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Background

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) serves as the authority responsible for administering the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act). The annual compliance report details each condition of the EPBC Approval, indicating whether compliance has been achieved or if there are instances of non-compliance for each specified condition.

AGI Tanami Pty Ltd (AGIT) is the approval holder of the Tanami Gas Pipeline (TNP) and is required to submit annual compliance reports to the DCCEEW until all obligations under these conditions have been met. All conditions under EPBC 2017/7997 were all met during the reporting period.

The purpose of this document is to assess compliance with the conditions stipulated in EPBC 2017/7997. This review specifically encompasses the period from 1 June 2024 to 31 May 2025.

From 2020 – 2025 AGIT has since completed five years of rehabilitation monitoring for the Tanami Gas Pipeline, demonstrating success in meeting most of the completion criteria. In October 2024, AGIT submitted a compliance memorandum to DCCEEW, assessing the rehabilitation outcomes against the completion criteria outlined in the Rehabilitation Plan. The memorandum concluded that all criteria had been met and recommended cessation of monitoring for all criteria except for native flora species foliage cover within the Princess Parrot habitat as this has not been met.

Last year, the DCCEEW advised AGI Tanami that the potential non-compliance under condition 9 in relation to rehabilitation success is closed with no financial contribution required, and that monitoring should continue until rehabilitation criteria are met. The criterion is expected to be achieved naturally over time with rainfall.

Executive Summary

During the reporting period, AGIT conducted operations in compliance with the approved CEMP and the Operations Environment Plan approved by the NT Department of Primary Industry and Resources. No new or additional risks were identified in this review.

AGI Tanami completed its sixth year of rehabilitation monitoring, assessing native flora foliage cover at five designated vegetation monitoring sites along the Tanami Gas Pipeline. As reported in the 2025 Tanami Rehabilitation Monitoring Report, native flora species foliage cover within the Princess Parrot Habitat has increased to 48.76% since rehabilitation efforts commenced in 2020; however, this remains below 70% of the adjacent control area.

AGI Tanami will continue the rehabilitation monitoring in 2026 to track the progress towards the rehabilitation criterion for Princess Parrot Habitat Native Flora Species Foliage Cover.

1. INTRODUCTION

On 1 June 2018, the Department of Environment and Energy (DoEE, the Department) approved the Tanami Newmont Pipeline (TNP) project under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The TNP is a 440 km natural gas pipeline and associated infrastructure connecting the existing Amadeus Gas Pipeline to the Granites and Dead Bullock Soak mines, in the Northern Territory (NT) (EPBC 2017/7997). The pipeline was in operational phase during the period.

The Department of the Environment and Energy is now the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW).

1.1 Proponent

The proponent for the project is the AGI Tanami Pty Limited (AGIT) (ACN 622 012 560).

AGIT is operated as part of the Australian Gas Infrastructure Group (AGIG) and is 100% owned by a consortium comprising CK Infrastructure Holdings Limited (CKI), CK Asset Holdings Limited (CKA) and Power Asset Holdings Limited (PAH). These are all part of the CK Group, a leading global investor in energy and other infrastructure, in the UK, Australia and other developed countries.

AGIT relies on the services of DBNGP (WA) Nominees Pty Ltd (DBP), the owner of the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP), for the provision of labour and equipment to enable AGIT to undertake its business. The services are provided under a support services agreement. DBP is part of AGIG.

1.2 Objective and Scope

The purpose of this document is to assess compliance with the requirements specified in EPBC 2017/7997. This review specifically addresses the period from 1 June 2024 to 31 May 2025.

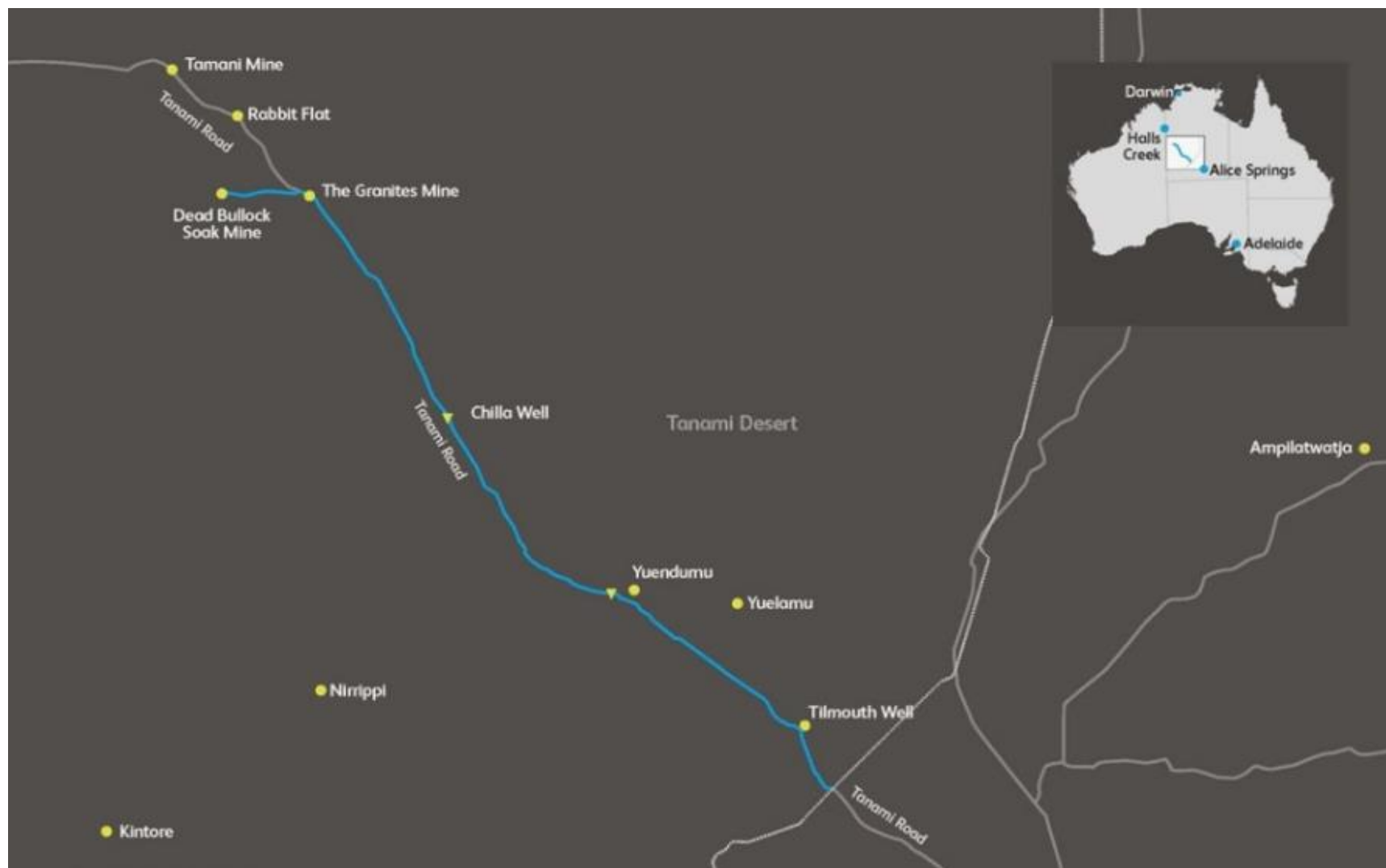


Figure 1-1: Location of the Tanami Gas Pipeline

2. ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

During the reporting period the normal operation of the TNP continued. This entailed the following main activities:

- Maintenance and operational activities of the pipeline and associated facilities
- Third-party crossing management and supervision
- Aerial surveillance and landholder consultation
- Rectification of significant erosions identified in 2023-24 period.
- Rehabilitation monitoring conducted in May 2025.

2.1 Identified New Risks

No new or additional risks were identified.

3. COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT

A compliance assessment was conducted against EPBC 2017/7997 for the period 1 June 2024 through to 31 May 2025 (Table 3-2). This assessment was conducted in accordance with the Department of the Environment Annual Compliance Report Guidelines (DoE 2014). All conditions were complied with during the reporting period except condition 9.

A declaration of accuracy forms part of this submission and is included at Appendix A.

Table 3-1: Compliance Status Definitions and Abbreviations

Compliance Status Terms	Abbrev	Definition
Compliant	C	'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	NC	A designation of 'non-compliance' should 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	NA	A designation of 'not applicable' should 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 which applies to an activity that has not yet commenced.

Table 3-2: Compliance Assessment

Condition number	Condition	Status	Evidence / Comments
1	<p>For the protection of listed threatened species, the approval holder must do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clear no more than 1,136 ha of vegetation; b. Not clear any vegetation outside the pipe alignment corridor, except as required to establish up to four work camp sites; c. Implement the plans referred to in these conditions. 	Compliant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No construction activities were undertaken during the period. Line of sight maintenance was conducted to ensure the visibility of the pipeline signs is maintained in accordance with AS2885.1. The maintenance was conducted between June – September 2024, in 142.5 ha within the easement corridor, which was cleared during construction in 2018. b. No clearing was conducted outside of the pipeline alignment. c. The plans referred to in these conditions or revisions approved under these conditions, continued to be implemented during the reporting period.
2	<p>For the protection of Greater Bilby (<i>Macrotis lagotis</i>) and Great Desert Skink (<i>Liopholis kintorei</i>), the approval holder must do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Undertake pre-clearance surveys to determine presence of burrows in the construction right of way; b. Avoid destruction or damage to burrows, including (without limitation) micro-siting the pipeline; c. Comply with the Trench Clearing Procedure and Construction Environmental Management Plan. 	Compliant	<p>No construction activities were undertaken during the period.</p> <p>Line of sight maintenance was conducted in 142.5 ha within the easement corridor, this corridor was cleared during construction.</p> <p>No trenching occurred within the reporting period.</p>
3	<p>For the protection of Night Parrot (<i>Pezoporus occidentalis</i>), the approval holder must do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Implement the Night Parrot Management Plan; b. Notwithstanding any other condition, undertake surveys for Night Parrot in accordance with the Night Parrot Survey Guidelines; c. If Night Parrot is detected on or in the vicinity of the pipe alignment corridor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. immediately cease all work within 5 km of the place where Night Parrot was ii. detected; and, 	Compliant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Night Parrot Management Plan continues to be implemented on the project. b. Previously reported and completed (EPBC 2017/7997 Compliance Assessment Report 2018-2019, E-REP-035). c. No Night Parrots have been detected in the reporting period d. No Night Parrots have been detected in the reporting period.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. notify the Department and Night Parrot Recovery Team; and, iv. not recommence work within the area specified in condition 3.c.i. until approved by the Minister in writing; d. If one or more Night Parrot individuals is injured or killed, and, in the opinion of the Department, the death or injury arises from or was contributed to in any way by the proposed action or the presence of the approval holder on or in the vicinity of the pipe alignment corridor, the approval holder must report the injury or death to the Department within 48 hours, and contribute \$50,000 per individual to a fund or program nominated by the proponent and approved by the Department. 		
4	For the protection of Dwarf Desert Spike-rush (<i>Eleocharis papillosa</i>), the approval holder must comply with the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). In particular, the approval holder must avoid disturbance of environmentally sensitive areas by utilising directional drilling methods.	Compliant	The CEMP controls continued to be implemented in terms of waterway crossings and avoidance of environmentally sensitive areas. No construction activities were undertaken during the period.
5	For the protection of Princess Parrot (<i>Polytelis alexandrae</i>), the approval holder must undertake pre-clearance surveys for Princess Parrot to determine whether Princess Parrot is present in an area proposed to be cleared, and must avoid disturbance of any individuals, especially nesting birds, and must take all reasonably practicable measures to avoid trees containing hollows suitable for breeding.	Compliant	Line of sight maintenance was conducted to ensure the visibility of the pipeline signs is maintained in accordance with AS2885.1. The maintenance was conducted between June – September 2024, in 142.5 ha within the easement corridor, which was cleared during construction in 2018. No presence of princess parrot was sighted.
6	For the protection of listed threatened species, the approval holder must undertake rehabilitation work in accordance with the Rehabilitation Plan.	Compliant	All construction rehabilitation requirements completed as per previous reports. Rehabilitation Plan requirements for monitoring are reported under Condition 8.
7	Notwithstanding any other condition or provision of a plan, unless the Department determines otherwise, the approval holder must continue rehabilitation work until the completion	Compliant	All construction rehabilitation requirements completed as per previous reports.

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	criteria are met for all areas that are subject to the Rehabilitation Plan.		Rehabilitation Plan requirements for monitoring are reported under Condition 8.
8	<p>The approval holder must engage a suitably qualified independent expert approved by the Department to assess the level of success of rehabilitation and undertake the following tasks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the construction right of way before any clearance is undertaken, to determine and record the baseline condition of the area, and determine the appropriate locations of the monitoring and control sites. Assess the success of rehabilitation three years after substantial completion of the project, to determine the extent that the completion criteria have been met. Produce and submit to the Department a report on the success of rehabilitation (Rehabilitation Report), within three months of the three-year anniversary of substantial completion of the project. If required by the Department, undertake additional assessments, as directed by the Department, until the completion criteria have been met. 	Compliant	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Department approved Eco Logical Australia (ELA) consultants to conduct rehabilitation monitoring as per correspondence 12 August 2018. The construction right of way pre-clearance survey was completed as part of the approvals work in March 2018. As per the Rehabilitation Plan, the first annual monitoring to inform the success of rehabilitation was completed in March 2020 with subsequent annual monitoring being completed. Rehabilitation monitoring is assessed annually post wet season (Mar-June/July) based on the location of the pipeline. Third year Rehabilitation Report (2022) that was due to delay in access to site and COVID impacts was submitted in October 2022. A sixth-year rehabilitation monitoring survey was conducted in May 2025. AGIT is currently in consultation with DCCEEWW with the results and completion criteria under Condition 9.
9	<p>If, based on the Rehabilitation Report provided by the approval holder in accordance with condition 8.c., the Department considers that the completion criteria have not been met in respect of a portion of cleared area, the approval holder will be required to provide an offset, in the form of a financial contribution, and may be required to undertake additional rehabilitation activities as specified by the Department. The financial contribution payable by the approval holder will be calculated as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Financial contribution = \$1,500 x Area</p> <p>where Area means the area that does not meet the completion criteria, in hectares.</p>	Compliant	<p>In October 2024, AGIT submitted a compliance memorandum to DCCEEWW, assessing the rehabilitation outcomes against the completion criteria outlined in the Rehabilitation Plan. The memorandum concluded that all criteria had been met and recommended cessation of monitoring for all criteria except for native flora species foliage cover within the Princess Parrot habitat as this has not been met.</p> <p>In line with this recommendation, AGI Tanami has undertaken a sixth year of rehabilitation monitoring, focusing on native flora species foliage cover at five vegetation monitoring sites within Princess Parrot Habitat along the Tanami Gas Pipeline.</p> <p>Last year, the DCCEEWW advised AGI Tanami that the potential non-compliance under condition 9 in relation to rehabilitation success is closed with no financial contribution required, and that monitoring should</p>

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			<p>continue until rehabilitation criteria are met. The criterion is expected to be achieved naturally over time with rainfall.</p> <p>Native flora species foliage covers within Princess Parrot Habitat has gradually increased to 48.76% since the commencement of rehabilitation in 2020, however this zone has still not achieved 70% of the adjacent control area. Rainfall was below the long-term average in the 12 months preceding the survey. In the 3 months preceding the survey in May 2025, rainfall was lower than average in the northern half of the TNP and greater than average in the southern half of the TNP.</p> <p>AGI Tanami will continue the rehabilitation monitoring in 2026 to track progress toward meeting this criterion.</p>
10	If a financial contribution is payable in accordance with condition 9, the approval holder and the Department will work together to agree on appropriate arrangements before any payment is made, taking into account the potential habitat that was cleared, and the matters of national environmental significance that are likely to have been impacted by the failure to meet the completion criteria in the relevant timeframe.	Compliant	
11	The approval holder must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of commencement and substantial completion within 14 days after commencement or substantial completion, as relevant.	Compliant	Previously reported and completed (4 December 2018).
12	The approval holder must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the plans required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the Department. Such records may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the Department's website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media.	Compliant	<p>Records are kept and either supplied to the Department via annual reporting, available on request or through the AGIG website (as per Condition 20).</p> <p>No external audits were completed during construction of the pipeline.</p>
13	Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of commencement, the approval holder must publish a report on its website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, including implementation of plans as specified	Compliant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This report will be published on the AGIG website (https://www.agig.com.au/articles/tanami-gas-pipeline) as part of the requirements under this condition. Evidence of the publication

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	in the conditions (compliance report). Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication of the compliance report, and non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval, must be provided to the Department at the same time as the compliance report is published. The approval holder is not required to provide compliance reports after all obligations under these conditions have been met, and two consecutive compliance reports that demonstrate compliance with all obligations under these conditions have been provided to the Department.		<p>will be provided to DoEE at the same time in terms of a link to the website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report will be published prior to 1 September 2025. The previously submitted Annual Compliance Reports and Rehabilitation Monitoring Reports are available on the website.
14	<p>The approval holder may choose to revise a plan required by these conditions without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the EPBC Act, if the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan would not be likely to have a new or increased impact. If the approval holder makes this choice they must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> notify the Department in writing that the approved plan has been revised no later than four weeks before implementing the revised plan; provide the Department with an electronic copy of the revised plan, and an explanation of the differences (and reasons for them) between the revised plan and approved plan, no later than four weeks before the proposed implementation date for the revised plan; implement the revised plan on or after the proposed implementation date unless the Minister gives the approval holder notice that the Minister considers the revised plan is likely to have a new or increased impact; and notify the Department of the actual date of implementation of the revised plan. 	Compliant	No revisions were completed in this reporting period.
15	The approval holder may revoke its choice under condition 14 at any time by notice to the Department. If the approval holder revokes the choice to implement a revised plan, without approval under section 143A of the Act, the plan previously approved by the Minister must be implemented.	NA	

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16	If the Minister gives a notice to the approval holder that the Minister is satisfied that the taking of the action in accordance with the revised plan would be likely to have a new or increased impact, then: a. Condition 14 does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the revised plan; and, b. The approval holder must implement the plan previously approved by the Minister.	NA	
17	To avoid any doubt, condition 16 does not affect any operation of conditions 14 and 15 in the period before the day the notice is given.	NA	
18	At the time of giving the notice the Minister may also notify that, for a specified period of time, condition 16 does not apply for one or more specified plans.	NA	
19	Conditions 14-18 are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the EPBC Act, which allows the approval holder to submit a revised plan to the Minister for approval	NA	
20	Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the approval holder must publish all plans and reports referred to in these conditions of approval on its website. Each of these documents must be published on the website within one month of being approved by the Minister or being submitted to the Department under the relevant condition.	Compliant	<p>All plans and procedures as referenced in these conditions (as listed below) are published on the AGIG website at (https://www.agig.com.au/health-safety-and-environment). Before this all preliminary documentation and plans were available at https://www.agig.com.au/articles/tanami-gas-pipeline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) • Rehabilitation Plan • Trench Clearing Procedure • Night Parrot Management Plan • Night Parrot Monitoring Report (aural and field survey) • Annual Compliance Report 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24. • 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 Rehabilitation Monitoring Report.

4. REHABILITATION MONITORING

ELA was approved by the Department in August 2018 to undertake the required rehabilitation works under Condition 8 of the approval.

From 2020 – 2025, AGIT has since completed five years of rehabilitation monitoring for the Tanami Gas Pipeline, demonstrating success in meeting most of the completion criteria. In October 2024, AGIT submitted a compliance memorandum to DCCEEW, assessing the rehabilitation outcomes against the completion criteria outlined in the Rehabilitation Plan. The memorandum stated that all criteria had been met, except for native flora species foliage cover within the Princess Parrot habitat, and recommended continuing monitoring only for this criterion.

Consistent with this recommendation, AGI Tanami has conducted a sixth year of rehabilitation monitoring, specifically assessing native flora foliage cover across five designated vegetation monitoring sites within Princess Parrot Habitat adjacent to the Tanami Gas Pipeline.

4.1 MNES Habitat Zone (Princess Parrot Habitat)

Native perennial flora species foliage cover within Princess Parrot Habitat did not satisfy completion criteria over the six-year monitoring period. Native flora species foliage cover within Princess Parrot Habitat has gradually increased to 48.76% (Table 4-1) since the commencement of rehabilitation in 2020, however this zone has still not achieved 70% of the adjacent control area.

Table 4-1: Assessment of Native Flora Species Foliage Cover within Princess Parrot Habitat (5 Rehabilitation Plots)

Aspect	MNES habitat rehabilitation zone completion criteria	Princess Parrot habitat					
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Native flora species foliage cover (%)	<p>Percentage of foliage cover of perennial native flora species indigenous to each vegetation community is equal to or greater than 70% of that of the adjacent control area and reflects the pre-disturbed habitat type.</p> <p>Note that within 4 m either side of the pipeline, the completion criteria will only apply to ground cover species and not to tree species, which are not suitable to grow in close proximity to the pipeline. Tree species will be allowed to recover outside of the 8 m corridor.</p>	17.8	35.2	53.4	48.3	46.74	48.76

5. CONCLUSION

During the reporting period, AGIT conducted operations in compliance with the approved CEMP and the Operations Environment Plan approved by the NT Department of Primary Industry and Resources.

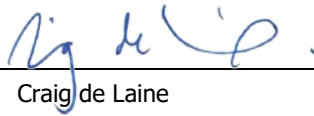
There continued to be no Night Parrots found (or evidence of) during operations.

Annual rehabilitation monitoring began in 2020, with the sixth year of assessments concluded as of May 2025. AGI Tanami will continue the rehabilitation monitoring in 2026 to track the progress towards the rehabilitation criterion for Princess Parrot Habitat Native Flora Species Foliage Cover

Appendix A: Declaration of Accuracy

In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration.

Signed



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Date

14 August 2025

