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### 1 Introduction

Atlas Iron Pty Ltd (Atlas) is operating and developing the Sanjiv Ridge Direct Shipping Ore (DSO) Project (the Project). The Project is an iron ore mine located in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, approximately 240 km southeast of Port Hedland and 33 km south of Marble Bar.

Stage 1 of the Project (the Project), approved under EPBC 2017/7861 (as varied on 14 December 2021), involves mining five open pits (Sparrow, Razorback, Shark Gully, Runway North and Runway South), using conventional drill and blast, load and haul methods to extract an iron ore resource of approximately 36.7 million tonnes (Mt) over a mine life of approximately eight years. Ore is trucked to the run-of-mine (ROM) pad for crushing and screening with the final product hauled to Utah Point in Port Hedland for export overseas.

Stage 2 of the Project is a satellite operation which includes three open pits, four additional waste rock landforms and a 4 km haul road connecting to Stage 1. Ore will be hauled to Stage 1, to the existing processing centre to produce a further 10 million tonnes of DSO. Stage 2 of the Project was approved under EPBC 2021/8885, published on 5 October 2022.

As part of EPBC 2017/7861, Atlas is required to submit a compliance report to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) (here after the Department) annually by 16 July (within 60 business days of the 12-month reporting period) to satisfy condition 8. This compliance report is for the reporting period 21 April 2023 to 20 April 2024.

### 2 Objective

This compliance report addresses condition 8 of EPBC 2017/7861, whereby:

*The approval holder must prepare a **compliance report** for each 12-month period following the date of **commencement** of the action, or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the **Minister**. The approval holder must:*

- a) publish each **compliance report** on the **website** within 60 **business days** following the relevant 12-month period;*
- b) notify the **Department** by email that a **compliance report** has been published on the **website** and provide the weblink for the **compliance report** within five **business days** of the date of publication;*
- c) keep all **compliance reports** publicly available on the **website** until this approval expires;*
- d) exclude or redact **sensitive ecological data** from **compliance reports** that are to be published on the **website**; and*
- e) where any **sensitive ecological data** has been excluded from the version published, submit the full **compliance report** to the **Department** within 5 **business days** of publication.*

### 3 Scope

This compliance report details the commitments within EPBC 2017/7861 (as varied on 14 December 2021) and assessment of compliance against conditions 1-12 for the reporting period 21 April 2023 to 20 April 2024.

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## 4 Statement of Compliance

### 4.1 Proposal and Proponent Details

<b>Proposal Title</b>	CORUNNA DOWNS IRON ORE MINING PROJECT
<b>Location of the Project</b>	PILBARA REGION, 33 KM SOUTH MARBLE BAR, WA
<b>Approved action number</b>	EPBC 2017/7861
<b>Proponent Name</b>	Atlas Iron Pty Ltd
<b>Proponent's Australian Company Number (where relevant)</b>	110 396 168

### 4.2 Proponent Declaration

In making this declaration, I am aware that section 490 and 491 of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Theodore Sprenkels'.

Full Name (please print)

Theodore Sprenkels

Position (please print)

Superintendent Environment and Approvals

Organisation (please print including ABN/ACN if applicable)

Atlas Iron Pty Ltd ACN110396168

Date

10 July 2024



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## 5 Designations to record findings

### 5.1 Assessment of Compliance

The compliance report has been prepared in accordance with the recommended compliance table provided in Appendix A of the DCCEEW *Annual Compliance Report Guidelines 2023* (Annual Compliance Report Guidelines). The assessment of compliance was reported against the audit elements of the DCCEEW compliance table (Table 1), including the compliance status of conditions 1 – 12 of EPBC 2017/7861.

The terminology used to record findings in the compliance report (Table 1) is consistent with section 3.7 of the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines.

Table 1 Compliance Status Terminology

Status	Description
Compliant	'Compliance' is achieved when <u>all</u> the requirements of a condition have been met, including the implementation of management plans or other measures required by those conditions.
Non-compliant	A designation of 'non-compliance' should be given where the requirements of a condition or elements of a condition, including the implementation of management plans and other measures, have not been met.
Not applicable	A designation of 'not applicable' should be given where the requirements of a condition or elements of a condition fall outside of the scope of the current reporting period. For example, a condition which apprise to an activity that has not yet commenced.

### 5.2 Compliance Status

There were **no non-compliances** found during the Audit.

A detailed assessment of compliance with the conditions of EPBC 2017/7861 is presented in Table 2.



## 6 Compliance Assessment

Table 2 EPBC 2017/7861 Audit Table

EPBC 2017/7861			
Condition Number/ reference	Condition	Compliant/ Non-Compliant/ Not Applicable	Evidence/ Comments
1	For the protection of <b>EPBC Act listed species</b> the approval holder must: a) Clear no more than 423.19 ha within the <b>disturbance footprint</b> b) <b>Clear</b> no more than two nocturnal refuge caves for the <b>Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat</b> within the <b>disturbance footprint</b> c) Implement the <b>Significant Species Management Plan</b>	<b>Compliant</b>	a) A total of 12.60 ha was cleared during the reporting period. A total of 302.09 ha has been cleared within the development envelope, which is less than the 423.19 ha approved to be cleared. b) No more than two nocturnal refuge caves for the Pilbara Leaf-nosed bat have been cleared within the disturbance footprint. c) The Corunna Downs Significant Species Management Plan (179-LAH-EN-PLN-0001) is currently being implemented. The annual SSMP audit is available upon request.  <i>Evidence:</i> Appendix A – Extent of native vegetation clearing (GIS_3393) Attachment A – GIS_3393_EPBC_ACR_Disturbance reporting period.zip
2	For the protection of the <b>Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat</b> the approval holder must: a) maintain at least a 340 metre <b>buffer</b> around the <b>lateral extent</b> of <b>cave CO-CA-01</b> b) maintain at least a 25 metre <b>buffer</b> around the <b>lateral extent</b> of <b>cave CO-CA-03</b>	<b>Compliant</b>	Cave CO-CA-01 inclusive of a 340 m buffer and cave CO-CA-03 inclusive of 50 m buffer has been excised from the Development Envelope. Demarcation around CO-CA-01 and CO-CA-03 was undertaken in accordance with the Atlas Significant Site Demarcation Standard and Significant Site Demarcation Procedure, to protect them from inadvertent disturbance by people, vehicles and machinery. The buffers around CO-CA-01 and CO-CA-03 have not been breached by unauthorised people, vehicles or machinery; with the exception of authorised people undertaking environmental monitoring within the cave.  All clearing undertaken on site is assessed through the Atlas Ground Disturbance Permit procedure to ensure there is no unacceptable impact to the environment, including conservation significant flora and fauna, waterways and heritage values and sites, all of which require specific management.  <i>Evidence:</i> Appendix A – Extent of native vegetation clearing (GIS_3393)
3	The approval holder must demonstrate that, both during and after mining ceases at the <b>Razor Back Pit</b> , <b>cave CO-CA-03</b> and waterhole <b>CO-WS-14</b> remain suitable habitat available for use by the <b>Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat</b> .	<b>Compliant</b>	Mining of Razorback Pit commenced in December 2023.  The first standalone report for the CO-CA-03 and CO-WS-14 Monitoring Strategy covering the period (December 2023 – December 2024) will be prepared and submitted to the DCCEEW in June 2025. Annual reporting thereafter will follow calendar year (January – December) to best align with the species reproductive cycle.



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4	<p>The approval holder must develop and submit a Monitoring Strategy to the <b>Minister</b> for approval. The Monitoring Strategy must be based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>mapping and monitoring at <b>cave CO-CA-03</b> by an <b>independent scientific expert(s)</b>; and</li> <li>the collection of at least 12 months of baseline humidity and temperature recordings inside <b>cave CO-CA-03</b>; and</li> <li>12 months of baseline water quality sampling of <b>waterhole CO-WS-14</b>.</li> </ul> <p>The Monitoring Strategy must be designed to demonstrate that the structure of <b>cave CO-CA-03</b> remains unchanged from the <b>pre-mining structure</b> during mining of the <b>Razor Back Pit</b>. The monitoring strategy must also be designed to demonstrate, unless otherwise <b>justified</b> and approved by the <b>Minister</b>, that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>without anthropogenic supplementation of its water level, <b>waterhole CO-WS-14</b> has water in it during and continuously for three consecutive years following the cessation of mining of <b>Razor Back Pit</b>; and</li> <li>the water quality of <b>waterhole CO-WS-14</b> remains <b>suitable</b> for <b>Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat</b> during and continuously for three consecutive years following the cessation of mining of <b>Razor Back Pit</b>; and</li> <li><b>cave CO-CA-03</b> maintains: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>humidity between 85-100 per cent relative humidity; and</li> <li>temperature between 28 and 32 degrees Celsius during and continuously for five years following cessation of the mining of <b>Razor Back Pit</b>.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>The approval holder must not commence mining in <b>Razor Back Pit</b> until the Monitoring Strategy has been approved by the <b>Minister</b>. The approval holder must implement the approved Monitoring Strategy.</p>	Compliant	<p>The monitoring strategy was submitted to the Department via email on 14 July 2020. The Department approved the monitoring strategy on 30 October 2020.</p> <p><i>Evidence:</i></p> <p>DAWE Letter (EPBC 2017/7861 variation to conditions of approval, and approval of experts and Monitoring Program, 30 October 2020) was provided to the Department in the 2023 CAR.</p>





5	<p>To compensate for the residual significant impacts to <b>EPBC Act listed species</b>, the approval holder must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) offset the residual significant impacts of <b>clearing</b> of up to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 57.76 hectares identified as <b>critical habitat</b> for at least one <b>EPBC Act listed species</b> within the disturbance footprint; and</li> <li>ii. 358.03 hectares identified as <b>suitable foraging habitat for the Pilbara leaf-nosed Bat</b> within the <b>disturbance footprint</b> and not already counter under a) i.;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>by either submitting an Offset Strategy for the <b>Minister's</b> approval, as set out in 5.b), or contributing to a <b>Conservation Offset Fund</b>, as set out in 5.f);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) within 12 months of the commencement of the action, submit an Offset Strategy for the written approval of the <b>Minister</b>. The approved Offset Strategy must be implemented. The Offset Strategy must be a framework for how the residual significant impacts to <b>EPBC Act listed species</b> in conditions 5.a) i. and 5.a) ii. will be offset and must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. review and account for relevant <b>approved conservation advices, recovery plans and threat abatement plans</b>;</li> <li>ii. identify threats to <b>EPBC Act listed species</b>, and potential recovery actions and research opportunities; and</li> <li>iii. outline a process for developing Offset Projects, and a staged process for submitting Offset Projects to the <b>Department</b> for the written approval of the <b>Department</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) In accordance with the approved Offset Strategy, submit Offset Projects to the <b>Department</b> for the written approval of the <b>Department</b>. Offset Project proposals submitted to the <b>Department</b> must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. include project goal(s), budget and a detailed Offset Project description, including timeframes for implementing the Offset Project, and reporting and publishing of the Offset Project results;</li> <li>ii. demonstrate how the Offset Project is consistent with the Offset Strategy;</li> <li>iii. outline consultations associated with developing the Offset Project;</li> <li>iv. outline how the Offset Project complies with the principles of the <b>EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy</b> and, if relevant, details of how the Offset Project meets the criteria for research and educational programs identified in Appendix A of the <b>EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy</b>; and</li> <li>v. identify and manage risks associated with implementing the Offset Project.</li> </ul> </li> <li>d) not commence an Offset Project until that Offset Project has been approved in writing by the <b>Department</b>. Approved Offset Projects must be implemented. The approval holder must make payments on Offset Projects, approved in accordance with condition 5.c), that are no less than the payments determined in accordance with condition 5.f).</li> </ul> <p>If the approval holder wishes to implement an Offset Project otherwise than in accordance with the approved Offset Project, the approval holder must submit the revised Offset Project to the <b>Department</b> for approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e) not continue the action for more than 18 months for the date of <b>commencement</b> of the action unless either the <b>Department</b> has approved an Offset Project as specified in condition 5.c) or an advance payment has been made in accordance with condition 5.f)iv.</li> <li>f) If contributing to the <b>Conservation Offset Fund</b>, rather than implementing conditions 5.b) – 5.e):</li> </ul>	Compliant	<p>Conditions 5.b) – 5.e) do not apply.</p> <p>5.f)i. – Compliant – Atlas submitted evidence of clearing undertaken between 1/07/2021 to 30/06/2023 via email on 7/10/2023. The next reporting period will be from the 1/07/2023 to 30/06/2025.</p> <p>5.f)ii. – Compliant – The Department issued an invoice for payment to the PEOF on 14/12/2023, exclusive of GST and increased in accordance with the CPI from 1 July 2017.</p> <p>5.f)iii. – Compliant – Atlas notified the Department via email on 21/01/2022 that the first payment to the PEOF had been paid, immediately following the end of the reporting period 21/04/2020 to 30/06/2021.</p> <p>5f)iv. – Compliant – An Advance Payment of \$110,000 was made on 30 March 2021 (DWER invoice RI003189), within 13 months from the Conservation Offset Fund (PEOF) being approved by the Department on 2 March 2021.</p> <p>5f)v. – Compliant – Atlas provided the remittance advice (proof of payment) for the 2021 – 2023 biennial reporting period to the Department via email on 28/01/2024.</p> <p>5f)vi. – Not Applicable – Clearing is not complete for the Sanjiv Ridge Stage 1 Project, and as such, an Impact Reconciliation Report has not been submitted to the Department.</p> <p>PEOF payments are due biennially during each subsequent 2-year period ending 30 June. The next reporting period is 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2025. Submission of this report falls within the next compliance report reporting period (i.e., 21 April 2024 to 20 April 2025).</p> <p><i>Evidence:</i></p> <p>Appendix B – EPBC 2017/7861 Offset report submission (7 October 2023)</p> <p>Appendix C – PEOF remittance advice RI005253 (1/07/2021 – 30/06/2023)</p> <p>Appendix D – Proof of payment notification to DCCEEW &amp; DWER (1/07/2021 – 30/06/2023)</p>
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	<p>i) for each hectare that is <b>cleared</b> from the date of <b>commencement</b> of the action to 30 June 2021, and then biennially during each subsequent 2-year period ending 30 June, determine the number of hectares as described under 5.a) i. and 5.a) ii. based on <b>evidence</b> of the <b>actual clearing footprint</b> which must be submitted by 30 October in the year following the reporting period;</p> <p>ii) for each period identified in f) i., make a payment to the <b>Conservation Offset Fund</b> of \$3,000 for each hectare specified in a) i. and \$1,500 for each hectare specified in a) ii.. All payments must be exclusive of GST and increased in accordance with the <b>CPI</b> from 1 July 2017. A payment may be reduced by an equal amount to compensate for advance payments made under f) iv.;</p> <p>iii) make the first payment no later than 31 January immediately following the end of the period to which the payment relates;</p> <p>iv) as an advance payment of f) ii., contribute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$35,000 towards an offset that reduces the rate of decline of <b>EPBC Act listed species</b>, and ensures that viable populations of <b>EPBC Act listed species</b> remain in the Pilbara region; and</li> <li>\$75,000 towards an offset that reduces the rate of decline of the <b>Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat</b>, and ensures that viable populations of <b>Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat</b> remain in the Pilbara region;</li> </ul> <p>no later than 13 months from the <b>Conservation Offset Fund</b> being approved by the <b>Minister</b> for the purpose of providing environmental offsets in the Pilbara;</p> <p>v) submit <b>evidence</b> of each payment made under f) ii. and f) iv. to the <b>Department</b> within 2 months of the date of the payment; and</p> <p>vi) on completion of <b>clearing</b>, submit to the <b>Department</b> an <b>impact reconciliation report</b> verified by an <b>independent third party</b>. The <b>Minister</b> may adjust the final year payment and notify the approval holder in writing of the adjusted final payment amount required under f) ii. above, based on <b>evidence</b> of the <b>actual clearing footprint</b> provided in the <b>impact reconciliation report</b>.</p>		
6	Within 30 days after the <b>commencement</b> of the action, the person taking the action must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of <b>commencement</b> .	Compliant	On 15 May 2020, Atlas notified the DCCEEW (then DAWE) via letter that the action commenced on 21 April 2020. The date of action commencement was confirmed by DAWE on 19 May 2020.
7	The person taking the action must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of the approval, including measures taken to implement the <b>Significant Species Management Plan</b> , Offset Strategy and Monitoring Strategy required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the <b>Department</b> . Such records may be subject to audit by the <b>Department</b> or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the <b>EPBC Act</b> , or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the <b>Department's</b> website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.	Compliant	All records related to compliance with the conditions of EPBC 2017/7861, including measures taken to implement the Significant Species Management Plan (SSMP), Offset Strategy and Monitoring Strategy are retained on Atlas' document management system.



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8	<p>Annual compliance reporting</p> <p>The approval holder must prepare a <b>compliance report</b> for each 12-month period following the date of <b>commencement</b> of the action, or otherwise in accordance with an annual date that has been agreed to in writing by the <b>Minister</b>. The approval must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>publish each <b>compliance report</b> on the <b>website</b> within 60 <b>business days</b> following the relevant 12-month period;</li> <li>notify the <b>Department</b> by email that a <b>compliance report</b> has been published on the <b>website</b> and provide the weblink for the <b>compliance report</b> within five <b>business days</b> of the date of publication;</li> <li>keep all <b>compliance reports</b> publicly available on the <b>website</b> until this approval expires;</li> <li>exclude or redact <b>sensitive ecological data</b> from <b>compliance reports</b> that are to be published on the <b>website</b>; and</li> <li>where any <b>sensitive ecological data</b> has been excluded from the version published, submit the full <b>compliance report</b> to the <b>Department</b> within 5 <b>business days</b> of publication.</li> </ol>	Compliant	<p>This compliance report is for the 12-month period 21 April 2023 to 20 April 2024.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compliant – The 2021, 2022 and 2023 Annual Compliance Reports were submitted electronically to the Department and published on the Atlas website on 2 July 2021, 20 June 2022 and 13 July 2023 retrospectively, within 60 business days.</li> <li>Compliant – Atlas notified the Department via email on 2 July 2021, 20 June 2022 and 13 July 2023 that the Annual Compliance Report had been published on the Atlas Website, both within five business days of the date of publication.</li> <li>Compliant – all compliance reports will be available on the Atlas website until the expiry of EPBC 2017/7861.</li> <li>Compliant – sensitive ecological data will be excluded (when required) from compliance reports that are published on the website.</li> <li>Not applicable – no sensitive ecological data has been excluded from the published version.</li> </ol> <p>Evidence: Appendix E – Annual report notification to DCCEEW 2 July 2021, 20 June 2022 and 13 July 2023.</p>
8A	<p>The approval holder must notify the <b>Department in writing of any incident; non-compliance with the conditions; or non-compliance with the commitments made in plans</b>. The notification must be given as soon as practicable, and no later than two <b>business days</b> after becoming aware of the <b>incident</b> or non-compliance. The notification must specify:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any condition which is or may be in breach;</li> <li>a short description of the <b>incident</b> and/or non-compliance; and</li> <li>the location (including co-ordinates, date, and time of the <b>incident</b> and/or non-compliance. In the event the exact information cannot be provided, provide the best information available.</li> </ol>	Compliant	<p>Atlas notified the Department via email within two business days after becoming aware of the non-compliance with conditions 8A and 8B.</p> <p>Details of notifications sent to the Department is described below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thirteen (13) conservation significant fauna deaths occurred during the reporting period, including twelve (12) Northern Quolls (<i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i>) and one (1) Pilbara Olive Pythons (<i>Liasis olivaeus barroni</i>). Each death requires a separate notification provided to the department and an example of this is provided in Appendix H. Under notification to the department Atlas list the details of the fauna impact as well as corrective actions that have been put in place to mitigate further impacts.</li> </ol> <p>Evidence: Appendix F – Email notification to DCCEEW</p>
8B	<p>The approval holder must provide to the <b>Department</b> the details of any <b>incident</b> or non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in <b>plans</b> as soon as practicable and no later than 10 <b>business days</b> after becoming aware of the <b>incident</b> or non-compliance, specifying:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future;</li> <li>the potential impacts of the <b>incident</b> or non-compliance; and</li> <li>the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.</li> </ol>	Compliant	<p>Atlas notified the Department via email within two business days after becoming aware of a non-compliance with conditions 8A and 8B.</p> <p>Details of notifications sent to the Department is described below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thirteen (13) conservation significant fauna deaths occurred during the reporting period, including twelve (12) Northern Quolls (<i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i>) and one (1) Pilbara Olive Pythons (<i>Liasis olivaeus barroni</i>). Each death requires a separate notification provided to the department and an example of this is provided in Appendix H. Under notification to the department Atlas list the details of the fauna impact as well as corrective actions that have been put in place to mitigate further impacts.</li> </ol> <p>Evidence: Appendix F – Email notification to DCCEEW</p>



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9	Upon the direction of the <b>Minister</b> , the person taking the action must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the condition of approval is conducted and a report submitted to the <b>Minister</b> . The independent auditor must be approved by the <b>Minister</b> prior to the commencement of the audit. Audit criteria must be agreed to by the <b>Minister</b> and the audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the <b>Minister</b> .	Not applicable	The requirements of this condition were not triggered during the reporting period.  There were no independent audits conducted during the reporting period.
10	The person taking the action may choose to revise a management plan, strategy or program approved by the <b>Minister</b> under condition 1, condition 4 or condition 5 without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the <b>EPBC Act</b> , if the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan, strategy or program would not be likely to have a <b>new or increased impact</b> . If the person taking the action makes this choice they must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. notify the <b>Department</b> in writing that the approved plan, strategy or program has been revised and provide the <b>Department</b> with an electronic copy of the revised plan or program;</li> <li>ii. implement the revised plan or program from the date that the plan, strategy or program is submitted to the <b>Department</b>; and</li> <li>iii. for the life of this approval, maintain a record of the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the revised plan, strategy or program would not be likely to have a <b>new or increased impact</b>.</li> </ul>	Not applicable	The requirements of this condition were not triggered during the reporting period.  Atlas is currently revising the SSMP to incorporate Stage 2 of the Project approved under 2021/8885. DCCEEW and DWER have been engaged throughout the process.
10A	The person taking the action may revoke their choice under condition 10 at any time by notice to the <b>Department</b> . If the person taking the action revokes the choice to implement a revised plan, strategy or program, without approval under section 143A of the <b>EPBC Act</b> , the plan or program approved by the <b>Minister</b> must be implemented.	Not applicable	The requirements of this condition were not triggered during the reporting period.
10B	If the <b>Minister</b> gives a notice to the person taking the action that the <b>Minister</b> is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan, strategy or program would be likely to have a <b>new or increased impact</b> , then: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Condition 10 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the revised plan or program; and</li> <li>ii. The person taking the action must implement the plan or program approved by the <b>Minister</b>.</li> </ul> <p>To avoid any doubt, this condition does not affect any operation of conditions 10, 10A and 10B in the period before the day the notice is given.</p> <p>At the time of giving the notice the <b>Minister</b> may also notify that for a specified period of time that condition 9 does not apply for one or more specified plans, strategies</p>	Not applicable	The requirements of this condition were not triggered during the reporting period.
10C	Conditions 10, 10A, 10B and 10C are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the EPBC Act which allows the person taking the action to submit a revised plan, strategy or program to the <b>Minister</b> for approval.	Not applicable	The requirements of this condition were not triggered during the reporting period.
11	If, at any time after five (5) years from the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not substantially commenced the action, then the person taking the action must not substantially <b>commence</b> the action without the written agreement of the <b>Minister</b> .	Compliant	Substantial commencement of the action commenced on 21 April 2020.



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12	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the <b>Minister</b> , the person taking the action must publish all management plans, strategies or programs referred to in these conditions of approval on their website until the expiry date of approval. Each management plan, strategy or program must be published on the website within 1 month of being approved by the <b>Minister</b> or being submitted under condition 10.i.	Compliant	<p>The SSMP (Revision 3, 9 June 2017) and CO-CA-03 and CO-WS-14 Monitoring Strategy (Revision 6, dated 8 October 2020) are publicly available on the Atlas Iron website. The SSMP for Stage 2 of the project (Revision 7, 1 August 2023) has also been made publicly available.</p> <p>Evidence: Appendix G – Atlas Iron Environmental Publications</p>



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## 7 References

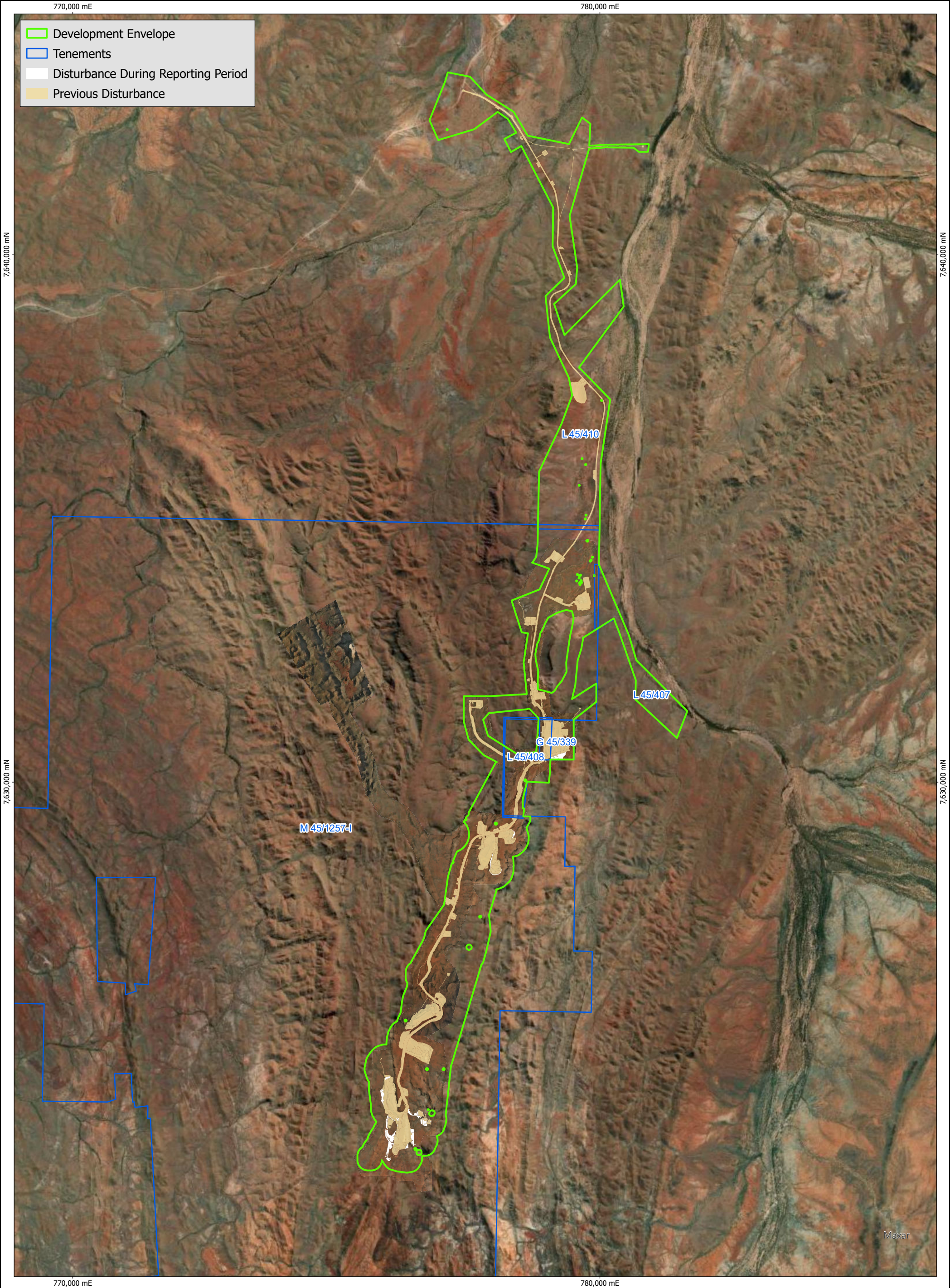
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## Appendix A. Extent of Native Vegetation Clearing (GIS\_3393)









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### Appendix B. EPBC 2017/7861 Offset Report Submission

From: Michael Pezzaniti <Michael.Pezzaniti@atlasiron.com.au>  
Sent: Saturday, October 7, 2023 1:30 PM  
To: DCCEEW-PostApprovalsSection@agriculture.gov.au; Patel, Panna <Panna.Patel@dcceew.gov.au>; Sarah Bekavac <Sarah.Bekavac@dwer.wa.gov.au>  
Cc: Erin Gibbens <Erin.Gibbens@atlasiron.com.au>; Theo Sprengels <Theo.Sprengels@atlasiron.com.au>  
Subject: EPBC 2017/7861 – Offset Fund Payments  
Importance: High

You don't often get email from [michael.pezzaniti@atlasiron.com.au](mailto:michael.pezzaniti@atlasiron.com.au). [Learn why this is important](#)

Good afternoon,

This email was initially sent to [post\\_approval@dcceew.gov.au](mailto:post_approval@dcceew.gov.au), however I received an undeliverable message stating that it failed to deliver the message. Within the message it mentioned forwarding all emails to the following address [DCCEEW-PostApprovalsSection@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:DCCEEW-PostApprovalsSection@agriculture.gov.au). If this is not the correct address, please advise who it would be best to send this to as this payment is time critical.

In accordance with condition 5 (f) EPBC 2017/7861 please find attached the offset report and supporting information.

To facilitate making the payment required by condition 5(f)(i), we would appreciate if your written approval can also address the following points:

- confirm the required offset payment amount in writing;
- instruct Atlas to contribute the required offset amount to the PEOF; and
- write to DWER requesting that an invoice for the same amount be generated and, no later than **12th October 2023**, be sent to Atlas for processing.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,  
Michael

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### Appendix C. PEOF remittance advice RI005253 (01/07/2021 – 30/06/2023)



NAB Connect

Beneficiary Advice

#### Remitter Information

ATLAS IRON PTY LTD  
LEVEL 17 300 MURRAY STREET  
PERTH WA 6000  
AUSTRALIA

#### Transaction Details

Date	10-Jan-2024
Beneficiary Account Name	DEPT WATER AND ENVIRONMENT REG
Beneficiary Account Number	066-040 18300113
Amount	AUD \$136990.82
Description	2000000898

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RI005253

This transaction has been processed by NAB Connect and sent to the above beneficiary account.

End of report

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### Appendix D. Proof of payment to DCCEEW & DWER (01-07/2021 – 30/06/2023)

EPBC 2017/7861 and MS1125 - Offset Fund Payments 2021 - 2023

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To whom it may concern,

Atlas Iron Pty Ltd is required to submit evidence of payments made into the Pilbara Environmental Offset Fund under Ministerial Statement (MS) 1125 and EPBC 2017/7861.

To satisfy the notification periods under both approval mechanisms (**within one month** for MS1125 condition 7-1 and **within two months** for EPBC 2017/7861 condition 5.f.v) please find attached a Remittance Advice from Atlas Iron to DWER for Invoice R1005253).

This payment was made to DWER on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and was calculated from data supplied under EPBC 2027/7861 Sanjiv Ridge DSO Project – Impact Reconciliation Report Payment 2021 – 2023.

We trust this is sufficient evidence to satisfy both conditions, and once a proof of payment receipt has been received from DWER this will also be sent as additional evidence.

If you require any more information, please do not hesitate to contact Erin Gibbens ([Erin.Gibbens@atlasiron.com.au](mailto:Erin.Gibbens@atlasiron.com.au)) and I.

Kind regards,

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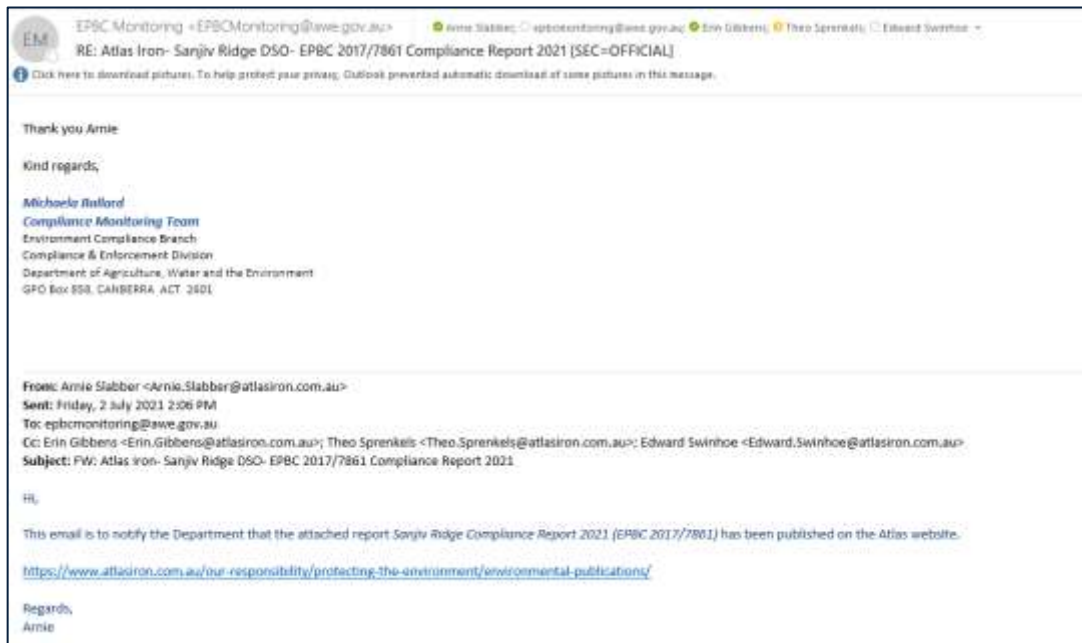


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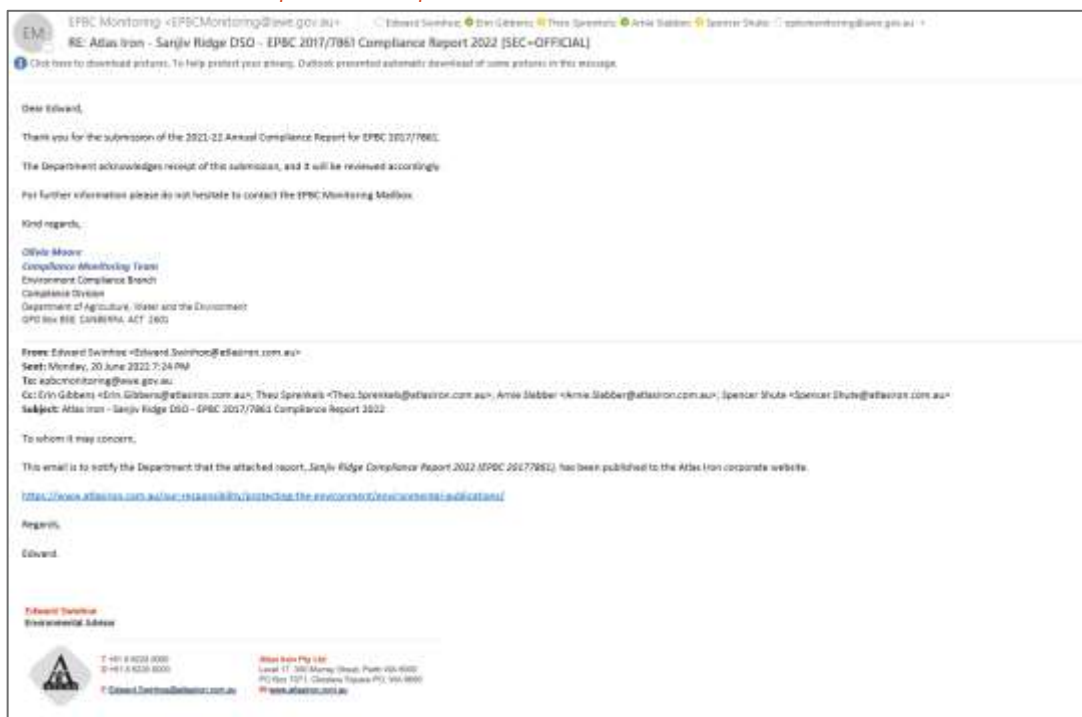
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## Appendix E. Annual report notification to DCCEEW 2021 - 2023.

### EPBC 2017/7861 Compliance Report 2021



### EPBC 2017/7861 Compliance Report 2022





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### EPBC 2017/7861 Compliance Report 2023

To: EPBC Monitoring <epbcmonitoring@dcceew.gov.au>

Subject: EPBC 2017/7861 Compliance Report 2023 - Sanjiv Ridge DSO Project, Western Australia

Good morning,

Atlas is required to submit a compliance report to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) annually by 16 July (within 60 business days of the 12-month reporting period) under condition 8 of EPBC 2017/7861. This compliance report is for the reporting period 21 April 2022 to 20 April 2023.

Two non-compliances were found during the 2023 Significant Species Management Plan audit. Atlas notified the DCCEEW via email on 30 June 2023 of these non-compliances as required by conditions 8A and 8B.

1. Eight (8) conservation significant fauna deaths occurred during the reporting period, including five (5) Northern Quolls (*Dasyurus hallucatus*) and three (3) Pilbara Olive Pythons (*Liasis olivaceus barroni*). All fauna mortalities were caused by vehicle strike and occurred within the development envelope.
2. The fence surrounding one turkey's nest (TN94) is 1.5 meters (m) high, 0.3 m below the SSMP commitment to fence turkeys' nests to height of 1.8 m. TN94 is located at co-ordinates: -21.4340, 119.6741).

This email is to notify DCCEEW that the EPBC 2017/7861 Compliance Report 2023 has been uploaded to the Atlas website: [https://www.atlasiron.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/EPBC Annual Compliance Report 2023 FINAL.pdf](https://www.atlasiron.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/EPBC%20Annual%20Compliance%20Report%202023%20FINAL.pdf)

If you have any queries regarding this submission, please contact Environmental Advisor Erin Gibbens on 0488 973 803 or [Erin.Gibbens@Atlasiron.com.au](mailto:Erin.Gibbens@Atlasiron.com.au).

Kind regards,

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## Appendix F. Email notification to DCCEEW





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### **Appendix G. Atlas Iron Environmental Publications**

[Environmental Publications available on the Atlas Website](#)