



Mongogarie Poultry Sheds

We were engaged to provide ecological advice and coordinate environmental planning approvals for a proposed poultry facility at Mongogarie, Northern NSW.

Statutory Context

The footprint of the proposed development was in largely cleared land, but was adjoined by extensive areas of intact sclerophyll forest. The development application was required to consider the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act); Section 5A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and provide a Koala Plan of Management as per the requirements of SEPP 44.

Challenges and Solutions

Ecological survey found that the site supported two threatened flora species, two endangered ecological communities, and eight species of threatened fauna. The high species diversity and occurrence of threatened species was reflective of the site's position in a largely intact landscape. Several of the threatened species and communities occurred in close proximity to the area proposed for development, and detailed assessment was required to determine impacts in accordance with the provisions of Section 5A, and the Significant Impact Guideline of the EPBC Act.

With minor refinements to the design we were able to demonstrate that the proposed development would not give rise to a Significant Impact on Matters of National Environmental Significance, and that there would be no further requirement for assessment and approval under the EPBC Act. We were also able to demonstrate that the proposed development would not cause a significant impact on the State-listed threatened species and communities, and that there was no requirement for a Species Impact Statement to accompany the development application.

Outcome

The proposed development was approved, and has been constructed.

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