



# Biodiversity Offsets Scheme Local Government Update No. 4

22 July 2020

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## 1. BOS fees 2020-21

The Biodiversity Offset Scheme (BOS) fees have been updated for the financial year 2020-21 to reflect the CPI.

The new fees will apply to all biodiversity credit transactions and Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements (BSA) applications from 1 July 2020. The Total Fund Deposit sheet which is used to determine the costs of managing a biodiversity stewardship site, has also been updated to include the change in fees.

## 2. Upcoming BOS Support Webinar

### No. 14 –BOAMS for Local Government and other Consent Authorities

When: Tuesday 28 July 2020 at 12pm – 1pm

The upcoming BOS Support Webinar – BOAMS for Local Government and other Consent Authorities will present an overview of the Biodiversity Offsets and Agreement Management System (BOAMS). New system functionality enables consent authorities to review submitted Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) assessments, including viewing the BAM Calculator and accompanying attachments.

## Previous Webinar No. 13 - The Biodiversity Values Map and Threshold Tool

The recording of the [BOS Support Webinar - Biodiversity Values Map and Threshold Tool](#) is now available for viewing or download. In this webinar, the speakers describe the use of the map and clearing threshold tool (BMAT) to assist in determining whether a proposal may trigger entry into the BOS. This webinar also covers how the map has been prepared, what it covers and how it is managed by the Department. The Question and Answer section of this webinar is being finalised and it will be published late July.

### 3. Display of equivalent BAM credits on credit supply public register

Biobanking Agreement credit owners that have had a credit equivalence determination can now request that their equivalent BAM credits are displayed on the BOS public register (supply).

Credit equivalence is part of the transitional arrangements that provide powers for the Environment Agency Head (EAH) to match older BioBanking credits or credit obligations to the new Biodiversity Offsets Scheme credit numbers and classes.

The credit supply public register contains details of the number, type and location of biodiversity credits available for purchase or retirement against an offset obligation. This register includes biodiversity credits that are:

- available from approved BSA
- pending as part of a BSA application submitted to the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT)
- potential as part of an Expressions of Interest.

Please contact [BOSCREDS@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:BOSCREDS@environment.nsw.gov.au) if you have equivalent BAM credits you would like displayed on the BOS public register (supply).

### 4. What is the 14 day BAR submittal period?

In accordance with section 6.15(1) of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*:

‘A biodiversity assessment report cannot be submitted in connection with a relevant application unless the accredited person certifies in the report that the report has been prepared on the basis of the requirements of (and information provided under) the biodiversity assessment method as at a specified date and that date is within 14 days of the date the report is so submitted.’

Consent Authorities must check each Biodiversity Assessment Report (BAR) to ensure it meets these legislative requirements. The BAR must be certified by an accredited person, for instance by signing the report. The BAM case status on the credit report (Like for Like) submitted with the BAR must be ‘finalised’ and the date of submission of the BAR must be within 14 days of the ‘Date Finalised’ on the credit report generated from the BAM Calculator to be considered valid.

The image below shows the location of the date finalised in a credit report.



## Credit report (Like for Like)

### BAM Biodiversity Credit Report (Like for like)

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**Proposal Details**

Assessment ID 00017772/BAA501234/15/00017772	Proposal Name <b>Report Test</b>	BAM data last updated ** 27/06/2019
Assessor Name [REDACTED]	Assessor Number	BAM Data version ** R5
Proposer Name [REDACTED]	Report Created 30/06/2019	BAM Credit Status <b>Finalised</b>
Assessment Reviewer 0	Assessment Type <b>Part 4 Developments (General)</b>	Date Finalised 30/06/2019

\* Disclaimer: BAM data last updated may indicate either complete or partial update of the BAM calculator database. BAM calculator database may not be completely aligned with Biomet.

**Potential Serious and Irreversible Impacts**

Name of threatened ecological community	Listing status	Name of Plant Community Type/ID
Hunter Valley Weeping Myall Woodland in the Sydney Basin Bioregion	Critically Endangered Ecological Community	116 Weeping Myall - Coolah - Scrub Widge shrubland of the Hunter Valley

**Additional Information for Approval**

PCTs With Customized Benchmarks

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**NOTE:** Once BAM-C is finalised, the BDAR must be submitted to the consent authority with 14 days (BC Act s6.15).