



# Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

## Answer to question on notice

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Asked by: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Addressed to: Mr Peter Cain MLA

Reference: Homes and New Suburbs

Hearing: 10/02/2025

In relation to: Ginninderry and West Belconnen Conservation Corridor

Question received: 03/04/2025

Answer Due: 11/04/2025

- (1) Why is the acquisition of land in perpetuity within the West Belconnen Conservation Corridor no longer a condition under the EPBC Act for the Ginninderry development as per the November 2024 compliance review conducted by DCCEEW?
- (2) What were the other key findings of the November 2024 compliance review conducted by DCCEEW on the Ginninderry Joint Venture's development?
- (3) What were the five minor administrative non-conformances identified in the DCCEEW compliance review?
- (4) What actions are being taken to address the five minor administrative nonconformances identified in the DCCEEW's November 2024 compliance review of the Ginninderry development?

Ms Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) This was a decision of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, and relates to the 2020 Parkwood NSW re-zoning process, this site was zoned E2 Conservation Land and is protected in perpetuity by the zoning restrictions.
- 2) Summary of findings of the November 2024 compliance review conducted by DCCEEW are noted in the table which describes the five minor non-conformances and the actions being taken to address these.

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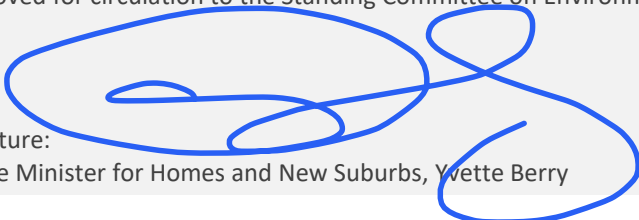
EPBC Act Condition and Finding	Approval holder response / status of being addressed
<p><b>Condition #3.</b> Ensure that the conservation outcomes outlined in the Program are achieved within specified timeframes.</p> <p><b>Finding:</b> Conservation outcomes 1, 6 and 21 have been achieved but not within the specified timeframes; These outcomes refer to undertaking surveys for threatened flora and fauna (outcome 1) and establishment of the Ginninderry Conservation Trust (outcomes 6 and 21). Conservation outcome 4 hasn't been completed as yet.</p>	<p><b>Approval Holder Response:</b> <i>Administrative non-compliance accepted. No further action required. Conservation outcome 4 has not yet been achieved - this is in relation to a conservation covenant over or a rezoning of Lot 2 Wallaroo Road not being in place. Riverview are working with relevant stakeholders to submit a planning submission for the rezoning of Lot 2 Wallaroo Road with Yass Valley Council.</i></p>
<p><b>Condition #5.</b> For the NSW portion of the project, secure land for conservation in perpetuity through a legally binding mechanism within two years of endorsement of the Program.</p> <p><b>Finding:</b> NSW portion of the land not secured within two years of the endorsed program.</p>	<p><b>Approval Holder Response:</b> <i>DCCEEW subsequently varied the EPBC conditions such that the 2020 NSW Parkwood rezoning process (inclusive of conservation reserves) is sufficient for conformance. No further action required.</i></p>
<p><b>Condition #6.</b> Ensure the Environment Management Trust is established within two years from the date of endorsement of the Program.</p> <p><b>Finding:</b> The Ginninderry Conservation Trust was established under a Trust Deed in accordance with the Program. The trust was established prior to the commencement of construction (2 years and 4 days after the date of endorsement of the Program i.e. greater than 2 years) making Riverview technically non-compliant with this condition.</p>	<p><b>Approval Holder Response:</b> <i>Administrative non-compliance accepted. No further action required.</i></p>

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<p><b>Condition #9.</b> The approval holder must prepare and implement the Offset Management Plan.</p> <p><b>Finding:</b> Riverview did not implement the approved Offset Management Plan (dated October 2018).</p>	<p><b>Approval Holder Response:</b> <i>The original 2022 independent auditor review of the EPBC approval conditions deemed Riverview compliant against condition 9.</i></p> <p><i>The Ginninderry Conservation Trust has undertaken the required monitoring, however the DCCEEW's view is that it has not been done in accordance with the Offset Management Plan.</i></p> <p><i>Riverview is working with the Ginninderry Conservation Trust to ensure that all compliance actions are addressed.</i></p>
<p><b>Condition #20.</b> Publish all management plans and reports on the website within 1 month of being endorsed and approved.</p> <p><b>Finding:</b> While all management plans and reports required by the condition of approval are able to be accessed on the Ginninderry website, it was identified that the majority of them were published more than 1 month after being endorsed and approved.</p>	<p><b>Approval Holder Response:</b> <i>Owing to implementation of a new website in 2021, Riverview have no documentary process to prove plans and reports were published on the Ginninderry JV website within the allowable timeframe. As such Riverview accept this administrative non-compliance.</i></p> <p><i>Since the 2022 Audit Review Report, Riverview has ensured all plans are publicly available on the Ginninderry website within a month of endorsement and this can now be tracked.</i></p>

3) and 4) – Refer to the table above.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment, Planning, Transport and City Services

Signature:  
By the Minister for Homes and New Suburbs, Yvette Berry



Date:

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