



# SPATIALLY ENABLING ENVIRONMENTAL DECISIONS

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#### The Project Brief



- Web enabled Environmental Impact Reporting Tool to assist with decision making
- Guide Users through the Legislation mine field
- Cost effective report production
- Efficient retrieval, storage and on demand access to data
- Simple to use
- Flexibility to change report format

## Red Tape is sometimes Green

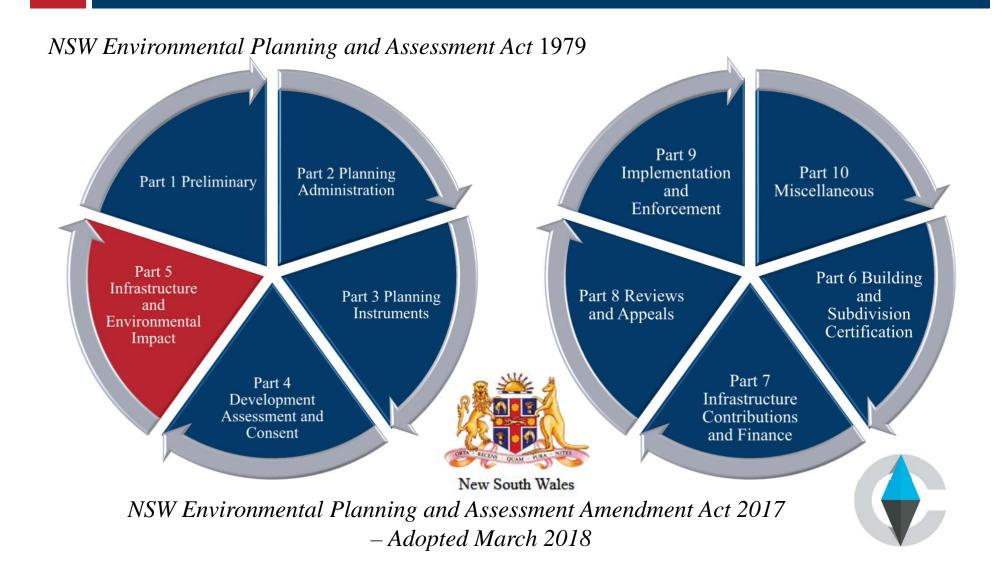
- □ Problems associated with 'green tape'.
- Complying with ever increasing regulations is expensive
- □ Need to be driven to seek out innovative solutions to complex problems to increase efficiencies and reduce the regulatory burden

green tape (uncountable)

1. (derogatory) Time-consuming bureaucratic procedures or regulations relating to environmental concerns.



## The Legislation - EP&A Act



## EP&A Act - Part 5 (short version)

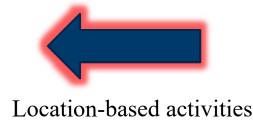
- Determining Authority (Councils, Utilities, TelCo's, Mining etc) have a duty to consider environmental impact
- □ They have a mandatory statutory requirement to consider potential environmental impacts under Part 5 of the EP&A Act prior to undertaking certain activities
- □ Failure to comply with these provisions can result in significant penalties



# EP&A Act Part 5 – Council Requirements

- Activities proposed by Council may fall under Part 4 or Part 5
- Part 4 is assessed using a DA, Exempt or Complying Development
- □ Part 5 (Division 5.1) used when Part 4 doesn't apply
- Activities can be low to high impact
- □ Activities are SPATIAL





#### activity means:

- (a) the use of land, and
- (b) the subdivision of land, and
- (c) the erection of a building, and
- (d) the carrying out of a work, and
- (e) the demolition of a building or work, and



# EP&A Act Part 5 – Council Requirements

#### Part 5 approvals for public authorities

Development without consent can also apply to activities undertaken by government departments or agencies as part of their everyday responsibilities (e.g. water supply infrastructure being constructed by a water utility). Many of these activities are allowed to be carried out under <a href="State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure)">State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure)</a> 2007 (ISEPP).

Environmental assessment of these activities is undertaken under Part 5 of the <u>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</u> (EP&A Act).

- Part 5 assessment system is to ensure public authorities fully consider environmental issues before they undertake or approve activities that do not require development consent from a council or the Minister.
- If an activity is judged by the relevant public authority to 'significantly affect the environment', then an EIS/EIA will need to be prepared and considered



## Demo

#### EasyEIA Login



## Data Requirements

- Web based access based upon environmental information available from various NSW and Commonwealth Government departments.
- □ Periodic update the information,
  - monthly, quarterly, six monthly or yearly depending upon the legal obligations for the currency of the information.

#### Data Stakeholders

- OEH Bionet
- □ SEED Data Portal
- Dept of Environment and Energy
- □ EPA
- Spatial Services
- □ Data.gov.au
- □ NSW Geological Survey
- □ + more









## No Uniform Data Formats

- □ WFS Web Feature Service
- □ WMTS Web Map Tile Service
- □ WMS Web Map Service
- Shapefiles
- □ Geodatabase
- □ Excel / CSV
- □ Web Endpoint (JSON)





#### **Data Themes**

#### Aboriginal Culture

- Aboriginal Register
- Native Title

#### Environmental

- Critical Habitat
- Mitchell Landscapes
- Flora
- Fauna

#### Heritage and Planning

- Various Heritage Datasets
- Heritage (State s170)
- World Heritage
- Land Zoning





#### Data Themes

#### Land

- Acid Sulphate Soils Risk
- Contaminated Land
- □ Land use (2007)
- **■** Steep or Highly Erodible

#### Waterways

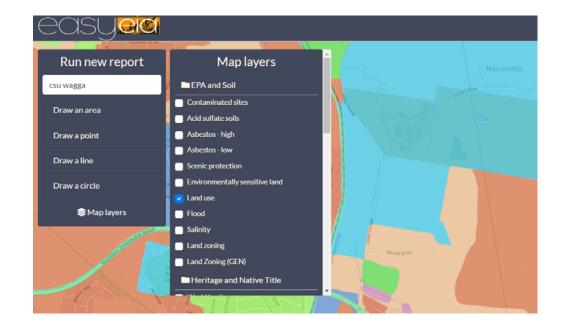
- Marine Parks
- **■** Wetlands
- SEPPs

#### Administrative Data

- LGA
- State Forest
- National Parks

#### Foundation Data

- DCDB
- **■** Imagery





## Data Challenges

- Threatened Species 13 Million Records and growing
- □ Vegetation, Bushfire, Land Use large and complex polygons
- Currency
- Sourcing the right data for the job
- □ Some Custodians not Open Data minded



#### We Love Web Services and APIs







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#### **BioNet Web Services**

#### About

BioNet is the trusted source of biodiversity data for the state of NSW and a resource for all. As a part of OEH's **Open OEH** initiative, data held in BioNet has been made available via an Open Application Programming Interface (API). This enables organisations and individuals to directly integrate biodiversity data into their software systems and unlock the innovation potential of this valuable data asset.

By delivering this data via an Open API we are aiming to improve environmental decision making through integration of up to date, consistent and reliable biodiversity data in planning and decision making systems.

#### What data have you made available via your API?

Release 3.1 of the API (https://data.bionet.nsw.gov.au/biosvcapp/odata) makes the following BioNet data collections available:

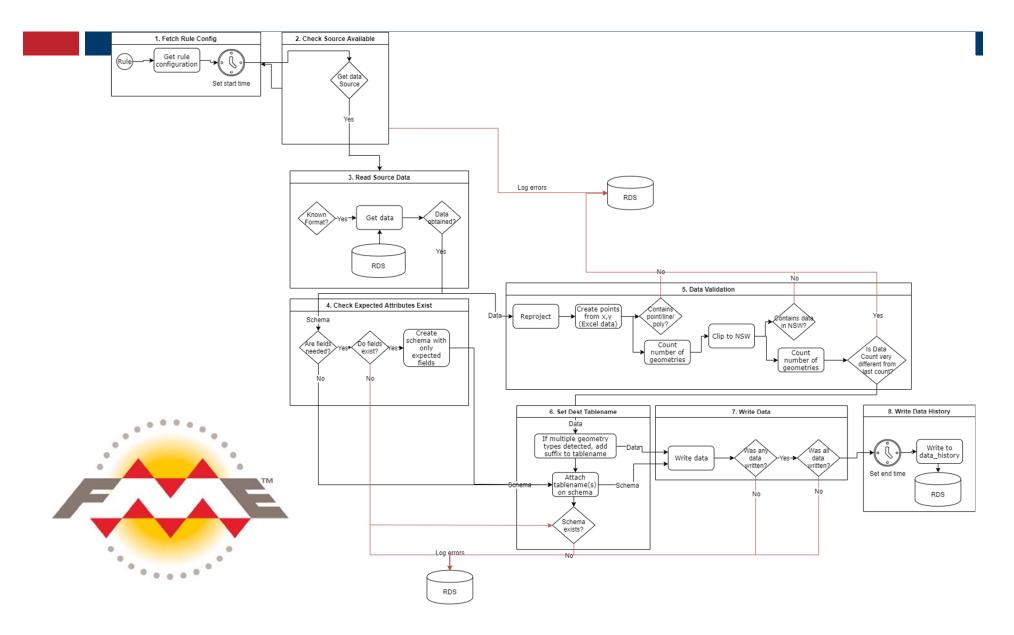
- Species Sightings
- Vegetation Classification
- NSW Landscapes
- Threatened Biodiversity
- Species Names

#### **Data Validation**

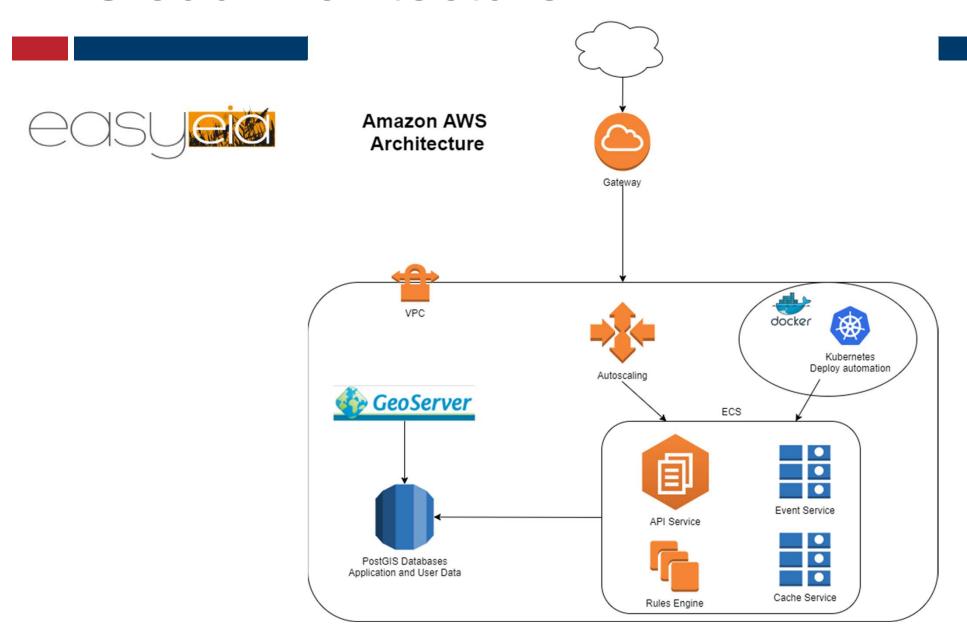
- Has request failed
- Valid Geometry
- □ Valid Projection
- Does the dataset have a changed schema from supply to supply



## Data Load and Validation

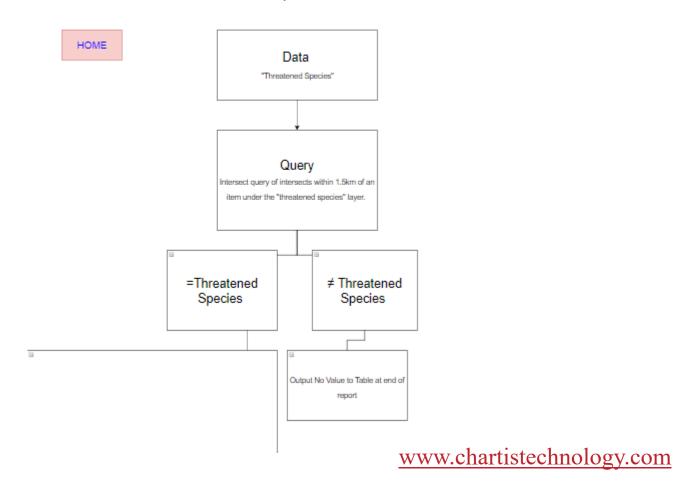


## **Cloud Architecture**



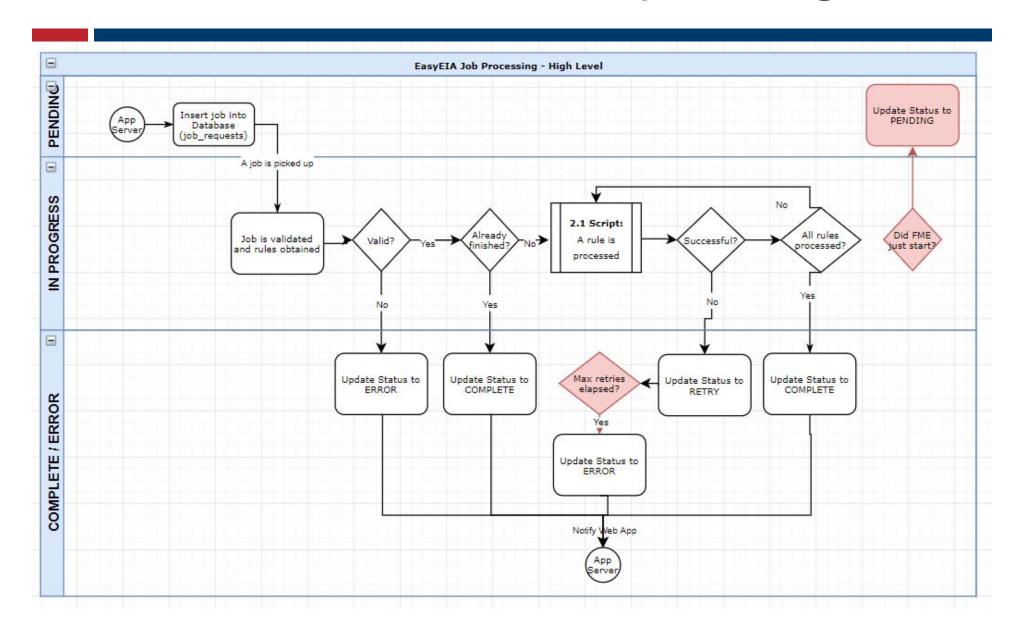
## Rules Logic

#### Threatened Species 1.5km





## Data Workflow and Report Engine

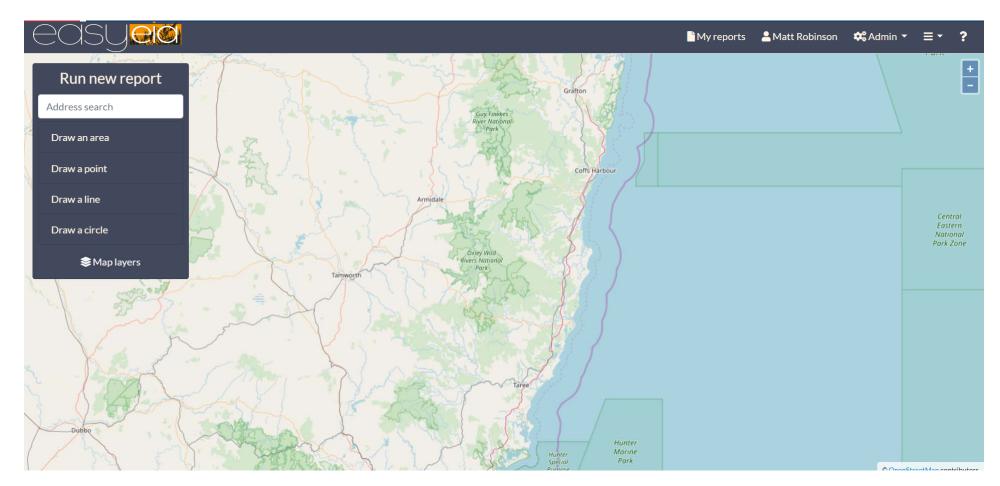




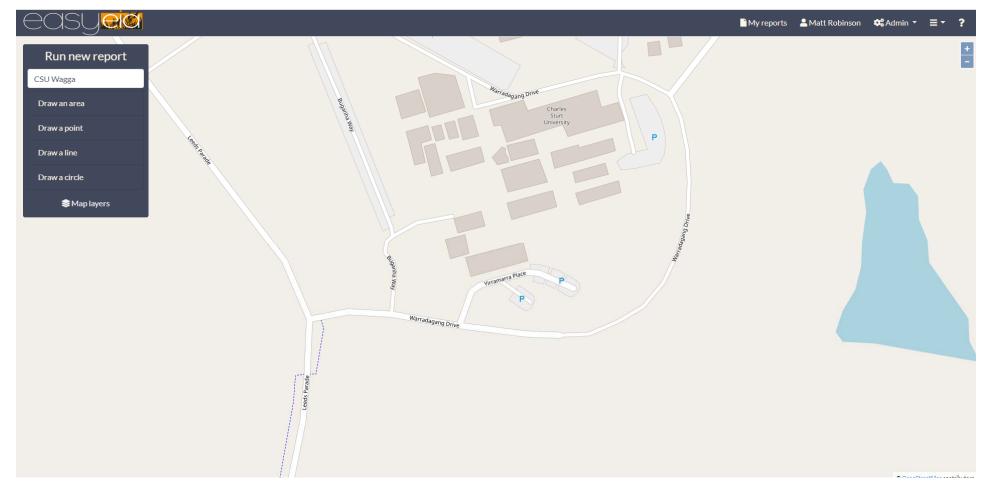
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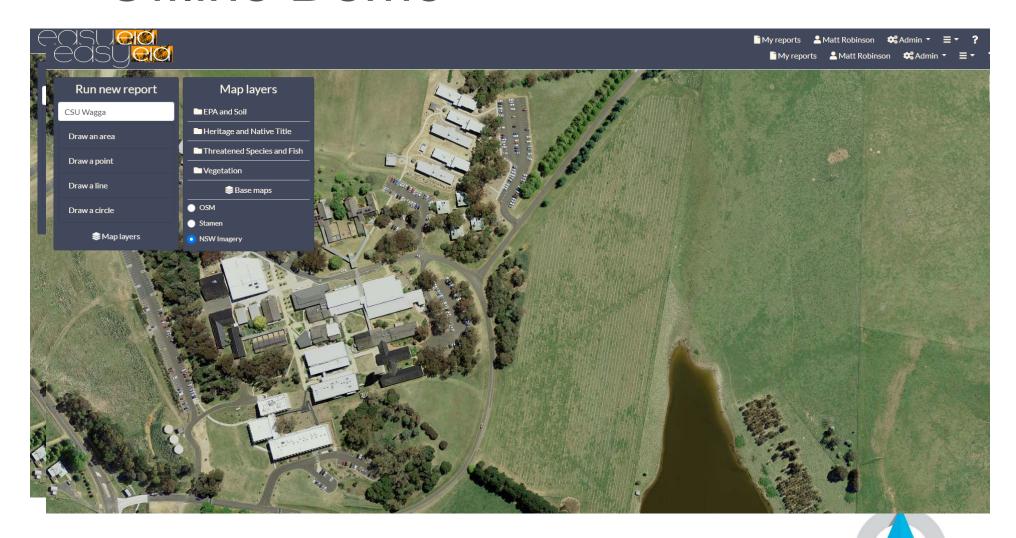
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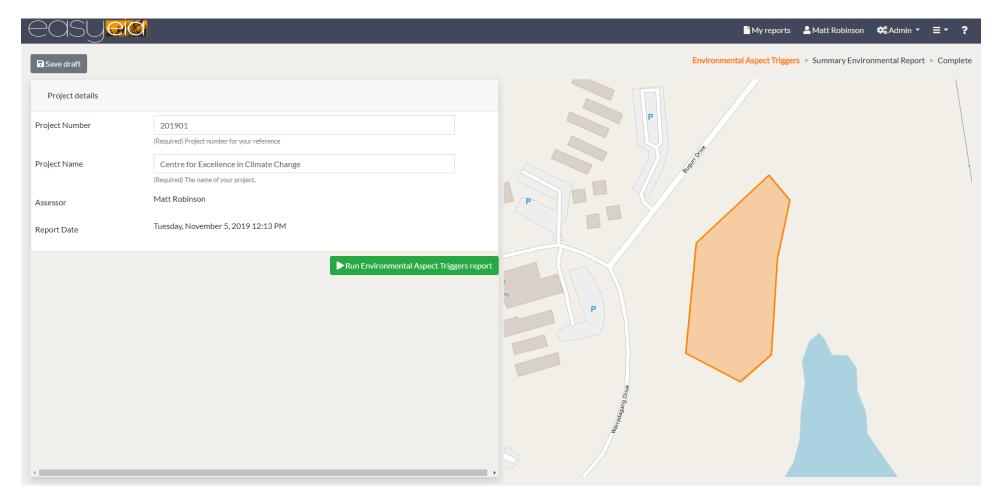






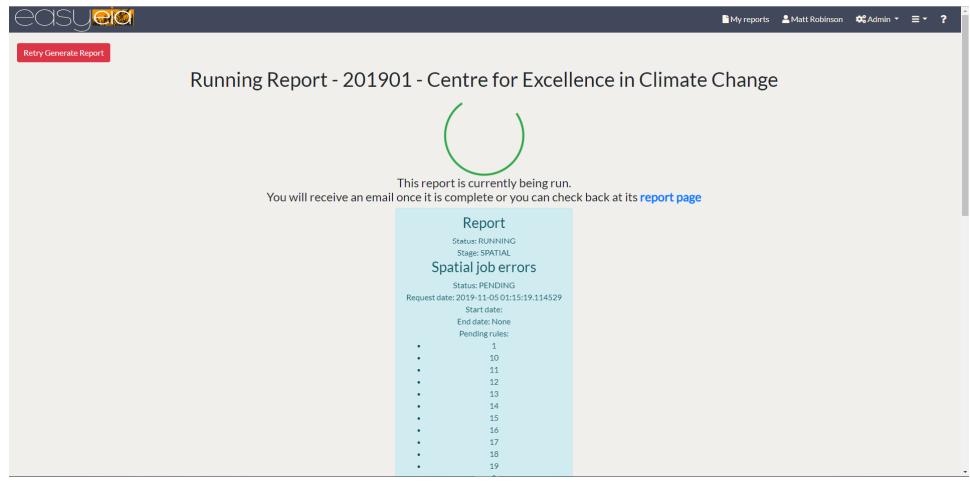




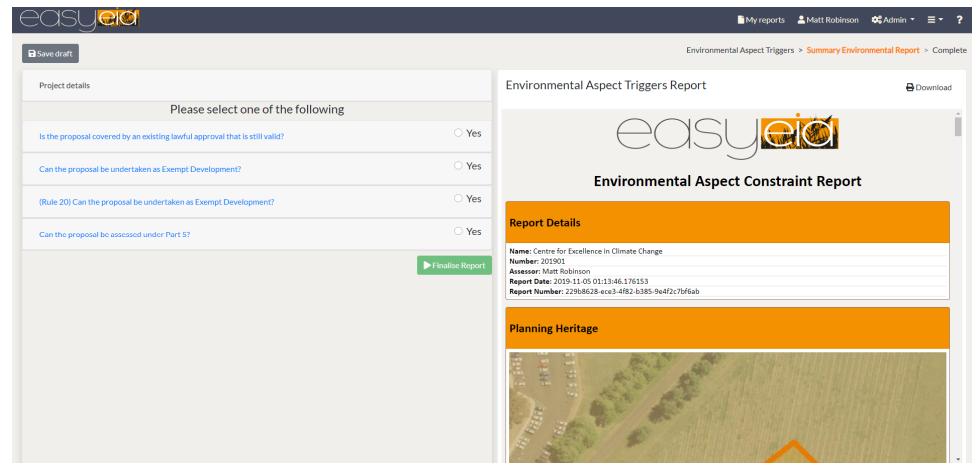




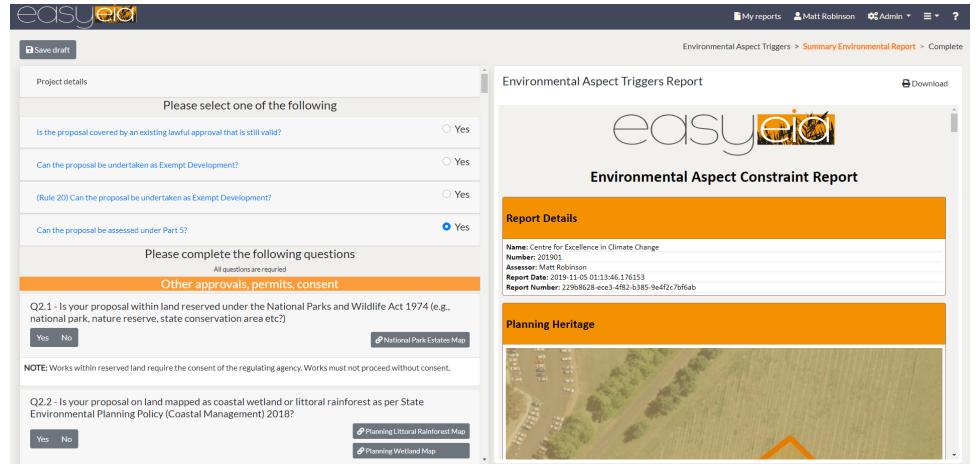
## Offline Demo – ~ 50 rules













#### Please complete the following questions

All questions are requried

#### Other approvals, permits, consent

Q2.1 - Is your proposal within land reserved under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (e.g., national park, nature reserve, state conservation area etc?)





**NOTE:** Works within reserved land require the consent of the regulating agency. Works must not proceed without consent.

Please attach consent or evidence of agreement for the works to be carried out.







#### Non-Aboriginal heritage considerations

Q2.10 - Does your proposal involve harm (any works) to a State Heritage listed item?



Works impacting listed heritage item or an item under an interim protection order require approval prior to works commencing. NSW heritage has a series of exemption, but still require a form detailing the extent of the exemption to be detailed and a form submitted for approval. In addition, if your activity is likely to expose a heritage item, e.g., an excavation, then a permit is also required. The following forms apply to state heritage items, items subjected to an interim protection order or where a proposal is likely to expose a heritage item:

http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/heritagebranch/heritage/StandardExemptions.pdf http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/heritagebranch/heritage/formexemptionnotifications57.pdf http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/heritagebranch/heritage/s60applicationform.pdf http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/heritagebranch/heritage/S140-S144Frm2013.pdf



Q6.2 - Threatened species, ecological communities or their habitats (NSW)

Level 1 Level 2 Level 3

Level 1: No impacts identified

Level 2: Impacts will be minimised and appropriately managed.

Level 3: A higher degree of potential impact requiring specialist advice





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EasyEIA Report

To matt.robinson@chartistechnology.com



## EasyEIA - Report 201901 - Centre for Excellence in Climate Change ready to view

Hi Matt Robinson,

Good news! Your EasyEIA report has finished running.

You can complete the Summary Environmental Report stage of your report on the report page.

easyEIA team

# Report Details Name: Mapped Out Demo Number: 123 Assessor: Mat Robinson Report Details Out 2014-093-949151 Report Number: 4390:216-10-93-949151 Report Number: 4390:216-10-93-949151 Report Number: 4390:216-10-93-949159 Other approvals, permits, consent is your proposal within an area of outstanding biodiversity value? No Is your proposal within a marine park or aquatic reserve? Yes Is your proposal within a marine park or aquatic reserve? Yes Is your proposal on land mapped as coastal wetland or littoral rainforest as per State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018? No









#### Summary Environmental Report

#### Report Details

Name: Mapped Out Demo

Number: 123

Assessor: Matt Robinson

Report Date: 2019-11-05 01:04:33.949151

Report Number: 4d90c16f-1b14-4943-83f2-9d14625be070

#### Other approvals, permits, consent

Is your proposal within an area of outstanding biodiversity value?

#### No

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#### Yes

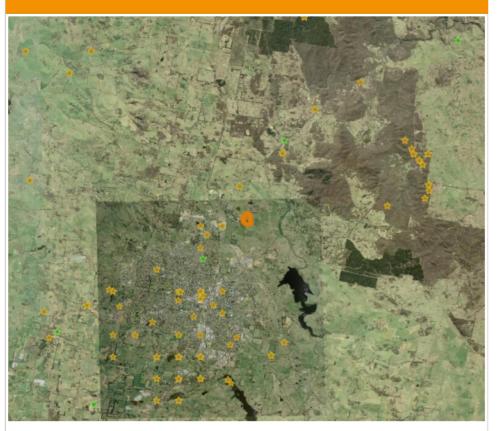
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#### No

Is your proposal within land reserved under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (e.g., national park, nature reserve, state conservation area etc?)

#### Yes

#### Threatened Species 10000m



#### Results

kingdom	vernacularname	stateconservation	countryconservation
Plantae	Silver-Leaf Candleba	Vulnerable	Endangered
Animalia	Scarlet Robin	Vulnerable	Not Listed
Animalia	Superb Parrot	Vulnerable	Vulnerable
Animalia	Koala	Vulnerable	Vulnerable
Animalia	Greater Glider	Not Listed	Vulnerable
Animalia	Little Eagle	Vulnerable	Not Listed
Animalia	Grey-headed Flying-f	Vulnerable	Vulnerable
Animalia	Blue-billed Duck	Vulnerable	Not Listed
Animalia	Freckled Duck	Vulnerable	Not Listed
Animalia	Speckled Warbler	Vulnerable	Not Listed
Animalia	Squirrel Glider	Vulnerable	Not Listed
Animalia	Dusky Woodswallow	Vulnerable	Not Listed
Animalia	Varied Sittella	Vulnerable	Not Listed
Animalia	Flame Robin	Vulnerable	Not Listed
Animalia	Diamond Firetail	Vulnerable	Not Listed

#### **Unaffected Constraints Summary**

The following constraints have been checked but were unaffected by the input study area

Planning Wetland

Planning Littoral Rainforest

Aquatic Reserve

Marine Park

RAMSAR

World Heritage

Critical Habitat

State Heritage

State Forest

EPA Sites

Soil Class

Commonwealth Heritage

Declared Wilderness

National Heritage

Native Title Claims

Native Title Determinations

National Park Estates

Section 170 Register

Vulnerable Lands Riparian

Vulnerable Lands Special

Vulnerable Lands Erodible

Wild Rivers

Murray Regional Plan

Asbestos High

Asbestos Medium

Aquatic Reserve 500

Marine Park 500

National Park Estate 500

Asbestos Mines and Exploration

LEP Drinking Water Catchments

LEP Environmentally Sensitive Land

LEP Scenic Protection

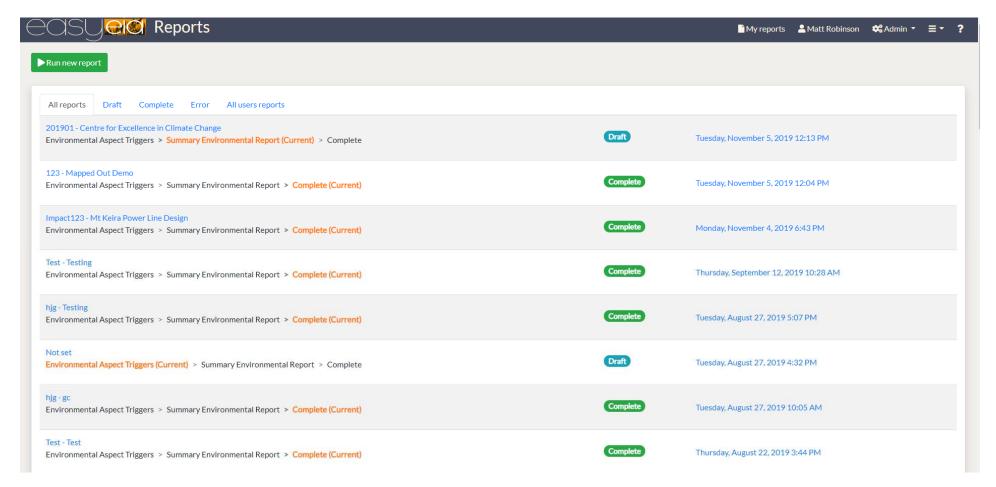
LEP Flood

LEP Salinity

SEPP Wetland - Proximity area

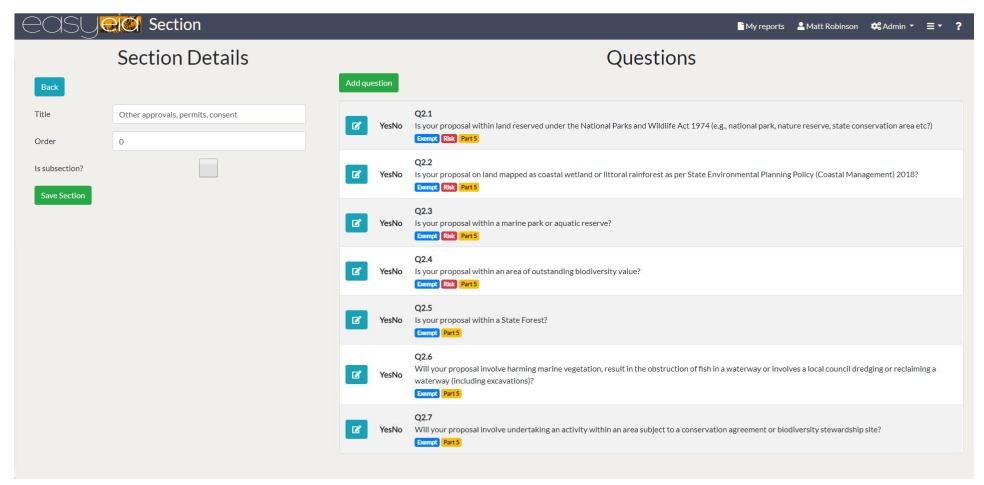
SEPP Littoral Rainforest - Proximity area

Marine Habitat





## Offline Demo – Question Templates





## Offline Demo - Spatial Rules

