out next week?

Can we get talking/handline lines?

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**Deputy Chief of Staff | Office of the Hon Sussan Ley MP  
Minister for the Environment**

**a:** Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600

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**From:** Media  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 September 2021 5:23 PM  
**To:** John Brady; Benjamin Flores; Laine Edwards  
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**Subject:** Action items - Bushfire/BCD media meeting [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** MR21107 - Ley - HRWTD - Nest to Ocean program extension.docx

Hi John, Ben and Laine

Thanks for your time today, I've noted the key action items for bushfire/BCD media releases below.

As discussed, the Media Team will deliver the items with timing requirements as a priority s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

and the remaining items as capacity allows.

Release	For action
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Hanging swamps	<b>MO</b> to pitch as a local release  <b>Media Team</b> to prepare overarching media release on Blue Mountains bushfire recovery outcomes,
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	including hanging swamps example and fox control example.
Neighborhood crack down on post-bushfire fox boom	<b>MO</b> to pitch as a local release.

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Please let me know if we have missed anything.

Kind regards

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**From:** Kate Gowland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 29 September 2021 9:13 AM  
**To:** s. 47F(1)  
**Cc:** Brown, Melissa (Agriculture); James Barker  
**Subject:** FW: Warragamba Dam Raising EIS publication [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi <sup>s. 47F(1)</sup>

Just to let you know we have been notified by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Warragamba Dam Raising will be publicly exhibited from today until **Friday 12 November 2021**. We have been working closely with the Heritage Branch re handling re the World Heritage Centre.

Thanks

Kate

Kate Gowland  
A/g Assistant Secretary  
Environment Assessments Branch (NSW, ACT)  
Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment  
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**From:** Media  
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**Cc:** Media  
**Subject:** Bushfire media releases [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** MR21182 - Ley- BCD - Fox control in upper Blue Mountains.docx; MR21191 - Ley - BCD - Ancient hanging swamps bushfire recovery.docx

Hi John,

See attached

**Neighborhood control of foxes in upper Blue Mountains**

Images here: <https://f.io/q17Poha6>

- Media talent: Paul Bennett 'on the ground' spokesperson  
Email: [paul.bennett@lfs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:paul.bennett@lfs.nsw.gov.au)  
Ph: 0427 881 909

**Ancient hanging swamps bushfire recovery**

Images here: <https://f.io/bjBdLRdl>

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**From:** Media  
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**To:** John Brady  
**Cc:** Media  
**Subject:** FW: FOR CONSIDERATION: Bushfire media releases [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** MR21191 - Ley - BCD - Ancient hanging swamps bushfire recovery.docx; MR21197 – Ley – BCD – Murray erosion project.docx; MR21182 - Ley- BCD - Fox control in upper Blue Mountains.docx

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**Subject:** FOR CONSIDERATION: Bushfire media releases [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi John and Ben,

As discussed, please see attached three bushfire media releases, noting that social media is being tweaked to go along with these releases.

**Neighborhood control of foxes in upper Blue Mountains**

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**From:** s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
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**Subject:** \*NOTE NEW TIME\* AGENDA - MO/CMB meeting - 10.45am Friday 1 October  
[SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** Media releases - Minister for the Environment - as at 30.09.docx; Four Week  
Summary Page Minister Ley 1 October 2021.docx; AWE Calendar as of 22 Sep  
2021.xlsx

Hi John and Ben,

Please find the agenda for our **10.45am** meeting below.

As requested we will keep today's meeting as brief as possible.

**AGENDA:**

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- Blue Mountains Bushfire release/long form stories ( s. 22(1)(a)(ii) )  
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Media release	Policy area	Proposed/required timing	Status	Date sent to MO	Notes
With MO					

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Hanging swamps erosion and regeneration	Bushfire recovery	To be advised by MO	With MO	14/09/21	
Neighborhood crack down on post-bushfire fox boom	Bushfire recovery	To be advised by MO	With MO	14/09/21	

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Thanks Ben, updated agenda below.

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Kind regards,

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**Subject:** FOR CONSIDERATION: Longform story GBMWA [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Morning John,

As requested please see attached a longform story to pitch to the media on the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area Bushfire Recovery.

The template was provided by the media team with input inserted by the line area.

Thanks,

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## ***Bushfire recovery in the Greater Blue Mountains and World Heritage Area***

### **Summary:**

- The Australian Government took **unprecedented action** during and following the Black Summer bushfires, investing more than [\\$17 million in the recovery of native wildlife and their habitat in the Greater Blue Mountains and World Heritage Area](#).
- The funding is **supporting recovery activities** by natural resource managers, local councils, conservation groups and communities who are working together to tackle impacts on the natural landscapes and native animals of the region.

### **How the [species/region] was impacted by the fires:**

- **More than a million hectares** were burnt in the Greater Blue Mountains and World Heritage Area region during the Black Summer bushfires. More than 60% of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area was fire-affected.
- Following the Black Summer bushfires, the following matters were **identified as priorities** for recovery investment:
  - Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area
  - 10 Threatened Ecological Communities including Upland Basalt Eucalypt Forests of the Sydney Basin Bioregion, Temperate Highland Peat Swamps on Sandstone and Lowland Rainforests of Subtropical Australia
  - 99 animals including the Blue Mountains Water Skink, Broad-headed Snake, Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby, Koala, Spotted-tail Quoll, Gang-gang Cockatoo and the Stuttering Frog
  - 101 plant species including the Wollemi Pine, Benson's Stringybark, and Paddy's River Box Eucalyptus.

### **What we did:**

- The [Wildlife and Threatened Species Bushfire Recovery Expert Panel](#) was formed. The Expert Panel and the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment identified impacts and prioritised recovery actions for native species, ecological communities and other natural assets.
- **Initial emergency bushfire recovery** (Phase 1) funding was announced in January 2020 while the fires still burned, and on-ground action got underway immediately.
- [A stakeholder workshop](#) was held in September 2020 to inform the government's Phase 2 investment in the region. Workshop included discussion of strategic on-ground actions targeting the most impacted native species, ecological communities and natural assets and involved representatives from all tiers of government, wildlife organisations, and Hunter, Greater Sydney and Central Tablelands Natural Resource Management groups.
- Funding is going to **recovery actions** including surveys and monitoring, feral animal, weed and erosion control, habitat recovery, monitoring of Koala habitat, Traditional Owner-led cultural burning of country, and creation of artificial habitats.

### **Example 1 *Hanging swamp recovery***

## BUSHFIRE RECOVERY – LONG-FORM STORY TEMPLATE

- A Greater Sydney Local Land Services project to treat invasive weeds and install erosion control to support recovery of the ancient, endangered hanging swamps of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.
- Gorse, Broom and Himalayan Honeysuckle weeds invaded the swamps while erosion from the following heavy rain threatened the swamps' survival.
- This work could effectively see the end of populations of these weed in the mountains.
- Supporting habitat recovery for threatened species including the Blue Mountains Water Skink and the Giant Dragonfly.
- Native plants in the swamps range from small clumps of Buttongrass to large shrubs such as Hakea and Grevillea.
- **Images available.**

### **Example 2. *Neighbourhood crackdown on foxes***

- Greater Sydney Local Land Services, Blue Mountains City Council and the Blue Mountains Conservation Society have partnered with local residents to launch a neighbourhood fox control program to reduce the impact of feral predators.
- Four hands-on workshops have been held with council field staff and residents of the bushfire-affected areas between Woodford and Mount Victoria
- Supporting native wildlife including Yellow-bellied Glider and Glossy Black Cockatoo.
- The control program workshops taught residents how to use cage traps to manage foxes and to identify tracks, scats and other signs of activity.
- Foxes alone are estimated to cost Australian producers more than \$37 million annually in livestock losses and cause more than \$227 million of damage to Australia's unique native environment and economy each year.
- **Images available**

### **Example 3 *Phase 1 Hunter LLS multiple projects - feral animal and weed control to support animal and plant species, Regent Honeyeater monitoring***

- Hunter LLS has completed 1.4 million ha targeting fox and wild dog in bushfire impacted areas and adjoining refugia (landholder participation)
- Targeted fox, deer and pig control has also been conducted over 16,000 ha
- A combination of aerial and ground-based programs have been used benefiting animals including Koala, Manning River Helmeted Turtle and Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby, and Littoral Rainforest and Coastal Swamp Oak Forest TECs
- Fauna surveys have been conducted across these areas using game cameras.
- Support to Wollombi Valley Landcare landholders (GBM-WHA) to treat post fire sprouting blackberry, lantana and asparagus fern initial and follow up treatments over 17 ha
- Regent Honeyeaters have been detected within unburnt habitat during a coastal search in the greater Blue Mountains area. Monitoring has confirmed that the two of the nests have led to the successful fledging of chicks.
- **Images available**

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**BUSHFIRE RECOVERY – LONG-FORM STORY TEMPLATE**

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**Key outcomes:**

- Habitat recovery and rejuvenation to support fire-affected species
- Erosion management to protect fragile landscapes and support fire-affected species
- Feral animal and weed control to support recovery of native plants and animals
- Successful monitoring and sightings of bushfire-affected species

**Media contacts:**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>On-site filming possible?</b>
Hanging swamp recovery and neighborhood fox control	Paul Bennett Greater Sydney LLS M: 0427 881 909 E: <a href="mailto:paul.bennett@lls.nsw.gov.au">paul.bennett@lls.nsw.gov.au</a>	Completed but possible COVID restrictions pending

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**Subject:** UPDATE: FOR CONSIDERATION: Blue Mountains media ops [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning John,

Please see an update from Greater Sydney LLS in red regarding site visits to some of the projects including the fox control and hanging swamps.

Both are great options for journos but they require a weeks' notice to organise this.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** FOR CONSIDERATION: Blue Mountains media ops [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi John,

As requested, I have reached out to all the media contacts for the Blue Mountain Bushfire recovery projects.

I have included all the updated advice on the far right however this is dependent on COVID-19 restrictions, journalist availability, researcher availability etc.

Thanks,

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**Media contacts:**

Initiative	Contact	On-site filming possible?	
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Hanging swamp recovery and neighborhood fox control

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- Due to COVID-19 unaware of what the next few weeks will look like
- All work mostly 'frozen' during the lockdown period
- Taking a journalist along will most likely be possible – especially to the hanging swamps with interviewees available to talk to challenges and progress made

*"We can easily get council and a landholder together. There are plenty of sites to look at. For example a local resident in Blackheath is involved with bushcare groups and has been proactive in rehabilitating his own property pre and post fires.*

*In Hartley a resident has participated in several LLS opportunities including Fox control, weed and swamp rehab and had Soil Con do some erosion control.*

*We can also get representatives together to take a tour of some of the hanging swamps in the area.*

*With covid restrictions and availability of other parties dependent of this going ahead, they just need a **week's notice** at the very least to get everything organised."*

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Hi Ben,

Please find attached the latest bushfire recovery content from Strategic Comms which contains 6 x social media posts.

All of the images have the relevant link to a drop box in the corresponding column. This differs to the previous approach – please advise if there are any issues or if you have a preference.

Thanks,

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**BUSHFIRE RECOVERY****Draft social media content table**



w/c 18/10/2021

Organisation/s	Project	What it does and why	Picture	Status
<p>Hunter Local Land Services with partners Mid Coast Council, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Taree Indigenous Development and Employment (TIDE), local volunteers and Wollombi Landcare</p> <p>Hashtags #HunterLLS #NSWParks</p> <p>Facebook @NSWDPIE @HunterLLS @MidCoastCouncil @NSWNationalParks @tidetaree @WollombiValleyLandcare</p> <p>Twitter @NSWDPIE @llshunter</p> <p>Instagram @nswnationalparks</p>	<p>Phase 1 RLP MU07-P9 Bushfire recovery project involving pest weed control</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> Darawank, Yacaaba and Saltwater National Parks, Gondwana Rainforests (Barrington National Park) and Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (Wollombi)</p> <p><b>Issue:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 1,000,000 hectares in this region burnt during the 2019–20 bushfires.</li> <li>• More than 60 per cent of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area was fire-affected and more than half of this burnt with high or very high severity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Aim of project:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bushfire recovery project involves pest weed control and habitat protection in direct fire affected areas and areas of unburnt refuge patches.</li> </ul> <p><b>Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 542 ha weed control from recovering habitats and sensitive landscapes on private and public land - including invasive water weed <i>Ludwigia longifolia</i> in 126ha sensitive wetland and Swamp Oak forests</li> <li>• 1288 of volunteer hours, 60 dedicated volunteers over 375 ha of weed treatment in the Barrington Tops National Park in the Gondwana World Heritage Area to contain</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sharepoint Link:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/3jevgeh">https://bit.ly/3jevgeh</a></p>  <p>Bush regenerators Saltwater NP Credit: Fiona Miller NPWS</p> 	

		<p>post fire resprouting Scotch Broom and Ox Eyed Daisy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support to Wollombi Valley Landcare landholders (GBM-WHA) to treat post fire sprouting blackberry, lantana and asparagus fern over 17 ha.</li> <li>• 24 ha weed control in impacted sensitive Littoral Rainforests, of which 30% of this critically endangered vegetation was impacted by Black Summer Bushfires.</li> </ul> <p><b>Habitat/wildlife supported (outcomes):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benefiting bushfire impacted TECs including Coastal Swamp Oak Sclerophyll Forests at Darawank NP, Littoral Rainforests of the Mid Coast Region, and Sub Alpine habitats.</li> <li>• Benefiting habitat of Broad Toothed Rat, and Koala and Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby</li> </ul> <p><b>Interesting fact or statistic:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Region includes 11% of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area.</li> </ul>	 <p>With TIDE at Darawank NP Credit: Fiona Miller NPWS</p>	
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<p>NSW Govt</p> <p>Facebook @NSWDPIE</p> <p>Twitter @NSWDPIE</p>	<p>Phase 1 BWHR-NSW-2</p> <p>Species monitoring. Feral animal control.</p>	<p><b>Location:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSW National Parks</li> </ul> <p><b>Issue:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bushfire affected priority native species.</li> <li>• Eight of nine monitoring sites targeting important refugia for the Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby in the Greater Blue Mountains were severely burnt in the fires and many cameras were destroyed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Aim of project:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support priority bushfire-affected animals</li> </ul> <p><b>Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring using trail cameras</li> <li>• Removal of more than 11,000 feral animals has been undertaken from NSW National Parks</li> </ul> <p><b>Habitat/wildlife supported (outcomes):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lost cameras have been replaced and Rock-wallabies have been frequently detected at all sites since. Pouch-young</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sharepoint Link:</b>  <a href="https://bit.ly/3pu8sv1">https://bit.ly/3pu8sv1</a></p>  	

have been observed at most of the burnt sites.

- Brush-tailed Rock-wallabies have been detected over a large area of Banyabba Nature Reserve. The trail cameras are not set in Rock-wallaby habitat, so the observations suggest they may be reasonably abundant over a large area. There was only one previous record of brush-tailed rock wallaby from this park.
- Koalas have been observed on trail cameras deployed in Banyabba Nature Reserve, Chaelundi National Park, Morton National Park and Wadbilliga National Park. Mums with joeys have been observed in multiple locations in Morton.

**Interesting fact or statistic:**



Feral cat, Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby, fox, Koala

Credit: DPIE

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**Subject:** Coverage on Australian WH properties [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi John and Ben

FYI, the Guardian UK has published an [article](#) on wildfires in world heritage sites that mentions the Greater Blue Mountains WHA, off the back of a [UNESCO/WRI/IUCN report](#). This has also had some airtime on ABC Radio this afternoon ([listen here](#)).

Let me know if you want any TPs.

Thanks

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### **Wildfires, deforestation and global heating turn 10 Unesco forests into carbon sources**

‘World heritage sites in US, Australia and Russia among those that have emitted more carbon than they absorbed since 2001’

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/oct/27/wildfires-deforestation-and-global-heating-turn-10-unesco-forests-into-carbon-sources-aoe>

Forests in at least 10 [Unesco](#) world heritage sites have become net sources of carbon since the turn of the millennium due to wildfires, deforestation and global heating, says a new report.

Protected areas such as Yosemite national park in the US, **the Greater Blue Mountains area in Australia** and the tropical rainforests of Sumatra in Indonesia are among the sites that have emitted more carbon than they absorbed since 2001 as a result of human activities, according to research by the World Resources Institute, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and Unesco. The analysis found more sites were expected to switch from sinks to sources of carbon in the coming decades.

Unesco sites still represent an enormous carbon bank – comprising a forested area twice the size of Germany, storing the carbon equivalent of Kuwait’s recoverable oil reserves. But researchers said they were surprised and disturbed by the findings in the first scientific assessment of greenhouse gases the sites emitted and absorbed.

Tales Carvalho Resende, a Unesco project officer and report co-author said: “What is happening at a world heritage site level is only the tip of the iceberg. Even in what are supposed to be the best and most protected areas, they are currently under pressure from climate change.”



From Dominica to Malaysia, extreme temperatures, land-clearing for agriculture and wildfires have driven the increase in emissions at the 10 Unesco sites, which include Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve in Honduras, Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park in Canada and Uvs Nuur Basin in Russia and Mongolia.

Analysis of changes in carbon stores in forests on another 247 sites found 166 were net sinks, with the remaining 81 nearly neutral. Overall, the sites absorbed and stored 190m tonnes of CO2 from the atmosphere each year, equivalent to roughly half of the UK's annual emissions from fossil fuels. But the analysis found human pressures on landscapes and the climate crisis were likely to continue to degrade sites, breaking up habitats, making them less resilient and biodiverse.

“One of the things that really got our attention was the impact of wildfires. Some sites flipped into sources because of one or two wildfires that were so intense they represented the annual emissions of many countries in the world,” Carvalho Resende said. “It’s a vicious cycle. With global warming, you have more fires. With more fires, there’s more CO2. More CO2 means temperatures continue to increase.”

The report authors said governments should focus on protecting nature to combat the biodiversity and climate crises – [echoing a recent call by leading scientists](#) – and also highlighted the importance of protecting indigenous rights to conserving forest ecosystems. At Cop26 in Glasgow, [world leaders](#) are expected to announce a commitment to halt and reverse deforestation.

Elena Osipova, senior monitoring officer with the IUCN’s World Heritage Programme, said: “It’s a disturbing message and it’s really wrong that we have disturbed some sites to the point they become carbon sources. We really should strengthen the protection of these sites and highlight their importance for climate mitigation and adaptation so it doesn’t happen at other sites in the future.”