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BY Registered Post and Email

ORDER TO CARRY OUT REMEDIATION WORK UNDER SECTION 11.15 OF THE BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 2016 (NSW)

BACKGROUND

- A. The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has responsibility for the enforcement of the now repealed Native Vegetation Act 2003 (NV Act) and Parts 7-9 National Park and Wildlife Act 1974 (NPW Act).
- B. The NV Act was repealed on 25 August 2017. However, pursuant to clause 58 of the *Biodiversity Conservation (Savings and Transitional) Regulation 2017* (**BC (S&T) Regulation**), the repeal of the NV Act does not affect any offence against that Act, or the regulations under that Act, that was committed before the repeal, and the provisions of the NV Act relating to proceedings for an offence, issuing of penalty notices for an offence, and the making of a court order in relation to an offence continue to apply.
- C. Pursuant to clause 53 of the BC (S&T) Regulation, remediation orders under Division 4 of Part 11 of the BC Act may be issued in relation to damage in or as a result of the commission of an offence under Parts 7-9 of the NPW Act committed before 25 August 2017.
- D. Pursuant to section 11.15 of the BC Act, if the Chief Executive of OEH is satisfied that damage has occurred in or as a result of the commission of an offence against Parts 7-9 of the NPW Act and the NV Act, the Chief Executive may order a person to carry out specified remediation work in a specified manner and within a specified time.



- E. Gabrielle Pietrini holds the position of Director North East Branch, Regional Operations Division within OEH.
- F. Gabrielle Pietrini holds delegated authority on behalf of the Chief Executive of OEH for the purposes of section 11.15 of the BC Act.
- G.

is the current owner of (the Property).

BASIS FOR ISSUING REMEDIATION ORDER

- H. OEH is investigating damage to threatened species habitat and native vegetation on the Property between 20 February 2017 and 22 August 2017.
- I. Under section 118D (1) of the NPW Act it was an offence for a person to damage the habitat of a threatened species if the person knew that the habitat concerned was habitat of that kind.
- J. Under section 12 of the NV Act it was an offence to clear native vegetation except in accordance with a development consent granted in accordance with the Act or a property vegetation plan.
- K. Information and evidence obtained to date, including aerial imagery, photographs and conversations indicates that damage occurred on the Property between 20 February 2017 and 22 August 2017. The damage caused to the Property comprised removal of remnant native vegetation, including koala habitat and squirrel glider habitat, and clearing of native vegetation. During this period, approximately 0.15 hectares (ha) was unlawfully cleared on the property. Information and evidence obtained to date also indicates that the damage occurred in or as a result of the commission of an offence against section 118D (1) of Parts 7-9 of the NPW Act and section 12 of the NV Act and that none of the available defences listed in those Acts and associated Regulations in relation to the offences apply.
- L. The works required by this remediation order provide for the repair and rehabilitation of unlawfully cleared remnant native vegetation and planting and regeneration of native vegetation within the Remediation Area.

OPINION

M. I, Gabrielle Pietrini, Director North East Branch, am satisfied that threatened species habitat and native vegetation has been damaged in or as a result of the commission of an offence against section 118D(1) of Parts 7-9 of the NPW Act and section 12 of the NV Act.

ORDER TO CARRY OUT REMEDIATION WORK

N. In order to:

a) repair damage caused by the clearing; and



b) rehabilitate land affected by the clearing (including the taking of steps to allow the land to regenerate);

I, Gabrielle Pietrini, Director North East Branch, order **Remediator**) to carry out the following remediation work on the Property within the time specified, if any, for each work, or where no time is specified, for a period of fifteen years from the date of this order:

1 REMEDIATION WORK

1.1 In this Order, the Remediation Area is defined in Attachment 1.

2 EXCLUSION OF REMEDIATION AREA

Fencing

- 2.1 The Remediator must construct a fence around the Remediation Area as shown on the map at Attachment 2 for the purposes of excluding stock by 29 June 2018 ("the fence").
- 2.2 The Remediator must not construct any fencing in the Remediation Area except as otherwise required by this Order.
- 2.3 The fence must be constructed of ringlock fence wire with a row of plain wire at the top of the fence:
 - a) any gates in the fence must be constructed with self-closing locks.
- 2.4 The Remediator must ensure that all gates in the fence:
 - a) remain closed and locked at all times; or
 - b) are opened only to allow access required by this Order.
- 2.5 The Remediator must install a sign on the exterior of the fence on the Eastern (
 - a) 450mm by 300mm size;
 - b) constructed of aluminium
 - c) in accordance with the design at Attachment 3;
 - d) in a position which is clearly visible from
- 2.6 If at any time the Remediator becomes aware that the fence does not continue to meet the requirements referred to in conditions 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5, the Remediator must replace or repair the fencing as soon as practicable to ensure it meets the requirements referred to in conditions 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5.
- 2.7 The Remediator must inspect the Remediation Area 4 times each reporting period, with a minimum of 80 days between each inspection for the purposes of determining whether the fencing continues to meet the requirements referred to in conditions 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5.

Stock management

2.8 The Remediator must remove all stock from the Remediation Area by 29 June 2018.

2.9 Any stock found within the Remediation Area after 29 June 2018 must be removed by the Remediator as soon as practicable and in any event within 5 days of becoming so aware.



- 2.10 If at any time stock is found within the Remediation Area the Remediator must inspect the fence as soon as practicable to determine if it continues to meet the requirements referred to in conditions 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5.
- 2.11 The Remediator must inspect the Remediation Area 4 times each reporting period, with a minimum of 80 days between each inspection for the purposes of determining whether stock are present within the Remediation Area.

3 WEED, EXOTIC SPECIES, COMMERCIAL CROP AND NON-NATIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT

- 3.1 Exotic species, commercial crops and non-native plants must not be planted in the Remediation Area.
- 3.2 If at any time any exotic species, commercial crops or non-native plant species are found within the Remediation Area, the Remediator must destroy all such exotic species, commercial crops or non-native plant species by either spot application of herbicide or by removal by non-mechanised means as soon as practicable and in any event within 21 days of becoming aware.
- 3.3 The Remediator must inspect the Remediation Area 4 times each reporting period with a minimum of 80 days between each inspection for the purposes of determining whether exotic species, commercial crops or non-native plant species are present within the Remediation Area.

4 PEST CONTROL

- 4.1 Any pest herbivore found within the Remediation Area must be removed by the Remediator as soon as practicable and in any event within 21 days of becoming so aware.
- 4.2 The Remediator must inspect the Remediation Area 4 times each reporting period, with a minimum of 80 days between each inspection for any evidence that pest herbivores have entered the Remediation Area.

5 PLANTING

- 5.1 All native vegetation seedlings (Forestry Tube Stocks) planted in the Planting Area, which is outlined in green on Attachment 4, must be sourced from native tube-stock nurseries within the NSW North Coast Region that have the following attributes: a) an altitude of < 200 meters;</p>
 - b) similar geographical location;
 - c) similar species as listed in the Swamp Sclerophyll Forest on Coastal Floodplains of the New South Wales North Coast;
 - d) similar flooding regime (frequency depth and duration); and
 - e) similar fire regime (frequency and intensity).
- 5.2 In the Planting Area between 15 September 2018 and 15 October 2018 the Remediator must directly plant twenty five (25) native tube stock Eucalyptus robusta (Swamp Mahogany) species and one hundred (100) native tube stock understorey species consisting of Melaleuca sieberi (Paperbark), Melaleuca linariifolia (Paperbark),



Allocasuarina torulosa (Forest Oak), Banksia integrifolia (Coast Banksia), Newatolepis squameum (Satinwood) and Elaeocarpus reticulatus (Blueberry Ash) at intervals along the length of rip lines within the Remediation Area as follows:

- a) Canopy planting In the Planting Area five metres from the Northern part of the Remediation Area fence and at eight metre intervals parallel to the Northern part of the Remediation Area fence for plantings of *Eucalyptus robusta* (Swamp Mahogany) and
- b) Understorey planting In the Planting Area two and a half metres from the Northern part of the Remediation Area fence and at two and a half metre intervals for alternate plantings of Melaleuca sieberi (Paperbark), Melaleuca linariifolia (Paperbark), Allocasuarina torulosa (Forest Oak), Banksia integrifolia (Coast Banksia), Newatolepis squameum (Satinwood) and Elaeocarpus reticulatus (Blueberry Ash).
- 5.3 Immediately following the completion of initial planting in accordance with Condition 5.2 the Remediator must:
 - a) water all the native vegetation planted;
 - b) apply mulch within a one metre radius of each seedling planted; and
 - c) install tree guards of 900mm high to protect from wind, wallabies and sun,

Monitoring to determine establishment and growth

- 5.4 The Remediator must inspect the Remediation Area 4 times in each reporting period with a minimum of 80 days between each inspection for any evidence of that native vegetation referred to in this Order is damaged, destroyed, dead or missing.
- 5.5 If any of the native vegetation referred to in this Order is damaged, destroyed, dead or missing, the Remediator must replace each damaged, destroyed, dead or missing plant with a live plant of the same species planted within 1 metres radius of the location of such plant within 21 days of becoming aware of the damaged, destroyed, dead or missing plant.

6 RECORDS

- 6.1 The following records must be kept by **Example 1** in respect of any inspections required by this Order:
 - a) the date(s) on which the inspection was undertaken;
 - b) the name of the person who undertook the inspection; and
 - c) the type of inspection undertaken.
- 6.2 The following records must be kept by **and the set of any work** undertaken as a result of any inspection(s):
 - a) details of any required work within the Remediation Area;
 - b) the date(s) this work was undertaken; and
 - c) the date on which this work was completed.
- 6.3 All records required to be kept by this Order must be:
 - a) true, accurate and correct;

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- b) in a legible form, or in a form that can readily be reduced to a legible form;
- c) kept for at least 4 years after the inspection or event to which they relate took place; and
- d) produced in a legible form to any authorised officer of OEH who asks to see them.

7 REPORTING

5):

7.1

- must prepare and submit an Initial Works Report (Attachment
- a) By Registered Post to:

Senior Team Leader Compliance and Regulation Regional Operations Division, North East

Regional Operations Division, North East

Office of Environment and Heritage

Locked Bag 914

Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

or

b) By courier or by hand to:

Senior Team Leader Compliance and Regulation

Regional Operations Division, North East

Office of Environment and Heritage

Level 8, 24 Moonee Street

Coffs Harbour NSW 2450 by

3 November 2018.

must prepare and submit a Monitoring Report (Attachment

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7.2

a) By Registered Post to:

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Coffs Harbour NSW 2450 or

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- 7.3 The Monitoring Report must include but not be limited to:
 - a) A summary of the work or activities undertaken during the reporting period to remediate the Remediation Area in accordance with this Order; and
 - b) Determinations of all inspections carried out in accordance with this Order during the reporting period.

by **1 July 2019**, and **1 July** each year thereafter, a report for each "reporting period".

8 DEFINITIONS

In this order, the following definitions apply:

"Exotic species"	means species introduced from outside of the area concerned; in the case of New South Wales, from overseas and/or interstate.
	Note: The source of this definition is Harden, G.W. ed. 19902002. <i>Flora of New South Wales: Volumes 1 – 4</i> , University of NSW Press.
"Pest herbivores"	means hares, rabbits, and camels but does not include stock.
"Remediation Area"	means the areas located on the Property shown schematically on the map in Attachment 1 outlined and hatched in red and marked "Remediation Area" being parts
"Remediator"	means



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"Reporting period"	means each annual period commencing from 1 July 2018 for the duration of this Order.
"Stock"	means all livestock (including, but not limited to, cattle, horses, sheep, alpacas, pigs and goats). It does not include native wildlife.
"Weed"	means a plant that is a pest as defined by section 15 of the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i>

WARNING AND INFORMATION ABOUT THIS ORDER

- It is an offence against section 11.22 of the BC Act to contravene this Order without reasonable excuse or to intentionally obstruct anyone carrying our remediation work under this Order. The maximum penalty that a court may impose for this offence is:
 - $_{\odot}$ for a corporation, \$660,000 plus \$66,000 for each day the offence continues, and $_{\odot}$

for an individual, \$132,000 plus \$13,200 for each day the offence continues.

- If you fail to comply with this Order the Chief Executive of OEH or his delegate may authorise any other person to enter the Property and carry out all of part of the work and may then recover the cost from you (section 11.18 of the BC Act).
- This Order is issued under section 11.15 of the BC Act. ٠
- Under section 11.15(4) of the BC Act this Order may be varied or revoked by a further order. ٠
- Under section 11.23(1) of the BC Act, if you are aggrieved by the decision to make this Order you may appeal to the Land and Environment Court within 30 days of this Order being served on you. However, even if an appeal is lodged, you must comply with this Order, unless the Court orders otherwise.
- Under section 13.11 of the BC Act, your obligation to comply with the requirements of this Order continues until the Order is complied with, even if the due date for compliance has passed.
- OEH may conduct inspections to determine whether this Order is being complied with.



- Words and expressions have the same meaning as words and expressions used in the BC Act or Part 5A of the *Local Land Services Act 2013* (as the case may be), except where a word is specifically defined in this Order.
- A Remediation Order will not negate the potential for enforcement action (including penalty notice or prosecution). A Remediation Order is separate to any potential enforcement action.

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Director North East Branch Regional Operations Division (by Delegation)

Attachment:

1. Map of the Remediation Area



Attachment:

2. Fence of the Remediation Area



Attachment:

3. Design of sign

This is a remediation area maintained in accordance with a remediation order issued under section 11.15 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*

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Attachment:

4. Map of Planting Area



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Attachment:



ATTACHMENT 5 - INITIAL WORKS REPORT

LANDHOLDER

AS PER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS SET OUT IN THIS REMEDIATION ORDER, THE INITIAL WORKS REPORT MUST BE RECEIVED BY OEH BY 3 NOVEMBER 2018.

Failure to submit this Initial Works Report by 3 November 2018 may result in:

- the issue of a Penalty Notice for \$1320 (individuals) or \$6600 (corporations); OR
- prosecution.

WARNING AND INFORMATION

Section 11.22 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* offence of contravening remediation order or obstruction remediation work, a person must not, without reasonable excuse, contravene a remediation order to which the person is subject, maximum penalty (includes additional daily penalty): Tier 2 monetary penalty, for a corporation \$660,000, plus \$66,000 for each day the offence continues and for an individual, \$132,000, plus \$13,200 for each day the offence continues.

Please submit your completed Initial Works Report to:

a) By Registered Post to:

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b) By courier or by hand to:

Senior Team Leader Compliance and Regulation Regional Operations Division, North East Office of Environment and Heritage Level 8, 24 Moonee Street Coffs Harbour NSW 2450



A Initial Works Summary

Please provide the following information regarding compliance with the Remediation Order issued to

The Remediation Order relates to the following area of land:

('the Property").

Please:

- provide details of activities undertaken; and - provide dates as appropriate.

Note: the definitions in this Report are the same as in the Remediation Order.

FENCING	
What date was the fence constructed around the Remediation Area as shown on the map at Attachment 2.	Date
If the fence was not constructed around the Remediation Area, please provide an exp	anation below.
What date was the sign installed as specified in 2.5 of the Remediation Order.	Date
If the sign was not installed as specified in 2.5 of the Remediation Order, please provi	de an explanation below.
STOCK MANAGEMENT	
What date were all stock removed from the Remediation Area?	Date
If all stock were not removed from the remediation area by the date specified in 2.8 of please provide an explanation below.	the Remediation Order,
PLANTING	
PLANTING What date was the planting carried out as specified in 5.2 of the Remediation Order?	
	de an explanation below.
What date was the planting carried out as specified in 5.2 of the Remediation Order?	de an explanation below.





B Signature and Certification

This Initial Works Report may only be signed by a person(s) with legal authority to sign it as set out in the categories below. **Please tick () the box** next to the category that describes how this Initial Works Report is being signed.

If the Landholder is:	the Initial Works Report must be signed and certified:		
an individual	by the individual Landholder		
a company	☐ by affixing the common seal in accordance with Corporations Act 2001, or		
	by 2 directors, or		
	by a director and a company secretary, or		
	if a proprietary company that has a sole director who is also the sole company secretary – by that director.		

I/We declare and certify that the information in this Initial Works Report is true and correct

SIGNATURE:	_SIGNATURE:
NAME: (printed)	NAME: (printed)
POSITION:	POSITION:
DATE: //	DATE: //

SEAL (if signing under seal)



ATTACHMENT 6 - MONITORING REPORT

LANDHOLDER	
REPORTING PERIOD	1 July 2018 to 1 July 2019

AS PER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS SET OUT IN THIS REMEDIATION ORDER, THE MONITORING REPORT MUST BE RECEIVED BY OEH BY 1 AUGUST 2019

Failure to submit this Monitoring Report by 1 August 2019 may result in:

- the issue of a Penalty Notice for \$1320 (individuals) or \$6600 (corporations); OR
- prosecution.

WARNING AND INFORMATION

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Please:

- tick () the appropriate box where a question is asked; and - provide details of activities undertaken; and - provide dates as appropriate.

Note: the definitions in this Report are the same as in the Remediation Order.

ENCING				
Inspections Have inspections for fencing in the Remediat Remediation Order? (tick Yes or No)	tion Area taken place a	as required by 2.7 of the	Yes	No □
Dates of fence inspections				·
If there have been no inspections for fencing	in the Remediation Ar	ea, provide an explanation b	pelow.	



Fence maintenance

Please provide any details of fence maintenance carried out to ensure that conditions 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 of the Remediation Order are met.

STOCK MANAGEMENT

Inspections Have inspections for stock in the Remediation Area taken place as required by 2.11 of the Remediation Order? (tick Yes or No)			Yes □	No □
Dates of stock inspections				
If there have been no inspections for stock in the	ne Remediation Area, pro	vide an explanation belo	W.	
Was any stock present within the Remediation Area? (tick Yes or No)			Yes □	No □
Provide details of the type and amount of stock	¢present			



Removal	Yes	No	
Have stock been removed from the Remediation Area? (tick Yes or No)			
Provide details of how stock entered the Remediation Area.			
Provide details of the method of removal and the amount and type of stock removed (including dates)	Date(s) removal	f	

WEED, EXOTIC SPECIES, COMMERCIAL CROP AND NON-NATIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT					
Inspections Have inspections for exotic species, commercial crops and non-native plants in the Remediation Area taken place as required by 3.3 of the Remediation Order? (tick Yes or No)			Yes □	No □	
Dates of weed inspections	es of weed inspections				
If there have not been inspections, provide an	explanation below.				
Were there any exotic species, commercial crops or non-native plants present in the			Yes	No	
Remediation Area? (tick Yes or No)					
If there were exotic species, commercial crops species present and their extent.	or non-native plants pres	ent in the Remediation A	vrea, descri	be the	
Have any exotic species, commercial crops or Remediation Area as required by 3.2 of the Re	-		Yes 🗆	No 🗆	
Provide details of the method of destroying weeds or removal of weeds (including dates) and the amount and type of weeds destroyed or removed.				nd type of	



Provide details of the method of destroying or removal of exotic species, commercial crops or non-native plants and the amount and type of exotic species, commercial crops and non-native plants destroyed or removed (including dates) Date(s)

PEST CONTROL				
Inspections Have inspections for pest herbivores in the Remediation Area taken place as required by 4.2 of the Remediation Order? (tick Yes or No)			Yes □	No □
Dates of pest herbivore inspections				
If there have not been inspections, provide an e	explanation below.			
Were there any pest herbivores present in the	Remediation Area? (tick	Yes or No) Yes No		
If there were pest herbivores present in the Remediation Area, describe the species present and their extent.				ıt.
Have any pest herbivores been removed from the Remediation Order (tick Yes or No)	the Remediation Area as	required by 4.1 of the	Yes □	No 🗆
Provide details of the method of destroying pes herbivores removed.	st herbivores (including da	ntes) and the amount and	type of pe	est
Provide details of the method of destroying or r type of pest herbivores destroyed or removed (•	s and the amount and	Date(s)	



PLANTING				
Inspections Have inspections of planting carried out in the Remediation Area taken place as required by			Yes	No
5.4 of the Remediation Order? (tick Yes or No)				
Dates of planted vegetation inspections				
-				
-				
If there have not been inspections of planted veg	getation, provide an expl	anation below.		
Were there any planted vegetation in the Remed	diation Area that was dar	maged, destroyed,	Yes	No
dead or missing? (tick Yes or No)				
If there was damaged, destroyed, dead or missi	ng planted vegetation in	the Remediation Area, p	orovide an	
explanation below.				
If any damaged, destroyed, dead or missing pla	nt was replaced in the R	emediation Area, provide	e an explan	ation
below.	I	, 1	I	





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Signature and Certification

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If you are uncertain about who is entitled to sign or which category to tick, please contact us on telephone (02) 6659 8200

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	by a director and a company secretary, or
	\Box if a proprietary company that has a sole director who is also the sole company secretary – by that director.

I/We declare and certify that the information in this Monitoring Report is true and correct

SIGNATURE:			
	SIGNATURE:		—
NAME: (printed)	(printed)	NAME:	
POSITION:	POSITION:		
DATE:/	/	DATE:	<u> </u>



SEAL (if signing under seal)