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26 November 2025

Suburban Land Agency
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Dear FOI Officer,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST
REQUEST FOR KOALA/GULA SURVEY AND NECROPSY/VETERINARY
REPORTS – JACKA/TAYLOR BUSHLAND AREA

We write to request, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2016 (ACT), access to documents held by the Suburban Land Agency relating to the presence, survey, or assessment of koalas (or 'gula') in the Jacka and Taylor bushland area.

Specifically, we seek:

- A copy of any koala/gula survey reports prepared following the sighting of a koala/gula in the Jacka/Taylor bushland area in or around October 2024.
- A copy of any necropsy or veterinary report relating to a deceased koala/gula found in the Jacka/Taylor bushland area in October 2025. If this necropsy/veterinary report is included within a broader survey or assessment report, please provide the full document/report.
- Any correspondence between the Suburban Land Agency (SLA) and the Office of Nature Conservation, ACT Conservator, or other ACT Government agencies regarding koalas/gula and the Jacka/Taylor bushland area.
- Any internal assessments, recommendations, or environmental due diligence documents relating to koalas/gulas and the impact of development in the Jacka/Taylor bushland area.
- Any further information held by the Suburban Land Agency regarding the presence of koalas/gula in the Jacka/Taylor bushland area, including but not limited to sightings, reports, studies, or internal communications.

If any part of this request is unclear or if you require further information to process it, please contact me at [REDACTED]



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Our ref: SLAFOI 2025-006



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – NOTICE OF DECISION

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by the Suburban Land Agency on 2 December 2025.

Specifically, you have sought access to the following information:

- *“...A copy of any koala/gula survey reports prepared following the sighting of a koala/gula in the Jacka/Taylor bushland area in or around October 2024.*
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- *Any further information held by the Suburban Land Agency regarding the presence of koalas/gula in the Jacka/Taylor bushland area, including but not limited to sightings, reports, studies, or internal communications...”*

On 27 January 2026, you agreed to reduce the scope of your request to points two and five, as the other information within scope is already publicly available and was the subject of another recent FOI covering this information (SLAFOI 2025-055).

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the Suburban Land Agency under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, CMTEED is required to provide a decision on your access application within 30 days.

As this matter was suspended pending clarification under 34(4)(a)(b)(i) and 35(5) of the Act, the decision due date was extended by 29 days, Therefore, a decision is due by **19 February 2026**.

Decision on access

Searches of Suburban Land Agency records have identified nine documents within the scope of your request, six of which are zip files containing reports and surveys with a file type that cannot be converted to pdf.

I have decided to grant **full access** to all nine documents.

The records identified as relevant to your application are listed in the schedule enclosed at **Attachment B**. This provides a description of each document that falls within the scope of your request and the access decision for each of those documents.

Release of documents

The information being released to you is provided at **Attachment C** and each zip file will be sent to you separately.

Statement of Reasons

In accordance with section 54(2) of the Act a statement of reasons outlining my decisions is below. In reaching my access decisions, I have taken the following into account:

- the Act
- the information that falls within the scope of the request
- third party views
- information that is publicly available and already on the SLA disclosure log: [SLA-2025-005.pdf](#)

As a decision maker, I am required to determine whether the information within scope is in the public interest to release. To make this decision, I am required to:

- assess whether the information would be contrary to public interest to disclose as per **Schedule 1** of the Act.
- perform the public interest test as set out in section 17 of the Act by balancing the factors favouring disclosure and factors favouring nondisclosure in **Schedule 2** of the Act.

There are no Schedule 1 factors identified within the documents.

Schedule 2: Factors to be considered when deciding the public interest.

Taking into consideration the information contained in the documents found to be within the scope of your request, I have identified that the following public interest factors are relevant to determine if release of the information contained within these documents is within the 'public interest'.

Factors favouring disclosure (Section 2.1)

- *Section 2.1(a)(i) - promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government's accountability.*

- *Section 2.1(a)(ii) - contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest.*
- *Section 2.1(a)(iii) - inform the community of the government's operations, including the policies, guidelines and codes of conduct followed by the government in its dealings with members of the community.*

Disclosure of the requested information will promote open discussion of public affairs and enhance the government's accountability. Transparency in government decision-making is fundamental to maintaining public trust and ensuring that actions taken by public authorities are subject to scrutiny.

Providing access to these documents will contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest. Endangered native fauna is a topic of considerable relevance to the community and access to this information will enable stakeholders to engage in meaningful dialogue based on accurate and complete information.

I am satisfied that these factors favouring disclosure carry some weight. However, these factors are to be balanced against the factors favouring nondisclosure.

Factors favouring nondisclosure (Section 2.2)

There are no factors favouring nondisclosure identified within the documents.

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable for this request because the number of pages released to you is below the charging threshold of 50.

Online publishing – Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the Act, Suburban Land Agency maintains an online record of access applications called a [disclosure log](#).

Your original access application and my decision will be published on the SLA disclosure log. Your personal details will not be published.

Ombudsman Review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is provided to you, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

We recommend using this form [Applying for an Ombudsman Review](#) to ensure you provide all of the required information. Alternatively, you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) Review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Should you have any queries in relation to your request please contact the CMTEDD FOI Team by telephone on 6207 7754 or email CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Joey Lee
Information Officer
Suburban Land Agency

12 February 2026



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST SCHEDULE

WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS OF THE REQUEST

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SLA 2025-006

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Ref No	Page number	Description	Status	Reason for Exemption	Online Release Status
1	1	Extracted pages from VegMapping_Field Sheet - Table 2	Full	N/A	Yes
2	2	Figure A. PCT+Zone mapping in locality of 2024 Koala record	Full	N/A	Yes
3	3	Vegetation Types_Field Sheet	Full	N/A	Yes
4	Zip file	3238.Jacka_Veg_Mapping_CapEcology_20250212.V2	Full	N/A	Yes
5	Zip file	Acoustic_Locations_Gula_Jacka	Full	N/A	Yes
6	Zip file	Acoustic_Results_Gula_Jacka	Full	N/A	Yes
7	Zip file	Gula Environmental Due Diligence Surveys - Drone flight paths	Full	N/A	Yes
8	Zip file	Gula_Detection_Dog_Survey	Full	N/A	Yes
9	Zip file	Gula_Detection_Dog_Transects	Full	N/A	Yes

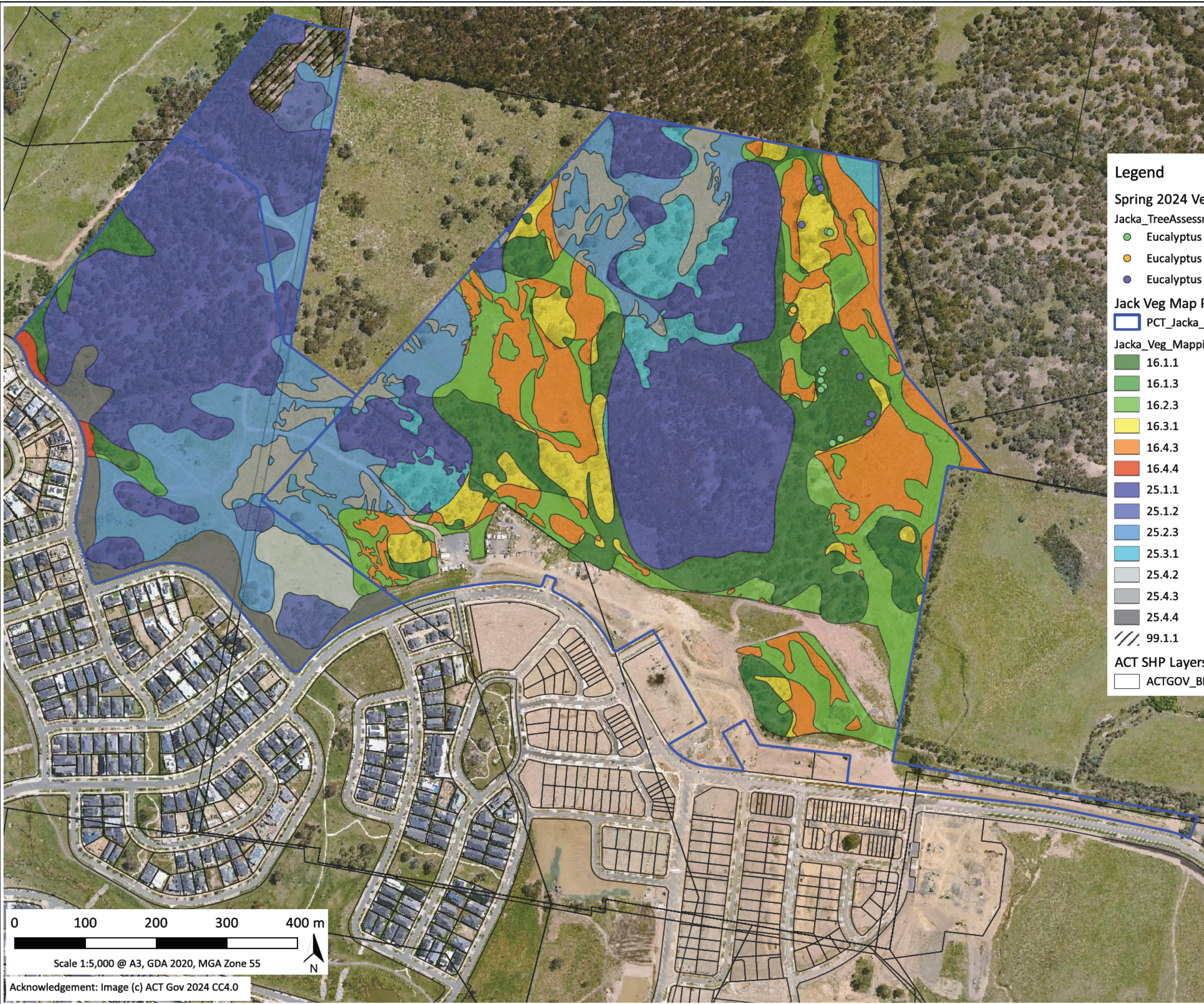
*Due to file type, these are available on request. Email cmteddfoi@act.gov.au and reference SLAFOI 2025-006 and the document number to obtain a copy of these electronically

Table 2. Vegetation zone designations for woodland/forest communities, with details for meeting listed community definition for ACT16

PCT Zone	Groundstorey Dominance is cover of perennial native plants > than cover of perennial exotic plants	Mature characteristic Greater than 4 mature (>40 cm DBH) trees across the patch (native understorey)	Regeneration of characteristic canopy (<5 cm DBH)	Native Forb Diversity Low = < 12 sp. (disturbance tolerant spp. only) Mod-High = ≥12 sp.; incl. ≥ 1 important sp.; +/- disturbance sensitive spp.	EPBC or NC Act definition (ACT16)
PCT.1.1	Native	Present	Present	High	EPBC Act, NC Act
PCT.1.2	Native	Present	Present	Low	EPBC Act, NC Act
PCT.1.3	Native	Present	Absent	High	EPBC Act, NC Act
PCT.1.4	Native	Present	Absent	Low	EPBC Act, NC Act
PCT.2.1	Native	Absent	Present	High	EPBC Act, NC Act
PCT.2.2	Native	Absent	Present	Low	EPBC Act, NC Act
PCT.2.3	Native	Absent	Absent	High	EPBC Act, NC Act
PCT.2.4	Native	Absent	Absent	Low	-
PCT.3.1	Exotic	Present	Present	High	NC Act ¹
PCT.3.2	Exotic	Present	Present	Low	NC Act
PCT.3.3	Exotic	Present	Absent	High	NC Act
PCT.3.4	Exotic	Present	Absent	Low	NC Act
PCT.4.1	Exotic	Absent	Present	High	-
PCT.4.2	Exotic	Absent	Present	Low	-
PCT.4.3	Exotic	Absent	Absent	High	-
PCT.4.4	Exotic	Absent	Absent	Low	-

¹ Zone 3.1 to 3.4 can meet NC Act definition of listed community if there is a characteristic canopy of Yellow Box and/or Blakely Red Gum (i.e. not single isolated tree or clump).

Figure A. Veg mapping in locality of 2024 Koala record



Legend

Spring 2024 Veg Mapping in locality of Koala record

Jacka_TreeAssessment

- Eucalyptus dalrympleana
- Eucalyptus rubida
- Eucalyptus viminalis

Jack Veg Map Prelim

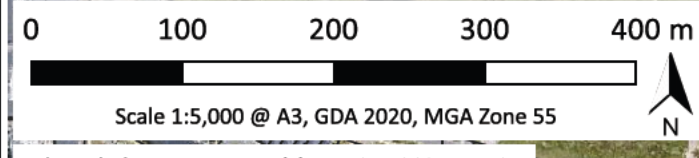
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ACT SHP Layers (Group Drive)

- ACTGOV_BLOCK



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PCT	Vegetation type	Vegetation formation CMA	Landscape position	Characteristic/dominant spp	Associated midstorey spp	Associated groundcover spp	Other diagnostic features
ACT01	Tablelands Dry Tussock Grassland	Grasslands	Occurs where tree growth is limited by cold air drainage generally on valley floors. On slopes at slightly higher elevations may intergrade with grassy woodlands.	Austrodanthonia spp., Bothriochloa macra, Austrostipa bigeniculata, Themeda triandra, Lomandra spp., Panicum effusum, Plantago varia, Wahlenbergia spp., Vittadinia muelleri, Eryngium rostratum, Austrostipa scabra, Elymus scaber, Goodenia pinnatifida, Triptilodiscus pygmaeus		(1) Dry Themeda grassland: Themeda triandra, Austrostipa spp., Poa sieberiana, Austrodanthonia spp., Leptorhynchus squamatus, Plantago varia, Stackhousia monogyna; (2) Austrodanthonia Grassland: Austrodanthonia carphoides, A. caespitosa, A. laevis, Austrostipa bigeniculata, A. scabra subsp. falcata, Bothriochloa macra, Chloris truncata, Elymus scaber, Triptilodiscus pygmaeus, Panicum effusum, Oxalis perennans, Goodenia pinnatifida, Vittadinia muelleri, Chrysocephalum apiculatum, Plantago varia, Wahlenbergia spp., Solenogyne dominii; (3) Austrostipa Grassland: Austrostipa bigeniculata, A. scabra subsp. falcata, Elymus scaber, Austrodanthonia caespitosa, Enneapogon nigricans, Austrodanthonia spp., Bothriochloa macra, Themeda triandra, Wahlenbergia spp., Chrysocephalum apiculatum	Moisture retaining fertile clay texture soils derived from basalt, limestone or other fine-grained sedimentary rocks. Three associations: (1) Dry Themeda grassland: a tall (0.5–1.0 m) dense, closed tussock grassland generally found on well-drained, loamy soils; (2) Austrodanthonia Grassland: a mid-high (0.25–0.5 m) open tussock grassland in well-drained areas with shallow or skeletal soils; (3) Austrostipa Grassland: a tall (0.5–1.0 m) open tussock grassland where most sites are likely to have been previously dominated by Themeda triandra. Examples of community occur at Majura Field Firing Range, Jerrabomberra Valley and the Belconnen Navel Station.
ACT03	Tablelands Moist Tussock Grassland	Grasslands	In moist drainage areas on valley floors in natural grassland areas.	Themeda triandra, Austrodanthonia spp., Poa sieberiana, Chrysocephalum apiculatum, Leptospermum squarrosum, Microlaena stipoides, Euchiton spp., Wahlenbergia spp., Asperula spp., Juncus spp., Acaena ovina		Poa labillardierei, Poa spp., Carex inversa, Juncus spp., Asperula conferta, Bulbine bulbosa, Wurmbea dioica.	Moisture retaining fertile clay texture soils derived from basalt, limestone or other fine-grained sedimentary rocks. Is a tall, dense, closed tussock grassland. Is mostly in Gungahlin Valley (45.7 ha), with smaller amounts in Belconnen (14.8 ha) and Canberra City/Tuggeranong (0.9 ha).
ACT04	Wet Tussock Grassland	Grasslands	In poorly drained areas and along seepage lines, drainage lines and creeks as small fringing zones.	Poa labillardierei, Themeda triandra, Juncus spp., Austrodanthonia spp., Carex appressa, Microlaena stipoides, Euchiton spp., Elymus scaber, Helichrysum rutidolepis, Agrostis spp., Hemarthria uncinata		Carex inversa, Haloragis heterophylla, Hydrocotyle laxiflora	Known examples of community occur in an area (6ha) degraded native pasture in Gungahlin Nature Reserve and at Yarramundi Reach (<0.2 ha).
ACT12	Tableland Shrubland	Heathlands	Along river banks and gravel beds adjoining rapidly flowing water, and/or on slopes above. Also on previously cleared higher slopes.	(1) Riparian Floodplains: Callistemon sieberi, Leptospermum obovatum; (2) Cleared Slopes: Kunzea ericoides			Riparian shrublands on broad rocky floodplains, bedrock platforms, and bedrock floodplains. Kunzea commonly found on previously cleared and fire affected moist slopes where it is an early colonizer
ACT16	<i>Eucalyptus melliodora</i> – <i>E. blakelyi</i> Tableland Grassy Woodland	Grassy Woodlands	Middle and lower slopes of hills and in gently undulating topography.	Eucalyptus melliodora, E. blakelyi, E. bridgesiana			<i>E. bridgesiana</i> is a frequent associate. Sparse mid-layer of shrubs and regenerating trees.
ACT17	<i>Eucalyptus pauciflora</i> - <i>E. rubida</i> Tableland Woodland	Grassy Woodlands	Middle and lower slopes of hills and in gently undulating topography.	Eucalyptus pauciflora, E. rubida, E. stellulata, E. viminalis, E. bridgesiana			Occurs on fringes of low-lying frost-prone areas where cold air drainage prevents the growth of any other eucalypt species.
ACT19	<i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i> Tableland Dry Woodland / Open Forest	Grassy Woodlands	On acid volcanic rocks (rhyolites and granites) occurring on dry rocky hillsides.	<i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i>			Often on harsh sites, in gullies and on rocky scree slopes where soils are shallow, showing little differentiation of separate horizons except a shallow organic band at the surface, with much rock throughout the profile.
ACT18	Tableland Dry Shrubby Woodland	Dry Sclerophyll Forests (Shrubby subformation)	Gentle to steep slopes with aspect varying from east through north to west. On rocky soils of exposed dry granite slopes and on volcanic soils near Murrumbidgee River, and on shallow sedimentary soils on lower exposed slopes, between Royalla and Murrumbateman.	<i>E. bridgesiana</i> , <i>E. dives</i> , <i>E. nortonii</i> , <i>E. rubida</i> , <i>E. goniocalyx</i> , <i>E. polyanthemos</i> , <i>E. blakelyi</i> , <i>Callitris endlicheri</i> , <i>Brachychiton populneum</i>	<i>Cassinia longifolia</i> , <i>Bursaria spinosa</i> , <i>Acacia rubida</i> , <i>A. falciformis</i> , <i>Kunzea ericoides</i> , <i>Pomaderris angustifolia</i> , <i>Dodonea viscosum</i> , <i>Clematis microphylla</i> , <i>Rubus parvifolia</i> , <i>Correa reflexa</i> , <i>Xanthorrhoea australis</i>	<i>Poa</i> spp., <i>Themeda triandra</i> , <i>Austrodanthonia</i> spp., <i>Hibbertia obtusifolia</i> , <i>Lomandra</i> spp., <i>Hardenbergia violacea</i> , <i>Dichelachne</i> spp., <i>Lomandra longifolia</i> , <i>Geranium solanderi</i> , <i>Wahlenbergia</i> spp., <i>Cheilanthes</i> spp., <i>Chysocephalum</i> spp., <i>Stellaria pungens</i> , <i>Einadia nutans</i>	Understorey varies with a generally diverse shrub layer and a ground cover of sparse to medium density tussock grass.
ACT23	<i>Callitris endlicheri</i> Dry Woodland / Open Forest	Dry Sclerophyll Forests (Shrubby subformation)	On dry rocky steep slopes near and adjacent to riparian areas and in open forests, often with sparse groundcover, on warm gentle to steep rocky slopes generally with a northerly to easterly aspect.	<i>Callitris endlicheri</i>			Community may also be adventive occurring as single trees or clumps of parent trees and regeneration-aged growth within shrubland or other eucalypt dominated woodland and forest communities.
ACT25	<i>Eucalyptus macrorhyncha</i> Tableland Grass / Shrub Forest	Dry Sclerophyll Forests (Shrubby subformation)	Occurs between on various substrates. Occupies exposed dry sites on low hills near Canberra and on dry steep rocky sites in lower montane and river corridor areas, which often have well drained poorly developed or skeletal soils.	<i>E. macrorhyncha</i> , <i>E. rossii</i> , <i>E. mannifera</i> , <i>E. dives</i> , <i>E. polyanthemos</i> , <i>E. melliodora</i>	<i>Acacia mearsii</i> , <i>A. implexa</i> , <i>Daviesia mimosoides</i> , <i>A. rubida</i> , <i>Cassinia aculeata</i>	<i>Joycea pallida</i> , <i>Poa sieberiana</i> , <i>Stypantra glauca</i> , <i>Hardenbergia violacea</i> , <i>Dichelachne crinita</i>	Influence of aspect on distribution of dominant trees may be marked. <i>Eucalyptus rossii</i> and <i>E. macrorhyncha</i> may occupy most aspects. <i>E. rossii</i> will often dominate as a pure stand on northwest exposed sites giving way to <i>E. macrorhyncha</i> on the more sheltered aspects, although virtually pure stands of <i>E. macrorhyncha</i> can be found on both exposed and sheltered aspects. <i>E. macrorhyncha</i> and <i>E. mannifera</i> tend to occupy the steepest slopes.
ACT22	<i>Casuarina cunninghamiana</i> Tableland Riparian Woodland	Forested Wetlands	On alluvial soils on rivers (including relatively stable, frequently inundated coarse textured sandy banks and margins)	<i>Casuarina cunninghamiana</i>			Occasionally mixed with <i>Acacia mearsii</i> or very occasionally with <i>A. dealbata</i> on river flats. Grows on river and stream banks between normal water levels and maximum flood levels, in particular on sandy and shingle terraces and among boulder areas within sandy or silty matrix of alluvium.
ACT24	<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i> Tableland Riparian Woodland	Wet Sclerophyll Forests (Grassy subformation)	On alluvial soils of terraced floodplains, river flats and lower broad creeklines from Angle Crossing and Kambah Pool but concentrated as far down as Point Hut Crossing in Tidbinbilla Valley and the Lower Cotter River.	<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i> , <i>E. rubida</i> , <i>E. pauciflora</i>			
99	Native Plantation						
66	Exotic Plantation						