



Destruction Of Natural Ha	abitats   SAFE WORK METH	HOD STATEMENT (SWMS)	
TASK OR	ACTIVITY: Destruction Of Natur	al Habitats	
Business Name:		ABN:	SWMS#
Business Address:			
Contact Person:	Phone:	E 11:	
THIS SAFE WORK METHOD	STATEMENT IS APPROX 0 BY	THE PC OF THE ROJECT	
Under the Work Health and Safety Regulation (WHS Regulation), a person conduct the proposed work starts.		required to en that a safe work method s	statement (SWMS) is prepared before
Full Name:			
Signature:		Title:	Date:
Details of the person(s) responsible for ensuring implementation, monitoring	apliance the VMS a well as review	s and modifications of the SWMS.	
Full Name:		Title:	Phone:
ALL PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY ON THIS & MS MAY HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATED	NA. 2 OF ALL RELEVANT PERSONN EVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF	EL WHO HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND COTHIS SWMS	OMMUNICATED TO IN THE
Safety meetings or toolbox talks will be sched ed in account with a gislative requirements to first identify any site hazards, and then to further take steps to either eliminate or continuous each hazard.			
If an incident or a near miss occurs, all work must sto, an alately. Depending on the severity of the incident, a meeting will be called with all workers to amend the SWMS if required. The meeting may also be an educational opportunity.			
Any changes made to the SWMS after an incident or a near miss must be approved by the Person Conducting Business or Undertaking and communicated to all relevant personnel.			
The SWMS must be kept and be available for inspection at least until the work is completed. Where a SWMS is revised, all versions should be kept. If a notifiable incident occurs in relation to which the SWMS relates, then the SWMS must be kept for at least two years from the occurrence of the notifiable incident.			

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CLIENT OR PRINCIPAL	CONTRACTOR DETAILS
Client:	SCOPE OF WORKS
Project Name:	
Project Address:	
Project Manager:	
Contact Phone:	
Date SWMS supplied to Project Manager:	
ANY HIGH BIOK CONSTRUCTOR	NAME OF THE POLIT
ANY HIGH-RISK CONSTRUCTOR	N WC & BEIN C ARIED OUT
☐ involves a risk of a person falling more than 2 meters	is carried out on or near pressurised gas mains or piping
☐ is carried out on a telecommunication tower	carried out on or near chemical, fuel or refrigerant lines
☐ involves demolition of an element of a structure that is load-bearing	$\square$ is carried out on or near energised electrical installations or services
☐ involves demolition of an element related to the physical integral of a functure	☐ is carried out in an area that may have a contaminated or flammable atmosphere
☐ involves, or is likely to involve, disturbing asb	☐ involves tilt-up or precast concrete
☐ involves structural alteration or repair that —quires term — v sup —rt to prevent collapse	☐ is carried out on, in or adjacent to a road, railway, shipping lane or other traffic corridor
☐ is carried out in or near a confined space	☐ is carried out in an area of a workplace where there is any movement of powered mobile plant
☐ is carried out in/near a shaft or trench deeper that. tunnel involving use of explosives	☐ is carried out in areas with artificial extremes of temperature.
$\square$ is carried out in or near water or other liquid that involves a risk of drowning.	☐ involves diving work.
ANY HIGH-RISK MACHINER	Y OR EQUIPMENT NEARBY

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RISK MATRIX									
LIKELIHOOD	INSIGNIFICANT	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	CATASTROPHIC	SCORE	ACTION	HEIRARCHY OF CONTROLS	
ALMOST CERTAIN	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	SCORE ACTION	ACTION	Elimination Remove the hazard.	
LIKELY	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	4A ACUTE	DO NOT PROCE	Substitution	
POSSIBLE	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	4 ACUTE	3H HIGH	Review before work starts.	Replace the hazard.	
UNLIKELY	1 LOW	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	4 ACUTE	2M MODERATE	Ensure control measures in place.	Isolate People from the hazard	
RARE	1 LOW	1 LOW	2 MODERATE	3 HIGH	3 HIGH	1L LOW	nitor and	Engineering Isolate the hazard.	
is the second m	the second most effective method of controlling a hazard. Engineering by isolation is the true ost engineering by changing the work is the fourth most effective method. PPE (Personal Protective Eq. ment) is the least effective.								

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		Select the app	propriate PPL	abo√ ≃uitab	ic or the equi	pment used or	the job task	being perforr	ned (if applica	ıble).	
FOOT PROTECTION	HAND PROTECTION	HEAD PROTECTION	HEARING ETION	P ECTION	R PIRATORY PROTECTION	FACE PROTECTION	HIGH-VIS CLOTHING	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	FALL PROTECTION	SUN PROTECTION	HAIR/JEWELLERY SECURED
Other PPE R	Required:										
	Pe	ermit or Licen	ses Requirem	ents		Mandatory Qualifications and Training					



JOB STEP	POTENTIAL HAZARDS	IR	CONTROL MEASURES	RR
SPECIFIC WORK STEPS	HAZARDS THAT MAY ARISE	INITIAL RISK	SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO ELIMINATE OR CONTROL THE RISKS	RESIDUAL RISK
1. Preparation	Habitat loss, Disrupted Ecosystem Balance	3H	<ul> <li>Conduct thorough site assessments to ideal, and document existing natural habitats and ecosystems prior to commencement of works.</li> <li>Develop a comprehensive environmental man be usent plan in consultation with ecologists and environmental scientists to minimise habitat descrition.</li> <li>Establish clearly defined exconion zones around nasitive wabitats and high biodiversity areas, marked with visible signage or theories.</li> <li>Schedule coperation are ities to void key broiding or migration periods for local wildlife species identified duting the site as assement.</li> <li>Implement rescrition and post-construction to rehabilitate damaged areas using native plant species that does poort a user of local fauna.</li> <li>Engale and train a staff and contractors on-site about ecological importance and personal responsibilities in proteining habitats.</li> <li>Use all thative bethods or technologies that result in less disturbance to natural environments, such as discritional drilling, ather than open trenching.</li> <li>Regular monitor impacted areas to assess the effectiveness of control measures and adapt strategies eccessary based on observed impacts.</li> <li>Invantain records of sightings of significant flora and fauna and report any incidents of harm to protected species immediately to relevant authorities.</li> <li>Restrict vehicle and machinery access to designated pathways to reduce soil compaction and disturbance in non-work areas.</li> <li>Limit noise, dust, and light pollution by using screens and barriers and scheduling work at times least disruptive to wildlife.</li> <li>Coordinate with local conservation groups and Indigenous organisations to incorporate traditional ecological knowledge into planning and mitigation strategies.</li> <li>Ensure proper waste management practices are in place to prevent contamination of surrounding environments and waterways.</li> </ul>	2M
2. Site Evaluation	Soil Erosion, Animal Disturbance	ЗН	<ul> <li>Conduct thorough soil assessments prior to beginning work to understand the composition and stability of the area.</li> <li>Implement erosion control measures such as silt fences, straw bales, or erosion control blankets in vulnerable areas.</li> <li>Schedule work during dry periods to minimise soil compaction and reduce erosion risk.</li> <li>Designate specific access routes for vehicles and machinery to limit soil disturbance to defined paths.</li> <li>Conduct wildlife surveys before starting work to identify habitats and species potentially at risk.</li> </ul>	2M



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		1	- Establish buffer zones around identified sensitive habitats to protect them from disturbance.	11.011
			- Implement exclusion zones with signage and barriers to prevent unauthorised entry into sensitive areas.	
			- Require staff training on recognising and mitigating disturbance to animals and their habitats.	
			- Monitor weather conditions and postpone divities when heavy rainfall could exacerbate soil erosion.	
			- Use low ground-pressure equipment where ssible reduce impact on the soil structure.	
			- Coordinate with local environmental organisation for advice or best practices for habitat conservation.	
			- Develop a contingency plan manage unexpect wild encounters appropriately, ensuring minimal disruption.	
			- Conduct a start inspersion to entire all schinery is in good working order and free from leaks.	
			- Implement spin its appropriationment in Justices to manage any potential fuel spills promptly.	
			- Enst > operal are trained in refuelling procedures to minimise the risk of spillage.	
			- Use ruse ruriers and inclosures around loud equipment, and schedule noisy activities during less	
			sensitive time	
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3. Machinery Setup	Fuel spillage, Dust and noise pollution	4A	nstall dear suppression systems, such as water sprays, on machinery to reduce air contamination.	3H
			- Intain vegetation buffers where possible to act as a natural barrier against dust spread.	
			Limit machinery operation during periods of high wind to control dust dispersion.	
			- Develop an emergency response plan to swiftly address any accidental spillages or pollution incidents.	
			- Regularly maintain and service machinery to reduce emissions and ensure efficient fuel use.	
			- Engage with local communities and stakeholders to inform them about the project and gain insights on minimising environmental impact.	
4. Vegetation Clearing	Land degradation, Loss of species	4A		3H



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5. Soil Removal	Soil contamination, anse contamination	ЗН		2M
6. Waste disposal	Waste mismanagement, Pollution	3H		2M



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7. Terrain Levelling	Erosion, Spread of invasive species	3Н		2M







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9. Rehabilitation Process	Failed re-establishment luction of non-native species			2M
10. Monitoring and Maintenance	Continued habitat disruption, Complicating natural recovery	3H		1L



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11. Report Documentation	Miscommunication, Misinterpretation	2M		1L



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12. Public Interaction	Community backlash, Damage to reputation	ЗН		X
13. Equipment Dismantling/Moving	Accidents, Noise and dust pollution	3Н		2M



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14. Review and Updating SWMS	Non-compliance, Outdat	2M		1L
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15. Ongoing Management	Ineffectiveness, Further degradation	2M		1L
16. Potential Reclamation	Inadequate rehabilitation, Continuous Ecosystem Disruption	ЗН		2M



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17. Site Closure	Waste left behind, Gradual Ecosystem Recovery Disruption	ЗН		2M



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18. Post Closure Monitoring	Inadequate recovery monitoring, Unexpected ecological changes	2M		1 1L

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19. Environmental Impact Assessment Update	Misjudgment, Inadequate knowledge	ЗН		2M
20. Final Debriefing	Miscommunication, Misinterpretation	2M		1L



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#### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE - CALL 000 FOR EMERGENCIES**

Ensure to have an Emergency Management Plan in place as well as adequate numbers of trained first aid staff with easy access to fully stocked first aid kits, rescue equipment, material safety data sheets, adequate access to emergency communication equipment and fire-fighting equipment suitable for all classes of fire and ignition sources.

#### LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND CODES OF PRACTICE. DELETE THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES. ANY STATE OF AT ARE NOT APPLICABLE.

### **Queensland & Australian Capital Territory**

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011

 $\underline{\text{Legislation QLD:}} \ \underline{\text{https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/work-health-and-safety-laws}}$ 

Codes of Practice QLD: https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice Legislation ACT: https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations

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#### **New South Wales**

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2017

Legislation NSW: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/legal-obligations/legislations/

Codes of Practice NSW: https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/lis > odes-oi racti

#### **Northern Territory**

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulation 2011

Legislation NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/wo\_place-

Codes of Practice NT: https://worksafe.nt.gov.au/f

#### South Australia

Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012 (SA)

Legislation for SA: https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/resources/legislation

Codes of Practice for SA: https://www.safework.sa.gov.au/work\_aces/codes-of-practice#COPs

#### Tasmania

Work Health and Safety Act 2012

Work Health and Safety (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2012

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012

Work Health and Safety (Transitional) Regulations 2012

Legislation for TAS: https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/acts-and-regulations

Codes of Practice for TAS: https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice

Details of permits, licenses or access required by regulatory bodies (add or delete as required):

- Permits from local council
- Authorisation to commence work
- Any required documents.

#### Victoria

Occupational Health al. Safety Act

Occupational Health and affety gulations 2017

Legis on VIC: https://www.ssafe.vic.gov.au/occupational-health-and-safety-act-and-

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tes of actice VIC attps://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/compliance-codes-and-codes-practice

#### Western Australia

Work Health and Safety Act 2020

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2022

Legislation Western Australia: <a href="https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/legislation">https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/legislation</a>

Codes of Practice WA: https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/worksafe/codes-practice

#### Safe Work Australia Links

Law and Regulation (All States): https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/law-and-regulation Model Codes of Practice: https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/resources-publications/model-codes-of-practice

#### **Model Codes of Practice**

- Managing noise and preventing hearing loss at work
- Confined spaces
- Labelling of workplace hazardous chemicals
- Managing risks of hazardous chemicals in the workplace
- Welding processes
- First aid in the workplace
- Managing the risk of falls at workplaces
- Hazardous manual tasks
- Managing the risk of falls in housing construction
- Managing electrical risks in the workplace
- Demolition work
- Excavation work
- Work health and safety consultation, cooperation and coordination
- Managing the work environment and facilities
- How to manage work health and safety risks
- Managing risks of plant in the workplace
- Construction work





### SIGNATORIES OF THE SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT

The signed and dated personnel listed below have cooperated in the consultation and development of this Safe Work Method Statement which has been approved by the Person/s Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU). In signing this Safe Work Method Statement each individual acknowledges and confirms that they have read this SWMS in full, having raised any questions for items on this Safe Work Method Statement that require clarification, and confirms that they are competent, skilled and knowledgeable for the task assigned to them. Every person acknowledges that they have received the relevant training and qualifications where required, before carrying out any work contained in this Safe Work Method Statement. By signing this Safe Work Method Statement each individual agrees to work safely, to follow any safe work instructions which are provided, and agrees to use all Personal Protective Equipment where appropriate.

Worker Name	Signature	Date

### SAFE WORK IN THE STATEMENT MONITORING AND REVIEW

The SWMS must be reviewed regularly to make sure it remains a fective of must be reviewed (and revised if necessary) if relevant control measures are revised. The view process should be carried out in consultation with workers (including contractors of the SWMS and their health and safety representatives who represented that work group at the workplace.

When the SWMS has been revised the PCBU mast ensure that advised that a revision has been made and how they can access the revised SWMS, including all persons who will need to change a work procedure or system as a rest of the review are advised of the changes in a way that will enable them to implement their duties and the involved in the work must be provided with the relevant information and instruction that will assist them to understand and implement the revised SWMS.

The SWMS must be monitored regularly for the effectiveness of ensuring hazard controls are effective in reducing the risk of incidents, keeping the workplace safe for all personnel. The person responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of the Safe Work Method Statement should employ a multi-faceted approach which includes but is not limited to:

- Spot Checks.
- 2. Consultation with workers, contractors and sub-contractors.
- 3. Internal audits on a continual basis.

An approach of continuous improvement, promptly recording inconsistencies or deficiencies, followed up by immediate corrective action and consultation with all relevant personnel ensures that the PCBU is consistently developing ever-improving systems of safe work principles.

REVIEW NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NAME							
INITIALS							
DATE							

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### SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT REVIEW CHECKLIST

This Safe Work Method Statement Review Checklist is to be followed and used upon initial development of the SWMS to help ensure that all steps have been adequately taken before work commences. Think of this document as an internal audit review checklist before commencing work, and may form part of a Toolbox Talk (safety meeting) and may be used as an opportunity for education and training.

ITEMS WHICH MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE SWMS	COMPLETED	COMMENTS
The company details have been entered, including the project name and address.		
All relevant personnel consulted during the development of the SWMS.		
Name, signature, position and date signed of the person approving the SWMS.		
Specific personnel and qualifications, experience is noted in the SWMS.	7	
Provides a step-by-step process of tasks required to carry out the activity or task.		
Adequate risk assessment of any identified hazards has been completed.		
Foreseeable hazards are identified and documented for each step.		
Any hazards listed in any site risk assessments have been added to the SWMS		
SWMS initial risk (IR) column as well as residual risk (RR) column mpleted.		
Check control measures added to the SWMS are the most effective selective.		
Responsible person is assigned and listed on the person is as a person is as a person is a		
Permit or licenses requirements specified, sur as Hot Work, Electric Work, Work at Heights etc.		
SWMS identifies plant and equipment to be us		
Details of inspection checks required for any equipment listed a noted on the SWMS.		
Describes any mandatory qualifications, experience, and or skills required to perform the work.		
Applicable personal protective equipment is selected on the SWMS.		
Reflects and documents any legislative references and/or Australian Standards.		
Identifies any hazardous substances used with specific control measures in line with any SDS.		
REVIEWED BY	DATE REVIE	WED
SIGNATURE	DATE COMPL	ETED