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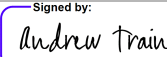
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Date	25 August 2026



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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

This Annual Compliance Report covers the reporting period between 28 July 2025 and 27 July 2026 (the reporting period) in accordance with the approval decision under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for the **Marinus Link underground and subsea electricity interconnector between Victoria and Tasmania (the ‘Project’) (EPBC 2021/9053)**. The Project was approved by a delegate for the Minister of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW, the Department) on 28 July 2025 (EPBC 2021/9053).

The purpose of this report is to document compliance with the conditions of EPBC 2021/9053 (the Approval) for the Project. This Annual Compliance Report has been prepared in accordance with Conditions 39, 40, 41 and 43 of the Approval. Key project dates that relate to the Approval are detailed in Table 1.

Table 1: Key Project dates

Milestone	Date
EPBC Act Approval decision	28 July 2025
Commencement of the Action	19 February 2026
Commencement of construction within the marine environment	Not applicable for reporting period
Commencement of decommissioning	Not applicable for reporting period
Expiry of the EPBC Act Approval	25 July 2085
This reporting period	28 July 2025 to 27 July 2026

1.2 EPBC Annual Compliance Report Guidelines

This Annual Compliance Report has been prepared in accordance with the *Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2023*. Table 2 demonstrates where the relevant guideline requirements have been addressed throughout this Annual Compliance Report.

Table 2: Compliance with the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines

Relevant guidelines	Section where addressed
The compliance report must clearly identify	
EPBC number	EPBC 2021/9053
Project name	Marinus Link underground and subsea electricity interconnector cable
Approval holder	Marinus Link Pty Ltd
ACN or ABN	ACN 630 194 562 ABN 47 630 194 562
Location of the project	Figure 1: Marinus Link Project Location
Person accepting responsibility for the report – signed declaration	Declaration of Accuracy
Dates for the reporting period of the report	28 July 2025 – 27 July 2026
Date of preparation of the report	14 August 2026
Description of activities	
Description of activities section must contain a description of the approved action	Section 2.1
Details of the current activities undertaken during the period covered by the report	Section 2.2
Addressing all approval conditions	
Demonstrate all conditions of the EPBC approval have been considered and addressed.	Table 3
List the conditions of the EPBC approval, including any variations to those conditions, noting if compliance or non-compliance with each condition has been achieved	Table 3
If a management plan is required under an approval condition: - the specifics in a management plan that support an approval condition must be detailed in the compliance report; and - material must be provided demonstrating that the requirements of that plan have been implemented.	Not applicable - Construction in the marine environment has not commenced.
EPBC approval conditions and the compliance table. The table must include:	
Condition number and reference	Table 3
Full wording of the condition as per the EPBC approval	Table 3
Designation regarding compliance or non-compliance	Table 3
Summary of evidence to support the compliance designation	Table 3
Any references to any other parts of the compliance report that may relate to that approval condition	Table 3
The report must include a clear statement that operations were, or were not, compliant with the EPBC conditions of approval, which must be supported by a summary of evidence clearly demonstrating the conclusion that compliance with the condition was (or was not) met.	Table 3
Supporting data such as flora and fauna surveys, photograph monitoring and groundwater monitoring data must be provided as appendices.	Commonwealth & Victoria Marinus Link
Designations of findings	
The following designations must be used to record findings in compliance reports: ‘Compliance’ is achieved when all the requirements of a condition have been met, including the implementation of management plans or other measures required by those conditions. - A designation of ‘non-compliant’ must 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.	Section 3, Table 3

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Reporting Period: 28 July 2025 – 27 July 2026

Relevant guidelines	Section where addressed
A designation of 'not applicable' must 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 that applies to an activity that has not yet commenced.	
Correcting non-compliances	
Findings of non-compliance must be accompanied by a summary detailing any corrective measures taken and include: - if the department was notified of the non-compliance and, if so, when, and how and to whom. - The relevant condition number and reference. - Who detected the non-compliance. - Date when the non-compliance was detected. - How the non-compliance was/will be corrected. - Who (the actual person completing the correction) was/is responsible for correcting the non-compliance. - Date when correction measures were/will be commenced and/or completed or the time frame for correction. - What measures have been/ will be taken to avoid recurrence. Instances of non-compliance included in previous compliance reports not fully corrected at the end of the reporting period must have a progress update in the subsequent report and an assessment of the effectiveness of the measures taken.	Section 4
New environmental risks	
The compliance report must discuss any new environmental risks that have become apparent during the reporting period. New environmental risks may include new pests or diseases, new information on groundwater levels, unexpected erosion etc. If new risks are identified, there must be a risk analysis and reporting. A commitment to revise the appropriate management plan (if required) must be included in the compliance report.	Section 5
Other information	
Any additional monitoring information or environmental research relevant to the EPBC approval and approval conditions can be included in the relevant section or appended to the compliance report. Appendices can be attached to support reporting against the EPBC approval conditions. Colour photographs and/or aerial photography can provide an excellent time record of the operation and should be included. Any additional information such as supporting documentation, consultant studies and reports must be appended.	Section 6

1.3 Overview of the Project

The Marinus Link Project (the Project) is a 1500 Megawatt (MW) High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) electricity interconnector between northwest Tasmania and the Latrobe Valley in Victoria. It starts at Heybridge on the coast in northwest Tasmania, extends north 255 km across Bass Strait, and makes landfall in Victoria at Waratah Bay. The Project then consists of 90 km underground infrastructure from Waratah Bay, through South Gippsland to Hazelwood in the Latrobe Valley, Victoria.



Figure 1: Marinus Link Project Location

The Project will be implemented as two 750 MW circuits, delivered in two stages (Stage 1 and Stage 2), to meet transmission network operation (availability and reliability) requirements in Tasmania and Victoria. MLPL is the Owner and organisation responsible for delivering the Project.

2. Description of Activities

2.1 Approved Action

The approved Action as defined by the Approval is the permission *“to construct, operate, and decommission a high voltage direct current (HVDC) electricity interconnector comprised of dual transmission lines between Victoria and Tasmania, including subsea cable and onshore cable and converter facilities”*.

The approved Action provides for the clearing, construction and other physical activities subject to conditions attached to the Approval.

2.2 Activities undertaken during the reporting period

During the reporting period, activities commenced within the terrestrial environment under the Approval. No activities were undertaken within the marine environment.

Survey control verification and site positioning surveys commenced onsite at the Heybridge site on 13 January 2026. These activities were not activities that constitute the commencement of the action under the Approval.

Activities triggering the Commencement of the Action occurred on 19 February 2026 at the Sandy Point landfall site, at the southern end of the land cable route. The activities undertaken during the reporting period are described in the sections below and were conducted in accordance with relevant approval conditions. The locations of activities undertaken during the reporting period are presented in **Figure 2**.

2.2.1 Hazelwood Converter Station site

Cultural heritage pre-clearance activities commenced on 23rd February 2026 at the Hazelwood Converter Station site in Victoria. Since then, activities have included geotechnical and soil investigations, cultural heritage pre-clearance surveys and ecology assessments.

2.2.2 Land cable route (Victoria)

Commencement of the Action occurred on 19 February 2026 at the southern end of the land cable route near Waratah Bay, with MLPL's major civil work's contractor commencing investigations and preparation for access tracks at the landfall site.

Since that commencement, further preparatory activities continued throughout the reporting period along the cable route alignment in Victoria. These activities have included cultural heritage pre-clearance surveys and salvage, geotechnical investigations, property condition surveys, and ecology assessments. Activities at the Sandy Point Landfall site at the southern end of the land cable route have included the installation of temporary crib huts, and earthworks for creation of access tracks and a working platform as well as installation of culverts and drainage swales. The landfall site activities have been to prepare the site for the Cables Contractor to have access for the HDD (horizontal directional drilling) work in the coming period.

2.2.3 Heybridge Converter Station site

As described in Section 2.2, survey control verification and site positioning surveys commenced onsite at the Heybridge site on 13 January 2026. These activities were not activities that constitute the commencement of the action under the Approval. Geotechnical, soil contamination and ecology investigations continued throughout the reporting period.

2.2.4 Marine environment

No activities as provided for under this approval were undertaken within the marine environment during the reporting period.



Figure 2: Marinus Link Project - EPBC Action Area

Legend

 EPBC Act Action Area

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3. Approval Conditions Compliance

An assessment of the MLPL’s compliance against each Condition of the Approval has been undertaken in accordance with the *Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2023*. MLPL’s performance with each Condition of the Approval has been assessed using the following designations:

- Compliant**: ‘Compliance’ is achieved when all 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-compliant’ must 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’ must be given where the requirements of a condition or elements of a condition fall outside of the scope of the current reporting period.

For the purposes of this compliance assessment, ‘MLPL’ refers to Marinus Link Pty Ltd as the approval holder, and includes any contractors engaged to undertake activities under the Approval. The assessment of compliance with each approval Condition is provided in Table 3.

Table 3: Compliance with Conditions of EPBC 2021/9053 during the reporting period

Condition No.	Approval Condition	Compliance Status	Comments and Supporting Documentation
Clearing Limits – Terrestrial And Marine			
1	The approval holder must not: a. Clear outside of the Action area b. Construct outside of the Action area c. Operate outside of the Action area d. Decommission outside of the Action area.	Compliant	MLPL has not cleared, constructed, operated, or decommissioned outside the Action area during the reporting period. MLPL is compliant with this Condition.
2	The approval holder must not clear more than: a. 4.17 hectares (ha) of Grey-headed Flying fox habitat b. 0.82 ha of River Swamp Wallaby Grass habitat c. 1.27 ha of Eastern Spider Orchid habitat d. 1.27 ha of Thick-lipped Spider Orchid habitat e. 1.27 ha of Dense Leek Orchid habitat f. 1.27 ha of Green-striped Greenhood habitat g. 1.27 ha of Leafy Greenhood habitat h. 1.27 ha of Swamp Antechinus habitat i. 0.00 ha of Gippsland Red Gum TEC j. 0.00 ha of Eastern Hooded Plover habitat k. 0.00 ha of Eastern Curlew habitat l. 0.00 ha of Australasian Bittern habitat m. 0.00 ha of Growling Grass Frog habitat n. 1 Strzelecki Gum individual.	Compliant	MLPL has not cleared any habitat, nor any individuals of a protected matter listed in a, to n, of this Condition.
Terrestrial Construction			
3	If the approval holder detects the presence, where likely to be affected by the Action, of any protected matter or the habitat of any protected matter not reported to the department as part of the referral of this Action or in accordance with this condition, the approval holder must: a. notify the department in writing of the presence and likely extent of any protected matter or the habitat of any protected matter not previously reported to the department within 10 business days of detecting the presence of any protected matter or the habitat of any protected matter not previously reported to the department, and b. not clear any area where the protected matter or the habitat of the protected matter is located unless: i. Condition 2) provides for the clearing of that protected matter or habitat of that protected matter, and ii. clearing does not exceed the limit specified in Condition 2) for that protected matter or habitat of that protected matter.	Compliant	There has been no detection of any protected matter or the habitat of any protected matter not reported to the department that is likely to be affected by the Action during the reporting period. MLPL is compliant with this Condition.
4	To avoid and mitigate harm to protected matters, the approval holder must undertake pre-clearance surveys of each site within the Action area prior to clearing in that site.	Compliant	Pre-clearance surveys have been undertaken during the reporting period for any ‘sites’ where clearing has been planned. The surveys assessed the prevalence and distribution of protected matters on site, and habitat distribution and suitability for protected matters on the site prior to clearing.

Condition No.	Approval Condition	Compliance Status	Comments and Supporting Documentation
			MLPL is compliant with this Condition.
5	The approval holder must ensure that each pre-clearance survey is: a. undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist, b. suitable to reliably determine the prevalence and distribution of any protected matter in the site, where within the Action area, prior to clearing the site, and c. suitable to reliably determine the prevalence and distribution of habitat for protected matters in the site prior to clearing the site.	Compliant	The two pre-clearance survey reports completed during the reporting period were prepared by qualified ecologists from Habitat Management Services, under Wildlife and Small Animal Institutions Animal Ethics Committee approvals (05.25) and relevant Wildlife (Permit No 10011486) and Flora (Permit No 10011038) permits. The ecologists assessed the prevalence and distribution of protected matters on site, and habitat distribution and suitability for protected matters on the site prior to clearing. MLPL is compliant with this Condition.
6	At least 10 business days prior to commencing any clearing of a site, the approval holder must publish a detailed report of the pre-clearance survey of that site on the website. The approval holder must keep each report of a pre-clearance survey published on the website from the first date which that report of a pre-clearance survey must be published and until the expiry date of this approval.	Compliant	For the two pre-clearance survey reports completed during the reporting period: - The pre-clearance survey report for the Sandy Point Landfall site was published on the Project website on 26 February 2026. - The pre-clearance survey report for the 600 Tramway Road, Hazelwood and the road reserve of Tramway Road, Hazelwood site was published on the Project website on 21 July 2026. All pre-clearance survey reports are publicly available on the Project website Commonwealth & Victoria Marinus Link MLPL is compliant with this Condition.
7	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 2 business days of each detailed report of a pre-clearance survey being published on the website. In this notification, the approval holder must provide the department with the web address for where the detailed report for the pre-clearance survey is published on the website.	Compliant	For the two pre-clearance survey reports completed during the reporting period, MLPL issued the following notification to the Department, in accordance with this Condition: - On 27 February 2026, MLPL notified the Department that the pre-clearance survey report for the Waratah Bay Road, Sandy Point Landfall site was published on the Project website on 26 February 2026, and provided the web address (https://www.marinuslink.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Waratah-Road-Waratah-Bay-Landfall-Pre-clearance-Survey-Report-22.01.2026.pdf). - On 22 July 2026, MLPL notified the Department that the pre-clearance survey report for the 600 Tramway Road, Hazelwood and the road reserve of Tramway Road, Hazelwood site was published on the Project website on 21 July 2026, and provided the web address (https://marinuslink.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/600-Tramway-Road-Hazelwood-Pre-clearance-Survey-Report-27.03.2026-12.05.2026.pdf) MLPL is compliant with this Condition.
8	The approval holder must undertake post-clearance surveys of each site within the Action area within 20 business days of the completion of cable installation at each site surveyed.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. Cable installation activities have not commenced.
9	The approval holder must ensure that each post-clearance survey: a. is undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist, b. reliably documents the date that clearing of the site commenced and the date when cable installation at the site was completed, c. reliably documents any protected matters that have been cleared or harmed within the surveyed site as a result of taking the Action, d. reliably documents habitat of any protected matters that have been cleared or harmed within the surveyed site as a result of taking the Action, e. reliably documents the disturbance or clearance of habitat for protected matters in the site, and f. reliably documents what avoidance and mitigation measures have been implemented to minimise and avoid clearance or harm to any protected matter and any habitat for any protected matter.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. Cable installation activities have not commenced.
10	The approval holder must publish each post-clearance survey on the website no more than 25 business days after the completion of cable installation at each site surveyed. The approval holder must keep each report of a post-clearance survey published on the website from the first date which that report of a post-clearance survey must be published and until the expiry date of this approval.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. Cable installation activities have not commenced.
11	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 2 business days of each detailed report of a post-clearance survey being published on the website. In this notification, the approval holder must provide the department with the web address for where the detailed report of the post-clearance survey is published on the website.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. Cable installation activities have not commenced.
Avoidance and Mitigation Measures for Whales			
12	In taking the Action, the approval holder must ensure that the underwater noise of any project vessel will not exceed 185 dB re 1 µParms at 1 m from source.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. Construction in the marine environment has not commenced.

Condition No.	Approval Condition	Compliance Status	Comments and Supporting Documentation
13	The approval holder must ensure that no project vessel, while operating within the precaution zone, travels at a speed greater than 6 knots if a whale has been observed within the precaution zone. The project vessel must maintain its speed at or below 6 knots until all sighted whales have left the precaution zone, unless the project vessel is undertaking safety operations.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. Construction in the marine environment has not commenced.
14	The approval holder must ensure that no project vessel travels at a speed greater than 10 knots when undertaking the Action within State Coastal Waters, unless the project vessel is undertaking safety operations.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. Construction in the marine environment has not commenced.
15	The approval holder must ensure all bridge watch crew onboard any project vessel with dynamic positioning thrusters are trained crew.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. Construction in the marine environment has not commenced.
16	The approval holder must ensure that at least one Senior Marine Mammal Observer (Senior MMO) and one Marine Mammal Observer (MMO) are present on any project vessel which is using dynamic positioning thrusters.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. Construction in the marine environment has not commenced.
17	The approval holder must ensure that while dynamic positioning thrusters are in use that the Senior MMO and MMO: a. Undertake continuous visual observation to detect, from onboard the project vessel, the presence and direction of movement of any whale, commencing at least 30 minutes prior to the startup of any dynamic positioning thruster and continuing for the entire duration that any active dynamic positioning thruster. b. Do not undertake any other duty while undertaking visual observations. c. Use appropriate technology to detect the presence and direction of movement of any whale within the observation zone or precaution zone during low visibility conditions. d. Reliably document the occurrence of whales in the observation zone and precaution zone including the coordinates, timing, duration, observed behaviours and any measures taken by any project vessel in the Action area to minimise impacts on a whale.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. Construction in the marine environment has not commenced.
18	If one or more whale is observed within the observation zone during startup or use of the dynamic positioning thruster, the approval holder must ensure that, as soon as possible thereafter, the Senior MMO and MMO continuously monitor the observation zone and monitor the movements of whales until all whales have left the observation zone or at least 30 minutes have passed since the most recent observation of a whale.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. Construction in the marine environment has not commenced.
19	If one or more whale is observed within the precaution zone, the approval holder must ensure that any dynamic positioning thruster is powered down to the lowest safe power setting until all whales have left the precaution zone, or until at least 30 minutes has elapsed since the most recent sighting of a whale.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. Construction in the marine environment has not commenced.
Management Plans			
20	Prior to commencing construction in the marine environment, the approval holder must prepare detailed plans that meet the requirements specified in Appendix B (Parts 1 and 2).	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. Construction in the marine environment has not commenced. Plans required by this Condition will be prepared in accordance with the requirements specified in Appendix B (Parts 1 and 2) of the Approval prior to commencement of construction in the marine environment.
21	The approval holder must not commence construction in the marine environment unless the Minister has approved in writing the plans required under condition 20). The approval holder must implement all plans approved in accordance with this condition until the expiry date of this approval.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. Construction in the marine environment has not commenced. Construction in the marine environment will not commence until plans required by this Condition are approved by the Minister in writing.
22	The approval holder must, no less than five years prior to decommissioning in the marine environment, prepare a detailed plan that meets the requirements specified in Appendix B (Parts 1 and 3).	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. No decommissioning activities occurred during reporting period and no decommissioning activities were planned to be undertaken in the five years immediately following the reporting period.
23	The approval holder must not commence any decommissioning in the marine environment unless the Minister has approved in writing the plan required under condition 22). The approval holder must implement the plan approved in accordance with this condition until the expiry date of this approval. Note: The approval holder may submit more than one decommissioning plan if decommissioning activities are required for a subsea cable that is no longer required.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. No decommissioning activities occurred during reporting period.
Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021			
24	Prior to commencing the Action, the approval holder must provide a copy of this approval decision electronically to the Offshore Infrastructure Regulator. Note: Conditions of approval under the EPBC Act are obligations for the purposes of section 115(1)(c) of the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021.	Compliant	MLPL issued a copy of the Approval to the Offshore Infrastructure Regulator on 11 December 2025, prior to the commencement of the Action. MLPL is compliant with this Condition.
25	The approval holder must provide to the Offshore Infrastructure Regulator a copy of each plan approved in accordance with conditions 21) and 23) within 5 business days of its approval by the Minister.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. Construction in the marine environment has not commenced, as such plans required by Appendix B (Parts 1, 2 and 3) of the Approval have not yet been provided to the Offshore Infrastructure Regulator.
Submission And Publication Of Plans			

Condition No.	Approval Condition	Compliance Status	Comments and Supporting Documentation
26	Wherever these conditions require the approval holder to submit any plan to the department, all such plans must be submitted to the department electronically.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period.
27	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish each plan on the website within 15 business days of the date the plan is approved by the Minister in writing, if the plan requires the approval of the Minister:	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period.
28	The approval holder must keep all plans published on the website, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, from the first date which that plan must be published and until the expiry date of this approval. This requirement applies to all current and superseded versions of plans.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period.
29	The approval holder is required to exclude or redact sensitive biodiversity data from any version of a plan before that plan is published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. If sensitive biodiversity data is excluded or redacted from a plan, the approval holder must notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period.
Commencement of the Action			
30	The approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of commencement of the Action, within 5 business days following commencement of the Action.	Compliant	Written notification was issued electronically to the Department on 26 February 2026, notifying of the commencement of the Action on 19 February 2026. MLPL is compliant with this Condition.
31	The approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date that commencement of construction in the marine environment is planned to occur no less than 10 business days before commencement of construction in the marine environment. The approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date that commencement of construction in the marine environment occurred no less than 10 business days following commencement of construction in the marine environment occurred.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. Construction in the marine environment has not yet commenced and was not planned to occur in the 10 business days immediately following the reporting period.
32	The approval holder must notify the department of the date of commencement of decommissioning, within 5 business days following the commencement of decommissioning.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period.
33	The approval holder must not commence the Action later than 5 years after the date of this approval decision.	Compliant	The commencement of the Action occurred on 19 February 2026. MLPL is compliant with this Condition.
Compliance Records			
34	The approval holder must maintain accurate and complete compliance records and document the procedure for recording and storing compliance records.	Compliant	MLPL is maintaining compliance records in accordance with MLPL's document management system, and the MLPL Document Management Procedure. MLPL is compliant with this Condition.
35	If the department makes a request in writing, the approval holder must provide electronic copies of compliance records to the department within the timeframe specified in the request. Note: Compliance records may be subject to audit by the department, or by an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, and/or be used to verify compliance with the conditions. Summaries of the results of an audit may be published on the department's website or through the general media.	Not applicable	This Condition has not been triggered as no request from the Department has been made for the reporting period. Electronic copies of compliance records can be provided by MLPL upon receipt of a request from the Department under this Condition. This Condition is not applicable for reporting period.
36	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data, surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the Guidelines for biological survey and mapped data, Commonwealth of Australia 2018, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Not applicable	No monitoring data, as defined under the Approval, was obtained during the reporting period. This Condition is not applicable for reporting period.
37	The approval holder must ensure that any monitoring data, surveys, maps, and other spatial and metadata required under the conditions of this approval are prepared in accordance with the Guide to providing maps and boundary data for EPBC Act projects, Commonwealth of Australia 2021, or as otherwise specified by the Minister in writing.	Not applicable	No monitoring data, as defined under the Approval, was obtained during the reporting period. This Condition is not applicable for reporting period.
38	The approval holder must submit all monitoring data, surveys, maps, other spatial and metadata and all species occurrence record data (sightings and evidence of presence) electronically to the department within 20 business days of the next anniversary of the date of this approval decision.	Not applicable	No monitoring data, as defined under the Approval, was obtained during the reporting period. This Condition is not applicable for reporting period.
Annual Compliance Reporting			
39	The approval holder must prepare a compliance report for each Annual Compliance Report period (ACR period).	Compliant	Annual Compliance Report period or ACR period refers to the 12-month period following the date the Approval until the expiry date of the Approval, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister. The Approval date is 28 July 2025, and expiry date is 25 July 2085. This compliance report has been prepared for the Annual Compliance Report period covering the period between 28 July 2025 to 27 July 2026.

Condition No.	Approval Condition	Compliance Status	Comments and Supporting Documentation
			MLPL is compliant with this Condition.
40	The approval holder must ensure each compliance report includes: a. accurate and complete details of compliance and any non-compliance with: i. each condition attached to this approval decision, and ii. all commitments made in each plan, b. a schedule of all plans in effect in relation to these conditions during the ACR period, c. accurate and complete details of how each plan was implemented during the ACR period, and d. if any incident occurred, accurate and complete details of each incident.	Compliant	This compliance report includes reporting in accordance with parts a, b, c, and d of this Condition. MLPL is compliant with this Condition.
41	The approval holder must ensure each compliance report is consistent with the Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2023.	Compliant	This compliance report has been prepared in accordance with <i>Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, Commonwealth of Australia 2023</i> . MLPL is compliant with this Condition.
42	The approval holder must, within 20 business days following the end of each ACR period, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, publish on the website: a. each compliance report, and b. a shapefile showing all clearing of protected matters, and their habitat, undertaken within the ACR period.	Not applicable	This compliance report covering the reporting period will be published on the MLPL website by 25 August 2026. All Annual Compliance Reports will be made publicly available on the MLPL website Commonwealth & Victoria Marinus Link There has been no clearing of any protected matters or their habitat undertaken during the reporting period, as a result, part b of this Condition is not applicable. This Condition is not applicable for reporting period.
43	The approval holder must: a. Exclude or redact sensitive biodiversity data from each compliance report and shapefile published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. b. If sensitive biodiversity data is excluded or redacted from a version of a compliance report published or otherwise provided to a member of the public, submit the full compliance report to the department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public. c. If sensitive biodiversity data is excluded or redacted from a version of a shapefile published or otherwise provided to a member of the public, submit the full shapefile to the department within 5 business days of its publication on the website and notify the department in writing what exclusions and redactions have been made in the version published on the website or otherwise provided to a member of the public.	Not applicable	This compliance report has been reviewed to determine if any sensitive ecological data was required to be redacted. The Condition has not been triggered as no sensitive ecological data has been excluded. This Condition is not applicable for reporting period.
44	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 5 business days of each date of publication that the compliance report has been published on the website. In this notification, the approval holder must provide the department with the web address for where the compliance report and related shapefile are published on the website.	Not applicable	The Department will be notified electronically of the publication of this compliance report on the website within 5 business days. This Condition is not applicable for reporting period.
45	The approval holder must keep each compliance report and related shapefile published on the website from the first date which that compliance report must be published and until the expiry date of this approval. Note: Compliance reports may be published on the department’s website.	Not applicable	All published Annual Compliance Reports and related shapefiles will be made publicly available on the MLPL website and will remain on the MLPL website until the expiry date of the Approval. This Condition is not applicable for reporting period.
Reporting Non-Compliance			
46	The approval holder must notify the department electronically, within 2 business days of becoming aware of any incident. The approval holder must specify in each notification: a. any condition or commitment made in a plan which has not been, or may have not been, complied with, b. a short description of the incident; and c. the location (if applicable, including co-ordinates), date and time of the incident.	Not applicable	There have been no notifiable incidents or non-compliances as defined under the Approval during the reporting period. This Condition is not applicable for reporting period.
47	The approval holder must provide to the department in writing, within 12 business days of becoming aware of an incident, the details of that incident. The approval holder must specify: a. all corrective measures and investigations which the approval holder has already taken in respect of the incident, b. the potential impacts of the incident, c. the method and timing of any corrective measures that the approval holder proposes to undertake to address the incident, and d. any variation of these conditions or revision of a plan that will be required to prevent recurrence of the incident and/or to address its consequences.	Not applicable	There have been no notifiable incidents or non-compliances during the reporting period. This Condition is not applicable for reporting period.
Independent Audit			



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48	The approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions is conducted for every audit period.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. The audit period is the five-year period following the commencement of the Action until 25 July 2085 unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister. As the Commencement of the Action occurred on 19 February 2026, the first audit period then concludes on February 18, 2031. MLPL has engaged an Independent Environmental Auditor for the Project. It is intended that the Independent Environmental Auditor's role will include meeting the independent auditor requirements of this approval as well as other approvals relevant to the project. Formal notification of this will occur at the appropriate period in accordance with Condition 49.
49	The approval holder must submit details of the proposed independent auditor and their qualifications to the department within 10 business days following the end of each audit period.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. The audit period is the five-year period following the commencement of the Action until 25 July 2085 unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister. As the Commencement of the Action occurred on 19 February 2026, the first audit period then concludes on February 18, 2031.
50	The approval holder must ensure the scope of each independent audit is sufficient to determine the compliance status for each condition of approval, and each commitment made in each plan.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. The audit period is the five-year period following the commencement of the Action until 25 July 2085 unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister. As the Commencement of the Action occurred on 19 February 2026, the first audit period then concludes on February 18, 2031.
51	The approval holder must ensure the criteria for each independent audit and the undertaking of each independent audit are consistent with the Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. The audit period is the five-year period following the commencement of the Action until 25 July 2085 unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister. As the Commencement of the Action occurred on 19 February 2026, the first audit period then concludes on February 18, 2031.
52	The approval holder must submit an audit report to the department for written agreement from the department within 3 months following the end of each audit period, or as otherwise directed by the Minister in writing.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. The audit period is the five-year period following the commencement of the Action until 25 July 2085 unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister. As the Commencement of the Action occurred on 19 February 2026, the first audit period then concludes on February 18, 2031.
53	The approval holder must ensure each audit report is completed to the satisfaction of the Minister and is consistent with the Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines to the extent that the Independent Audit and Audit Report Guidelines are consistent with these conditions.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. The audit period is the five-year period following the commencement of the Action until 25 July 2085 unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister. As the Commencement of the Action occurred on 19 February 2026, the first audit period then concludes on February 18, 2031.
54	The approval holder must publish each audit report on the website, in a format that is easily accessible and downloadable, within 10 business days of the date the department agrees to that audit report in writing.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. The audit period is the five-year period following the commencement of the Action until 25 July 2085 unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister. As the Commencement of the Action occurred on 19 February 2026, the first audit period then concludes on February 18, 2031.
55	The approval holder must notify the department within 5 business days of the date the audit report is published on the website. In this notification, the approval holder must provide the department with the web address for where the audit report is published on the website.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. The audit period is the five-year period following the commencement of the Action until 25 July 2085 unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister. As the Commencement of the Action occurred on 19 February 2026, the first audit period then concludes on February 18, 2031.
56	The approval holder must keep each audit report published on the website from the first date which that audit report must be published and until the expiry date of this approval.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. The audit period is the five-year period following the commencement of the Action until 25 July 2085 unless otherwise specified in writing by the Minister. As the Commencement of the Action occurred on 19 February 2026, the first audit period then concludes on February 18, 2031.

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Completion of the Action			
57	Within 20 business days after the completion of the Action, and, in any event, at least 20 business days prior to the expiry date of this approval, the approval holder must notify the department electronically of the date of completion of the Action and provide completion data. The approval holder must submit any spatial data that comprises completion data as a shapefile.	Not applicable	Not applicable for reporting period. The Action has not yet been completed.

4. Correcting non-compliances

No incidents of non-compliance with the Approval occurred the reporting period. Where a non-compliance occurs in relation to the Conditions under the Approval, MLPL will respond accordingly in compliance with Condition 46 and Condition 47 of the Approval.

5. New environmental risks

No new environmental risks were identified during the reporting period. MLPL will continue to monitor and manage potential new environmental risks as the Project progresses further into construction.

6. Additional information

On 5 March 2026, a Swamp Skink (*Lissolepis coventryi*) was identified in a roadside drain at the Sandy Point Landfall area by an ecologist onsite during controlled vegetation clearing within a dense thatch of exotic Kikuyu (*Pennisetum clandestinum*) along the elevated bank of a road verge swale.

This roadside drain had previously been surveyed for the presence of 'protected matters' and for habitat of 'protected matters' prior to the Approval of the Action. In addition, the ecology assessment undertaken prior to works did not identify any potential habitat for Swamp Skink (*Lissolepis coventryi*).

Swamp Skink (*Lissolepis coventryi*) was listed as 'Endangered' under the EPBC Act on 25 March 2023, being after the 'controlled action' decision under section 75 of the EPBC Act such that, under section 158A of the EPBC Act, the further approval process decisions were required to disregard the listing and the validity of the Approval is not affected by the subsequent listing event. Accordingly, the Swamp Skink (*Lissolepis coventryi*) was not required to be considered during the assessment of the action or in the development of the Approval conditions. The detection of the Swamp Skink (*Lissolepis coventryi*) individual does not trigger a requirement for notification under Condition 3.

Despite this, actions were taken to respond to the identification of the Swamp Skink (*Lissolepis coventryi*) as follows:

- Site activities and vegetation clearing of the roadside drain site were temporarily paused following the detection of a Swamp Skink (*Lissolepis coventryi*), and the individual relocated by a suitably qualified ecologist on the same day.
- A ground survey for evidence of additional Swamp Skinks was undertaken. Aside from some potential burrows, limited evidence of inhabitation was identified due to thick vegetation, nevertheless the ecologists advised that a population of Swamp Skinks may inhabit the site.

On 13 March 2026, it was identified that additional individuals of Swamp Skink (*Lissolepis coventryi*) may be present within the dense thatch of exotic Kikuyu (*Pennisetum clandestinum*) along the elevated bank of a road verge swale. Vegetation clearing recommenced slowly and incrementally under continuous ecologist supervision:

- One individual was initially observed but self-relocated prior to capture.
- A suitable fauna relocation area was established within 100 m of the impact site.
- Works were temporarily halted, and a targeted ground survey was conducted. Potential burrows were identified; however, dense vegetation limited detection.
- Works re-commenced under strict ecological supervision, proceeding slowly and incrementally with continuous inspection.
- Subsequently, three individuals (including one juvenile) were captured and relocated to the designated relocation area.