

Responses to Questions on Notice

Received at the 5 September 2024
Ordinary Meeting of Council

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Arnold'.

Mark Arnold
General Manager

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Question with Notice No. 1.0 Bypass Offsets – Lilli Pilli Biobanking Agreement

File No: I2024/1261

At Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 5 September 2024 Jan Barham asked the following question, as read by staff, which was taken on notice:

In relation to Biobanking Agreement BA 352, Lilli Pilli, now translated to a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement, can an explanation be provided as to why the Mitchells Rainforest Snail Species Credits are not listed and are identified as "no species credits have been created on this site" on BCT website.

Response Director Infrastructure Services:

Biobanking Statement ID 19 for the development of the Byron Bay Bypass addressed the matters raised in the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* and required a retirement condition to ensure that the Development improves or maintains biodiversity values.

This includes the retirement of:

- 74 ecosystem credits for Paperbark swamp forest of the coastal lowlands of the NSW North Coast Bioregion and Sydney Basin Bioregion, (NR217) plant community type
- 49 species credits for Mitchell's Rainforest Snail
- 8 species credits for Pale-vented Bush-hen
- 8 species credits for Black Bittern
- 37 species credits for Common Planigale.

To satisfy the retirement requirements Council entered into Biobanking Agreements 352 and 348. Biobanking Agreement 352 created 49 species credits for Mitchell's Rainforest Snail *Thersites mitchellae*. The works for this agreement have been undertaken and the credits were retired on 3 June 2019.

A copy of the retirement report has been provided to Ms Barham and is attached to this report. The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage website only shows the credit retirement of the Paperbark swamp forest of the coastal lowlands of the NSW North Coast Bioregion and Sydney Basin Bioregion, (NR217) plant community type and not the species credits for Mitchell's Rainforest Snail.

It is a matter for the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage as to why their website is not displaying all the retired credits. It would appear that this is a minor error on the part of the department.

Attachments:

- 1 Biobanking Credit Retirement Report, E2024/121828.



Credit retirement report

Effective date: 03-June-2019
Transaction number: 201906-RT-403
Credit owners' details
Credit owner ID: 455
Name of credit holder: Byron Shire Council
Other owner(s):
No other owners
Reason for retirement: Retirement to satisfy the requirements of BioBanking Statement ID 19

Ecosystem credit(s) retired

Number of credits	Credit profile ID	Agreement ID	Vegetation code	Vegetation type	CMA subregion	% surrounding vegetation	Patch size	Vegetation formation(see key)
64	2,891	352	NR217	NR217/Paperbark swamp forest of the coastal lowlands of the NSW North Coast Bioregion and Sydney Basin Bioregion	Murwillumbah (Qld - Southeast Hills and Ranges)	31-70%	>100 ha	FRW
6	2,892	352	NR254	NR254/Swamp Mahogany swamp forest on coastal lowlands of the NSW North Coast Bioregion and northern Sydney Basin Bioregion	Murwillumbah (Qld - Southeast Hills and Ranges)	31-70%	>100 ha	FRW

Species credit(s) retired

Number of credits	Credit profile ID	Agreement ID	Species type	Scientific name	Common name
49	613	352	Fauna	Thersites mitchellae	Mitchell's Rainforest Snail

Key to vegetation formations

Code	Vegetation formation
ALP	Alpine complex
ASA	Arid shrublands (Acacia)
ASC	Arid shrublands (Chenopod)
DSG	Dry sclerophyll forests (shrub/grass)
DSS	Dry sclerophyll forests (shrubby)
FRW	Forested wetlands
FWW	Freshwater wetlands
GLD	Grasslands
GRW	Grassy woodlands
HLD	Heathlands
MES	Miscellaneous ecosystems
RFT	Rainforests
SAW	Saline wetlands
SWG	Semi-arid woodlands (grassy)
SWS	Semi-arid woodlands (shrubby)
WSG	Wet sclerophyll forests (grassy)
WSS	Wet sclerophyll forests (shrubby)

The credit register provides further information about credit holdings and reports about credit trading activity. To view this information, please visit the public register website at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/bimspr/index.htm

For more information, please contact the BioBanking Scheme Manager - phone (02) 9995 6753; email biobanking@environment.nsw.gov.au

Credit retirement report

Effective date: 03-June-2019

Transaction number: 201906-RT-404

Credit owners' details

Credit owner ID: 450

Name of credit holder: Byron Shire Council

Other owner(s):
No other owners

Reason for retirement: Retirement to satisfy the requirements of BioBanking Statement ID 19