

**Summary Statement of Peer Review Advice
Sheoak High Lift Pump Station Environmental Management Plan
Sugarloaf Pipeline Project**

The Sheoak High Lift Pump Station EMP includes all construction activities for the pump station to be located on a 200ha property that is owned by Melbourne Water. The EPBC-listed Golden Sun Moth has been found within this EMP section, which has influenced the siting of the pump station. The site also contains known suitable habitat for the EPBC-listed Striped Legless Lizard.


The peer review process involved:

- Review of a draft of the Sheoak EMP.
- Review of a number of Management Programs for the Sheoak section.
- Review of the risk register related to the proposed works.
- Preparation of a peer review report identifying where the EMP required improvement.
- A check of the revised EMP to assess the adequacy of the responses to the peer review comments.

Arising from the review of the initial draft of the EMP, a number of aspects requiring refinement were identified. These relate particularly to the description of works contained in the EMP and also to the Vegetation Management Program and the Fauna Management Program. The key issues with the management programs generally related to the need for detailed and clear descriptions in the Fauna Management Plan, and clarification of vegetation offset calculations and methods in the Vegetation Management Plan.

The revised Sheoak EMP and associated Management Programs have been checked and the key issues identified have been addressed to the satisfaction of the peer reviewer. On the basis of the revised documentation it is concluded that the Sheoak EMP is fit for purpose and adequately addresses the requirements of the approved Environmental Management Framework for the project.

The documentation outlines a suite of sound measures to monitor and control identified risks associated with the planned construction activities. Effective implementation of these measures together with a systematic audit program will provide a high level of assurance that the important environmental issues will be well managed.

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