

Decisions of the Minister for the Environment – biodiversity certification of 285 – 325 Pacific Highway and (part) 6W Kemira Road, Lake Munmorah

*The Minister or delegate must strike through the relevant wording (**bold text**) to indicate his/her decision prior to signing this section.*

I, Brendan Bruce, Deputy Secretary, Biodiversity and Conservation Division, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, as delegate for the Minister for Environment and Heritage, having consulted the Minister for Planning and considered the *Biodiversity Certification of Land: 285-325 Pacific Highway and (part) 6W Kemira Road, Lake Munmorah Recommendation Report for the Minister for the Environment* and attachments to that report:

1. am ~~satisfied/not satisfied~~ that the requirements for consultation with the local council of the area, under section 8.6(1) of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and clause 8.4 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Regulation*, have been met.
2. am ~~satisfied/not satisfied~~ that the consultation requirements under section 8.6 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* have been met and that further public notification is not required.
3. have determined, in accordance with section 6.5 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, that the clearing of native vegetation and loss of habitat on land proposed for biodiversity certification ~~is/is not~~ likely to have serious and irreversible impacts on biodiversity values.
4. am ~~satisfied/not satisfied~~ in accordance with section 8.7(1) of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* that, having regard to the biodiversity certification assessment report, the approved conservation measures under the biodiversity certification adequately address the likely impacts on biodiversity values of the biodiversity certification of the land.
5. ~~confer/refuse to confer~~ biodiversity certification on the specified land in accordance with section 8.2, Part 8 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* by signing and dating this decision report, and by signing and dating the order conferring biodiversity certification (attached to the Briefing Note accompanying this decision report) and approving its publication in the Government Gazette.

Brendan Bruce

Deputy Secretary, Biodiversity, Conservation and Science

**Environmental and Heritage Group - Department of Climate
Change, Energy, the Environment and Water**

As delegate for the Minister for the Environment

Date

26/03/2024