THE SECRETARY’S ANIMAL CARE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

**(SECRETARY’S ACEC)**

# NOTIFICATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROJECT

# FAUNA SURVEYS

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| **Name of Principal Investigator** |  |
| **Title of Project** |  |
| **Project Number** |  |

**1. Approved Associate Investigator(s) and Other Participants involved in this survey – already listed on the Animal Research Authority**

***Associate Investigators (AIs)*** *are trained and experienced in the procedures used in the project and do not need supervision by the Principal Investigator.*

***Other Participants (OPs)*** *are people, such as volunteers or employees, without training or experience in the procedures but are directly supervised by the Principal or Associate Investigators and may be receiving training in animal survey techniques and animal handling.*

*If an Associate Investigator is not already listed on the Animal Research Authority (ARA) for this project, please submit a separate Modification Application form for ACEC approval to add them. If you wish for an Other Participant to be listed as an Associate Investigator once they are competent, please also submit a Modification Application.* *The template for this can be found under Secretary’s ACEC Forms on the* [*Secretary’s ACEC website.*](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/science-and-research/animal-ethics-committees/secretarys-animal-care-and-ethics-committee)

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| **List of Associate Investigators and Other Participants involved in this survey that are already named this project’s ARA** |
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**2. Other Participants not named on the project ARA that are involved in this survey and may be helping to undertake survey procedures and/or handle animals and will be directly supervised by the Principal or Associate Investigators.**

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| **Name** | **Brief description of activities undertaken under supervision** | **Supervisor(s)** |
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**3. Subcontractors not named on the project ARA participating in this survey who have their own ARA through the Secretary’s ACEC, and their ARA covers the survey techniques they are being subcontracted to undertake in this survey** (if not, they need to be added as an Associate Investigator via a Modification Application).

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| **Name** | **ARA Number** | **Brief description of activities undertaken** |
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**4. Location of project:** Please note, you can only select the locations the ACEC approved in the project application.

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**5. Date of commencement:**

**6. Proposed date of completion:**

**7. Methods to be used as per project’s approved application:** Please complete the table below.

Please note, you can only select the methods the ACEC approved in the project application.

Please indicate by left clicking the relevant boxes. In empty cells below, add other methods the ACEC approved that will be used, if these are not already listed in the table*.*

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| **Terrestrial Capture Survey Methods**  |
| [ ]  | Elliott traps | [ ]  | Cage traps | [ ]  | Dry Pitfall traps |
| [ ]  | Mist nets | [ ]  | Harp Traps | [ ]  | Trip lines |
| [ ]  | Funnel Traps | [ ]  | Pipe traps | [ ]  | Hand capture |
| [ ]  | Other: Please list below |
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| **Terrestrial Non-Capture Survey Methods**  |
| [ ]  | Hair tubes | [ ]  | Anabat detectors | [ ]  | Songmeters |
| [ ]  | Call playback | [ ]  | Infrared cameras | [ ]  | Spotlighting |
| [ ]  | Scat searches | [ ]  | Radio tracking | [ ]  | Drones (see [Appendix](#Appendix) below) |
| [ ]  | Diurnal bird surveys |  |  |  |  |
| [ ]  | Other: Please list below |
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| **Aquatic Non-Capture Survey Methods**  |
| [ ]  | Visual census | [ ]  | Remote video (BRUVs/UBRUVs/ROVs) | [ ]  | Other: Please list below |
| [ ]  | Other: Please list below |
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| **Aquatic Capture Survey Methods** |
| [ ]  | Dip netting | [ ]  | Crab pots | [ ]  | Seine netting |
| [ ]  | Fyke netting | [ ]  | Box traps | [ ]  | Cathedral traps |
| [ ]  | Backpack electro-fishing | [ ]  | Boat Electrofishing | [ ]  | Larval fish traps |
| [ ]  | Turtle traps | [ ]  | Other: Please list below |
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| **Principal Investigator signature** |  |
| **Date** |  |

**Appendix - Using Drones**

a. Please describe what the drone(s) will be used for in this survey

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b. What are the potential negative impacts on target and non-target species and how will these be mitigated

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c. Drone Pilot information

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| Name | Experience in surveying wildlife with drones | Are they accompanied by an above-named investigator during drone flight? Yes/No |
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