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Dear Paul

Re: 2020 Annual Report of Water Quality and Dwarf Galaxias Monitoring for Casey Green

Aquatica Environmental was engaged by Narre Warren Central to undertake the 2020 annual monitoring of water quality and Dwarf Galaxias (*Galaxiella pusilla*) at the site of the Casey Green residential development at 96-166 Centre Road, Narre Warren, Victoria (the project).

The annual monitoring was undertaken to meet specific management actions outlined in the project's commonwealth, state and locally approved Dwarf Galaxias Management Plan (DGMP; BL&A 2015) and Dwarf Galaxias Salvage and Translocation Plan (DGSTP; Aquatica Environmental 2015). These actions were interpreted by the federal Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environmental (DAWE) to include the following monitoring requirements (DE 2016, including Aquatica Environmental 2015):

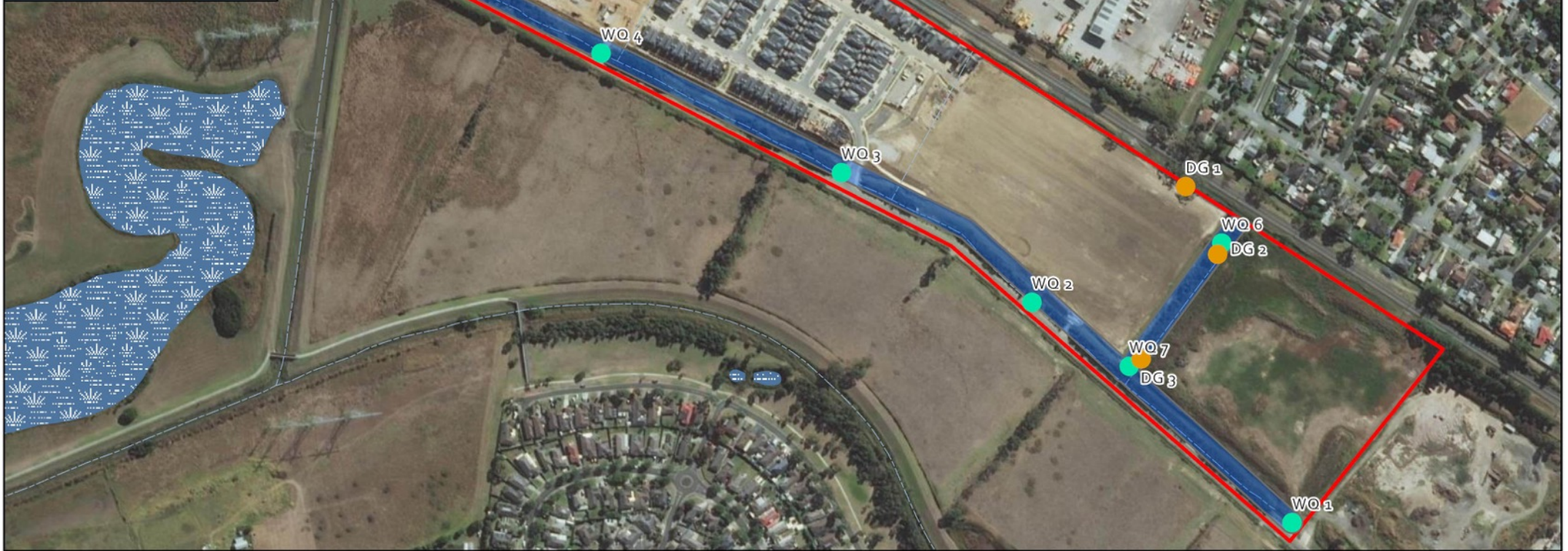
- **Dwarf Galaxias:** Survey Dwarf Galaxias and predatory fish populations at established/baseline and translocation release sites in November/December annually during construction and for least five years post completion of construction on the site.
- **Aquatic and riparian habitat condition:** Assess condition in conjunction with the Dwarf Galaxias survey.
- **Water quality:** Assess water quality at established sites once per fortnight and/or after rainfall events >10mm during construction, including during Dwarf Galaxias monitoring (Condition 3b and 3d).

This report has been produced to provide a summary record of the 2020 water quality and Dwarf Galaxias monitoring in accordance with the DGMP and DGSTP.

1 Methodologies

1.1 Sampling Sites

During initial baseline and salvage surveys in 2016-17 a number of water quality and Dwarf Galaxias survey sites were established (Aquatica Environmental 2017). However, in the time since these surveys were undertaken development of the site (and neighbouring sites) has progressed significantly and not all of the originally established site still exist. Figure 1 shows the sites that were monitored during the 2020 year. The only variation to the 2019 monitoring locations was the addition of an additional water quality sampling site at the main entrance to the development ... (now referred to as Site WQ3)



Spatial Reference
 Name: GDA2020 MGA Zone 55
 PCS: GDA2020 MGA Zone 55
 GCS: GDA2020
 Datum: GDA2020
 Projection: Transverse Mercator

- Site
- Retained Habitat
- Wetland
- Structure
- Connector or drain

Monitoring Points

- Water Quality Site (WQ)
- Dwarf Galaxias Site (DG)

Casey Green, 96-166 Centre Road, Narre Warren
Dwarf Galaxias and Water Quality monitoring sites
 Figure 1



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1.2 Dwarf Galaxias and Predatory Fish Monitoring

Dwarf Galaxias and predatory fish monitoring was undertaken at the three locations identified in Figure 1. These align with previous years monitoring, with Sites 2 and 3 corresponding to where Dwarf Galaxia were released during the 2016 salvage and translocation program (Aquatica Environmental 2017).

Sampling for adult Dwarf Galaxias and predatory was undertaken using hand-held dip-nets, sampling in and around areas of suitable habitat, and bait traps set overnight with phosphorescent baits. Sampling for larval Dwarf Galaxias was also undertaken by collecting a sample of water (approximately 10 litres) and placing it in a shallow white tray, where any larva would have been visible.

Active searching using dip-nets and bait-trapping are standard methods for sampling Dwarf Galaxias and are the most effective methods outlined in the Survey Guidelines for Australia's Threatened Fish (DSEWPac 2004) and Biodiversity Precinct Structure Planning Kit (DSE 2010). They are also most appropriate method for sampling in the small and heavily vegetated water bodies, like those at the site.

Dwarf Galaxias sampling was undertaken by Aquatica Environmental at another nearby site, where Dwarf Galaxias also occur and as reference/baseline as to whether Dwarf Galaxias should have been detectable on the site.

1.3 Aquatic and Riparian Habitat Condition Monitoring

Aquatic and riparian habitat condition was visually assessed at the Dwarf Galaxias survey sites. The assessment was primarily based on a comparison of the aquatic and riparian vegetation condition during this survey as compared to previous surveys (i.e. temporal comparison).

1.4 Water Quality Monitoring

Water quality monitoring was undertaken monthly between January and May, fortnightly and following rainfall events >10mm between late May and December and during the annual Dwarf Galaxias survey. In situ water quality data was collected by using a calibrated Hanna Instruments HI9829 multiparameter water quality metre. The parameters collected included temperature, electrical conductivity, pH, dissolved oxygen and turbidity.

2 Results

2.1 Sampling Frequency and Conditions

During the 2020 monitoring year a total of 22 sampling events had occurred in 2020, including 15 scheduled, 6 post >10mm rainfall and one during annual Dwarf Galaxias monitoring. The annual Dwarf Galaxias monitoring and associated water quality sampling occurred on the 9th and 10th of November. A single emergency site inspection was also undertaken on the 6th of August, however no water quality monitoring was undertaken at the time as it was deemed not necessarily following sampling the day prior.

A summary of the 2020 Dwarf Galaxias and water quality sampling schedule is provided in Table 1.

It should be noted that the 2020 monitoring year saw a change from what was initially understood to be a requirement for monthly water quality monitoring to fortnightly monitoring, as was stipulated in the DAWE approval (DE 2016). The change from monthly to fortnightly occurred in June.

Table 1 2020 Water quality sampling schedule

| DAY | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | KEY |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------------|
| Wednesday | 1/1/20 | | | 1/4/20 | | | 1/7/20 | | | | | | Standard WQ Monitoring Event |
| Thursday | 2/1/20 | | | 2/4/20 | | | 2/7/20 | | | 1/10/20 | | | Post >10mm rainfall event |
| Friday | 3/1/20 | | | 3/4/20 | 1/5/20 | | 3/7/20 | | | 2/10/20 | | | Incident |
| Saturday | 4/1/20 | 1/2/20 | | 4/4/20 | 2/5/20 | | 4/7/20 | 1/8/20 | | 3/10/20 | | | Next scheduled |
| Sunday | 5/1/20 | 2/2/20 | 1/3/20 | 5/4/20 | 3/5/20 | | 5/7/20 | 2/8/20 | | 4/10/20 | 1/11/20 | | Annual DG Survey |
| Monday | 6/1/20 | 3/2/20 | 2/3/20 | 6/4/20 | 4/5/20 | 1/6/20 | 6/7/20 | 3/8/20 | | 5/10/20 | 2/11/20 | | |
| Tuesday | 7/1/20 | 4/2/20 | 3/3/20 | 7/4/20 | 5/5/20 | 2/6/20 | 7/7/20 | 4/8/20 | 1/9/20 | 6/10/20 | 3/11/20 | 1/12/20 | |
| Wednesday | 8/1/20 | 5/2/20 | 4/3/20 | 8/4/20 | 6/5/20 | 3/6/20 | 8/7/20 | 5/8/20 | 2/9/20 | 7/10/20 | 4/11/20 | 2/12/20 | |
| Thursday | 9/1/20 | 6/2/20 | 5/3/20 | 9/4/20 | 7/5/20 | 4/6/20 | 9/7/20 | 6/8/20 | 3/9/20 | 8/10/20 | 5/11/20 | 3/12/20 | |
| Friday | 10/1/20 | 7/2/20 | 6/3/20 | 10/4/20 | 8/5/20 | 5/6/20 | 10/7/20 | 7/8/20 | 4/9/20 | 9/10/20 | 6/11/20 | 4/12/20 | |
| Saturday | 11/1/20 | 8/2/20 | 7/3/20 | 11/4/20 | 9/5/20 | 6/6/20 | 11/7/20 | 8/8/20 | 5/9/20 | 10/10/20 | 7/11/20 | 5/12/20 | |
| Sunday | 12/1/20 | 9/2/20 | 8/3/20 | 12/4/20 | 10/5/20 | 7/6/20 | 12/7/20 | 9/8/20 | 6/9/20 | 11/10/20 | 8/11/20 | 6/12/20 | |
| Monday | 13/1/20 | 10/2/20 | 9/3/20 | 13/4/20 | 11/5/20 | 8/6/20 | 13/7/20 | 10/8/20 | 7/9/20 | 12/10/20 | 9/11/20 | 7/12/20 | |
| Tuesday | 14/1/20 | 11/2/20 | 10/3/20 | 14/4/20 | 12/5/20 | 9/6/20 | 14/7/20 | 11/8/20 | 8/9/20 | 13/10/20 | 10/11/20 | 8/12/20 | |
| Wednesday | 15/1/20 | 12/2/20 | 11/3/20 | 15/4/20 | 13/5/20 | 10/6/20 | 15/7/20 | 12/8/20 | 9/9/20 | 14/10/20 | 11/11/20 | 9/12/20 | |
| Thursday | 16/1/20 | 13/2/20 | 12/3/20 | 16/4/20 | 14/5/20 | 11/6/20 | 16/7/20 | 13/8/20 | 10/9/20 | 15/10/20 | 12/11/20 | 10/12/20 | |
| Friday | 17/1/20 | 14/2/20 | 13/3/20 | 17/4/20 | 15/5/20 | 12/6/20 | 17/7/20 | 14/8/20 | 11/9/20 | 16/10/20 | 13/11/20 | 11/12/20 | |
| Saturday | 18/1/20 | 15/2/20 | 14/3/20 | 18/4/20 | 16/5/20 | 13/6/20 | 18/7/20 | 15/8/20 | 12/9/20 | 17/10/20 | 14/11/20 | 12/12/20 | |
| Sunday | 19/1/20 | 16/2/20 | 15/3/20 | 19/4/20 | 17/5/20 | 14/6/20 | 19/7/20 | 16/8/20 | 13/9/20 | 18/10/20 | 15/11/20 | 13/12/20 | |
| Monday | 20/1/20 | 17/2/20 | 16/3/20 | 20/4/20 | 18/5/20 | 15/6/20 | 20/7/20 | 17/8/20 | 14/9/20 | 19/10/20 | 16/11/20 | 14/12/20 | |
| Tuesday | 21/1/20 | 18/2/20 | 17/3/20 | 21/4/20 | 19/5/20 | 16/6/20 | 21/7/20 | 18/8/20 | 15/9/20 | 20/10/20 | 17/11/20 | 15/12/20 | |
| Wednesday | 22/1/20 | 19/2/20 | 18/3/20 | 22/4/20 | 20/5/20 | 17/6/20 | 22/7/20 | 19/8/20 | 16/9/20 | 21/10/20 | 18/11/20 | 16/12/20 | |
| Thursday | 23/1/20 | 20/2/20 | 19/3/20 | 23/4/20 | 21/5/20 | 18/6/20 | 23/7/20 | 20/8/20 | 17/9/20 | 22/10/20 | 19/11/20 | 17/12/20 | |
| Friday | 24/1/20 | 21/2/20 | 20/3/20 | 24/4/20 | 22/5/20 | 19/6/20 | 24/7/20 | 21/8/20 | 18/9/20 | 23/10/20 | 20/11/20 | 18/12/20 | |
| Saturday | 25/1/20 | 22/2/20 | 21/3/20 | 25/4/20 | 23/5/20 | 20/6/20 | 25/7/20 | 22/8/20 | 19/9/20 | 24/10/20 | 21/11/20 | 19/12/20 | |
| Sunday | 26/1/20 | 23/2/20 | 22/3/20 | 26/4/20 | 24/5/20 | 21/6/20 | 26/7/20 | 23/8/20 | 20/9/20 | 25/10/20 | 22/11/20 | 20/12/20 | |
| Monday | 27/1/20 | 24/2/20 | 23/3/20 | 27/4/20 | 25/5/20 | 22/6/20 | 27/7/20 | 24/8/20 | 21/9/20 | 26/10/20 | 23/11/20 | 21/12/20 | |
| Tuesday | 28/1/20 | 25/2/20 | 24/3/20 | 28/4/20 | 26/5/20 | 23/6/20 | 28/7/20 | 25/8/20 | 22/9/20 | 27/10/20 | 24/11/20 | 22/12/20 | |
| Wednesday | 29/1/20 | 26/2/20 | 25/3/20 | 29/4/20 | 27/5/20 | 24/6/20 | 29/7/20 | 26/8/20 | 23/9/20 | 28/10/20 | 25/11/20 | 23/12/20 | |
| Thursday | 30/1/20 | 27/2/20 | 26/3/20 | 30/4/20 | 28/5/20 | 25/6/20 | 30/7/20 | 27/8/20 | 24/9/20 | 29/10/20 | 26/11/20 | 24/12/20 | |
| Friday | 31/1/20 | 28/2/20 | 27/3/20 | | 29/5/20 | 26/6/20 | 31/7/20 | 28/8/20 | 25/9/20 | 30/10/20 | 27/11/20 | 25/12/20 | |
| Saturday | | 29/2/20 | 28/3/20 | | 30/5/20 | 27/6/20 | | 29/8/20 | 26/9/20 | 31/10/20 | 28/11/20 | 26/12/20 | |
| Sunday | | 1/3/20 | 29/3/20 | | 31/5/20 | 28/6/20 | | 30/8/20 | 27/9/20 | | 29/11/20 | 27/12/20 | |
| Monday | | | 30/3/20 | | | 29/6/20 | | 31/8/20 | 28/9/20 | | 30/11/20 | 28/12/20 | |
| Tuesday | | | 31/3/20 | | | 30/6/20 | | | 29/9/20 | | | 29/12/20 | |
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| Thursday | | | | | | | | | | | | 31/12/20 | |

2.2 Dwarf Galaxias and Predatory Fish

The survey was undertaken on 9th to 10th November 2020 (approximately 5-6 weeks earlier than 2018 and 2 weeks earlier than 2019). The weather during the survey was mild to warm with temperatures ranging between 20°C (day time maximum) and 8.1°C (night time minimum). No rain fell during the survey. The seasonal timing for the survey (late spring) was ideal and young of year and adults would be expected to be found following the usual late autumn to spring breeding season.

It's worth noting that larvae Dwarf Galaxias were also observed at Site WQ6 during water sampling on 28 September 2020, indicating breeding was/had occurred (Plate 1a).

A total of 25 Dwarf Galaxias were recorded during the November survey, including 20 young adults of year (i.e. from this most recent breeding season) and 5 previous year surviving adults (Plate 1b). All were recorded at Site DG2, with none at DG3 and DG1 which were too dry/low water to survey. All were recorded near Site DG2/WQ6 with Site DG1 being mostly dry/drying and unable to be sampled and limited access for sampling to Site DG3 (Due to dense vegetation).

Unlike the 2019 survey, no breeding adults were recorded during the early November survey, suggesting breeding had ended. This finding was further supported by a general lack of breeding adults at a nearby reference site and by juveniles being incidentally recorded while collecting water samples on 28 September 2020.

Based on the number and condition of the individuals recorded during this survey, it appears there has been another good year for the species on the site (i.e. 2019 and 2020). This has also been our experience at other sites in the region, mostly due to above average winter/spring rains and mild temperatures.

The results also confirm that the constructed swales are continuing to function well and as intended, by supplying consistent water levels to the retained habitat, but limiting pest fish ingress to the retained habitat drain.

The results of the November 2020 survey are provided in Table 2 and compared to previous rounds of monitoring.

Similarly to the 2018 and 2019 surveys, Mosquitofish (*Gambusia holbrooki*) (Plate 2a) were recorded in small numbers in the retained habitat at Site DG2. This is very low abundance compared to the unvegetated reaches of the main Centre Road drain and new swales, where Mosquitofish are observed in the many thousands and large adult Goldfish

(and other pest species) are known to reside. It is likely the dense emergent vegetation and Melaleuca overstory, which is favoured by Dwarf Galaxias, it not preferential for the pest species.

A single Oriental Weatherloach (*Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*) was also recorded for the first time at Site DG2 (Plate 2b).

Table 2 Number of individuals recorded

| Common Name | Scientific Name | Sampling Event | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|------|------|------|
| | | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Dwarf Galaxias | <i>Galaxiella pusilla</i> | 25 | 12 | 3 | 2 |
| Mosquitofish | <i>Gambusia holbrooki</i> | 12 | 6 | 3 | - |
| Goldfish | <i>Carassius auratus</i> | - | 2 | 4 | - |
| Freshwater Burrowing Crayfish | <i>Engeus spp.</i> | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| Oriental Weatherloach | <i>Misgurnus anguillicaudatus</i> | 1 | | | |



Plate 1 Larval (a) and adult (b) Dwarf Galaxias



Plate 2 Mosquitofish (a) and Oriental Weatherloach (b)

2.3 Aquatic and Riparian Habitat Condition

Aquatic and riparian habitat condition was assessed during the Dwarf Galaxias survey at sites DG1, 2 and 3.

Aquatic and riparian habitat at site DG 2 appeared to have further improved upon that observed during the 2019 survey. As previously reported the swales either side of this habitat maintain a relatively consistent water level yet still allowing some drying and filling on an ephemeral basis. This provides excellent conditions through the retained habitat for aquatic, emergent and overstory vegetation. Compared to the 2019 survey there appeared to be a continued increase in the area, density and abundance in particular of emergent vegetation such as *Persicaria* and *Juncus*, and further recruitment of *Melaleuca* (Plate 3a and b).

During the survey sites DG1 and DG3 had mostly dried, with negligible surface water present at the time. habitat conditions at these sites were similar to previous years of monitoring with some sparse patches of aquatic and emergent vegetation and an overstory of Melaleuca, in much the same condition as during previous years of monitoring.



Plate 3 Habitat edge vegetation at Site DG2 showing Melaleuca recruitment (a) and existing retained habitat (b)

2.4 Water Quality

The raw water quality data is provided in Appendix B. Table 1 provides a summary of the relevant statistical analysis and/or relevant State Environmental Protection Policy (Waters)(SEPP; EPA 2018) objectives for the Urban, Lowlands of Dandenong Creek segment.

Overall the data showed the following patterns:

- Temperature was on average very consistent across the year, with the highest combined site average occurring during the 29th January sampling event (mean = 24.42°) and lowest in during the 17th July event (mean = 8.53°). Comparing sites, the lowest average temperatures were observed at those with more vegetation (i.e. shading at Sites 6 and 7) and highest at those with the least shading (i.e. Sites 1 and 5).
- pH was on average consistent across all sites and did not exceed the SEPP Waters objectives.
- Electrical conductivity was consistently and significantly higher at Sites 6 (mean=1346 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ compared to 640-911 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ at Sites 1-5 and 7), most likely reflective of the lack of direct flows and the concentration of salts due to evaporation. The SEPP Waters objective of ≤ 500 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ was exceeded at all sites. However, the levels observed were not attributable to the development of the site, rather occurred naturally and/or other influences, and were clearly of no concern for Dwarf Galaxias due to their ongoing presence and increased abundance at the site.
- Percent dissolved oxygen was consistently low across all sites. The SEPP Waters objective of $\geq 75\%$ was not met at any site. Similarly to electrical conductivity, the levels observed were not attributable to the development of the site, rather occurred naturally and/or other influences, and were clearly of no concern for the resident Dwarf Galaxias population.
- Turbidity was on average highest at Site 1, indicating a high turbidity input from unknown upstream sources and which was visually observed during sampling events on 5th August, 17th July and 25th May. The data showed that turbidity generally reduced through the downstream flowing sites (i.e. Site 1 to 5) with no strong indication of inputs from the development of the site. The SEPP Waters objective of ≤ 25 NTU was not met at any site. Again, the overall levels observed were not attributable to the development of the site, rather occurred naturally and/or other influences, and were clearly of no concern for the resident Dwarf Galaxias population.

Table 3 Water quality sampling summary

| Parameter | | SEPP (Waters) Objective | Centre Road Drain Sites | | | | | Habitat Sites | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|
| | | | Site 1 | Site 2 | Site 3 | Site 4 | Site 5 | Site 6 | Site 7 |
| Temperature (°C) | Min. | NA | 8.24 | 8.36 | 8.49 | 8.55 | 8.53 | 7.22 | 8.23 |
| | Max. | | 22.75 | 26.20 | 18.30 | 25.90 | 24.73 | 22.50 | 19.89 |
| | Mean | | 14.60 | 14.09 | 14.32 | 14.41 | 14.87 | 14.03 | 13.14 |
| pH | 25 th %tile | ≥6.4 | 6.48 | 6.52 | 6.72 | 6.65 | 6.59 | 6.67 | 6.59 |
| | 75 th %tile | ≤7.9 | 7.05 | 6.91 | 7.06 | 7.12 | 7.17 | 7.02 | 6.99 |
| | Mean | NA | 6.77 | 6.75 | 6.94 | 6.84 | 6.82 | 6.88 | 6.74 |
| Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm) | 75 th % | ≤500 | 812 | 730 | 911 | 689 | 640 | 1346 | 852 |
| | Mean | NA | 640 | 610 | 803 | 554 | 518 | 988 | 727 |
| Dissolved Oxygen (%) | 25 th %tile | ≥75 | 28.93 | 24.00 | 32.60 | 30.73 | 42.83 | 45.00 | 31.65 |
| | Max. | 130 | 81.40 | 62.80 | 46.90 | 60.30 | 60.10 | 87.40 | 68.90 |
| | Mean | NA | 42.93 | 37.42 | 38.26 | 39.41 | 48.72 | 52.11 | 44.92 |
| Turbidity (NTU) | 75 th %tile | ≤25 | 101.5 | 90.2 | 49.9 | 83.5 | 83.3 | 55.7 | 72.5 |
| | Mean | NA | 113.2 | 61.4 | 36.2 | 64.4 | 53.1 | 41.4 | 60.5 |

3 Summary and Recommendations

The 2020 annual Dwarf Galaxias monitoring event detected 25 individual Dwarf Galaxias in the retained habitat drain (compared to 12 in 2019 and 3 in 2018). This was the highest never recovered at any stage of the program and indicates that conditions for the species have improved over recent years. The primary reason for this is the constructed swales retained water level in the retained habitat drain in a manner that is clearly suited to the resident Dwarf Galaxias population (i.e. Still maintaining ephemerality but not allowing over drying).

Considering this and previous rounds of sampling for the project and historical records (Aquatica Environmental 2017, 2019 and 2020), it is considered likely the abundance and distribution of the Dwarf Galaxias population in the habitat areas is somewhat dynamic, varying between years and due to seasonal influenced on water availability and therefore habitat. However, with the continued improvement of the retained habitat and expansion of suitable habitat into the constructed swales it is safe to say there has been an overall increase in the quality and area of available habitat for Dwarf Galaxias. This appears to have also correlated with a slight increase in the number of predatory fish species (i.e. Mosquitofish and Oriental Weatherloach), however their presence doesn't appear to have impacted the successful breeding and increasing numbers of Dwarf Galaxias. This is probably due to the habitat being more suitable to Dwarf Galaxias than the pest/predatory species.

Based on the results of the 2020 survey and the 2020 data, it is our option that development of the Casey Green site to date has been undertaken in accordance the DGSTP and associated approvals. No ecologically significant impacts have been observed to the retained habitat, with the constructed swales having improved overall conditions for Dwarf Galaxias.

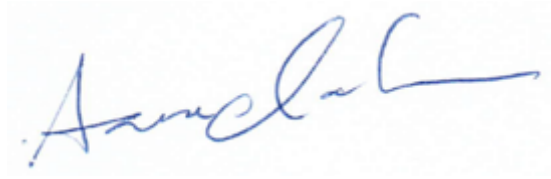
The 2021 monitoring year commenced in January 2021. In accordant with approved DGSTP (and the project Dwarf Galaxias Management Plan; BL&A 2015) the following monitoring should occur during the year:

- Water quality monitoring: Fortnightly and/or after rainfall events > 10 millimetres until all construction is completed (i.e. all works on site completed) and then monthly following completion.
- Dwarf Galaxias monitoring: Annually in November/December for at least five years post construction.

Please note, we interoperate the “completion of construction” to be the point at all major works including site clean-up, landscaping, etc. Have been completed and there is not further risk to the Dwarf Galaxias and their habitat (i.e. all possible sources of sediment/contaminant runoff have been mitigated).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this assessment, report or any other matter further, please do not hesitate to call me on 0413 935 497.

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Appendix a: Water Quality Results

Temperature (°C)

| Sample Date | Site 1 | Site 2 | Site 3 | Site 4 | Site 5 | Site 6 | Site 7 |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 23/12/20 | 18.60 | 18.60 | 18.30 | 18.50 | 18.70 | 19.56 | 19.77 |
| 14/12/20 | 18.42 | 18.19 | 17.99 | 19.75 | 20.80 | 20.09 | 19.89 |
| 25/11/20 | 17.75 | 17.73 | 17.85 | 18.79 | 20.61 | 20.22 | 19.63 |
| 9/11/20 | 15.88 | 14.25 | 15.83 | 13.31 | 16.52 | 13.75 | 13.86 |
| 26/10/20 | 15.77 | 14.23 | | 14.28 | 15.85 | 16.29 | 15.51 |
| 19/10/20 | 15.85 | 13.90 | | 14.62 | 15.52 | 16.62 | 15.18 |
| 8/10/20 | 15.58 | 14.55 | | 14.92 | 15.51 | 18.49 | 17.50 |
| 28/9/20 | 12.47 | 11.54 | | 11.67 | 14.43 | 13.68 | 12.95 |
| 25/9/20 | 13.88 | 11.57 | | 12.40 | 11.38 | 10.72 | 10.66 |
| 11/9/20 | 12.06 | 10.60 | | 10.90 | 10.45 | 10.01 | 10.24 |
| 24/8/20 | 10.16 | 9.82 | | 9.44 | 9.43 | 9.19 | 9.68 |
| 19/8/20 | 12.37 | 11.24 | | 11.66 | 11.20 | 10.96 | 11.06 |
| 5/8/20 | 9.32 | 9.21 | | 8.92 | 8.99 | 7.22 | 8.23 |
| 28/7/20 | 10.90 | 10.23 | | 9.98 | 10.38 | 9.88 | 9.99 |
| 17/7/20 | 8.24 | 8.36 | 8.49 | 8.55 | 8.53 | 8.59 | 8.63 |
| 26/6/20 | 12.10 | 11.14 | 11.49 | 11.87 | 10.62 | 10.63 | 10.90 |
| 12/6/20 | 11.60 | 10.50 | 10.32 | 12.63 | 12.19 | 9.55 | 9.68 |
| 25/5/20 | 10.14 | 8.83 | | 10.26 | 11.61 | 9.17 | |
| 14/4/20 | 18.60 | 19.60 | | 18.50 | 18.70 | 17.30 | |
| 18/3/20 | 19.30 | 17.06 | | 17.26 | 17.46 | 16.18 | |
| 24/2/20 | 19.40 | 22.70 | | 22.80 | 23.60 | 18.10 | |
| 29/1/20 | 22.75 | 26.20 | | 25.90 | 24.73 | 22.50 | |

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| Sample Date | Site 1 | Site 2 | Site 3 | Site 4 | Site 5 | Site 6 | Site 7 |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 23/12/20 | 6.86 | 6.91 | 6.98 | 6.87 | 6.81 | 6.86 | 6.99 |
| 14/12/20 | 6.85 | 6.90 | 7.04 | 6.77 | 6.75 | 7.00 | 7.08 |
| 25/11/20 | 6.57 | 6.57 | 6.73 | 6.64 | 6.71 | 7.07 | 6.95 |
| 9/11/20 | 6.55 | 7.21 | 7.07 | 7.27 | 6.95 | 6.59 | 6.91 |
| 26/10/20 | 6.45 | 6.77 | | 6.76 | 6.61 | 6.68 | 6.73 |
| 19/10/20 | 6.45 | 6.78 | | 6.76 | 6.63 | 6.66 | 6.73 |
| 8/10/20 | 6.32 | 6.35 | | 6.22 | 6.28 | 6.75 | 6.53 |
| 28/9/20 | 7.06 | 6.55 | | 6.45 | 6.32 | 7.11 | 6.89 |
| 25/9/20 | 6.72 | 6.92 | | 7.21 | 6.89 | 7.45 | 7.01 |
| 11/9/20 | 6.77 | 6.50 | | 6.78 | 7.34 | 6.87 | 6.59 |
| 24/8/20 | 6.34 | 6.03 | | 6.29 | 6.18 | 6.64 | 6.21 |
| 19/8/20 | 6.26 | 6.43 | | 6.62 | 6.58 | 6.79 | 6.60 |
| 5/8/20 | 6.99 | 6.67 | | 6.56 | 6.81 | 7.57 | 7.03 |
| 28/7/20 | 6.77 | 6.69 | | 6.68 | 6.69 | 6.53 | 6.71 |
| 17/7/20 | 7.27 | 7.83 | 7.36 | 7.38 | 7.41 | 7.04 | 7.02 |
| 26/6/20 | 6.08 | 6.34 | 6.68 | 6.71 | 6.38 | 6.38 | 6.21 |
| 12/6/20 | 7.03 | 6.69 | 6.71 | 6.89 | 6.12 | 6.51 | 6.39 |
| 25/5/20 | 7.28 | 6.97 | | 7.48 | 7.51 | 7.00 | |
| 14/4/20 | 7.12 | 6.64 | | 7.23 | 7.33 | 7.03 | |

| Sample Date | Site 1 | Site 2 | Site 3 | Site 4 | Site 5 | Site 6 | Site 7 |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 18/3/20 | 6.76 | 6.51 | | 6.77 | 7.35 | 6.86 | |
| 24/2/20 | 7.09 | 6.85 | | 7.01 | 7.19 | 6.96 | |
| 29/1/20 | 7.31 | 7.29 | | 7.15 | 7.12 | 6.95 | |

Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm)

| Sample Date | Site 1 | Site 2 | Site 3 | Site 4 | Site 5 | Site 6 | Site 7 |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 23/12/20 | 1002 | 956 | 902 | 812 | 723 | 644 | 685 |
| 14/12/20 | 986 | 963 | 899 | 796 | 629 | 726 | 713 |
| 25/11/20 | 398 | 399 | 325 | 320 | 281 | 695 | 526 |
| 9/11/20 | 1006 | 995 | 920 | 692 | 584 | 369 | 469 |
| 26/10/20 | 634 | 710 | | 536 | 475 | 532 | 579 |
| 19/10/20 | 631 | 707 | | 540 | 472 | 536 | 576 |
| 8/10/20 | 264 | 428 | | 377 | 370 | 692 | 692 |
| 28/9/20 | 284 | 355 | | 375 | 399 | 1646 | 1153 |
| 25/9/20 | 768 | 900 | | 620 | 644 | 1830 | 975 |
| 11/9/20 | 483 | 450 | | 370 | 344 | 821 | 526 |
| 24/8/20 | 499 | 620 | | 580 | 541 | 1426 | 852 |
| 19/8/20 | 412 | 653 | | 755 | 786 | 804 | 806 |
| 5/8/20 | 395 | 685 | | 901 | 898 | 1105 | 965 |
| 28/7/20 | 986 | 854 | | 680 | 668 | 925 | 823 |
| 17/7/20 | 637 | 737 | 1424 | 824 | 853 | 755 | 865 |
| 26/6/20 | 492 | 439 | 529 | 505 | 506 | 506 | 487 |
| 12/6/20 | 758 | 408 | 623 | 533 | 469 | 1869 | 669 |
| 25/5/20 | 1052 | 392 | | 486 | 387 | 2802 | |
| 14/4/20 | 826 | 431 | | 418 | 368 | 1639 | |
| 18/3/20 | 600 | 469 | | 350 | 348 | 476 | |
| 24/2/20 | 526 | 456 | | 361 | 336 | 481 | |
| 29/1/20 | 432 | 409 | | 349 | 315 | 465 | |

Dissolved Oxygen (%)

| Sample Date | Site 1 | Site 2 | Site 3 | Site 4 | Site 5 | Site 6 | Site 7 |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 23/12/20 | 21.1 | 23.5 | 35.5 | 40.2 | 55.9 | 58.7 | 28.6 |
| 14/12/20 | 19.4 | 21.3 | 28.6 | 26.3 | 52.9 | 19.6 | 19.2 |
| 25/11/20 | 22.0 | 21.5 | 37.5 | 38.2 | 45.9 | 48.7 | 38.6 |
| 9/11/20 | 17.4 | 19.0 | 29.7 | 26.1 | 50.3 | 24.2 | 31.5 |
| 26/10/20 | 48.3 | 38.1 | | 44.9 | 43.8 | 55.6 | 50.0 |
| 19/10/20 | 48.0 | 38.7 | | 34.5 | 54.2 | 55.2 | 50.8 |
| 8/10/20 | 79.8 | 57.1 | | 44.0 | 56.8 | 87.4 | 68.9 |
| 28/9/20 | 60.6 | 46.1 | | 45.0 | 52.4 | 77.5 | 59.0 |
| 25/9/20 | 28.2 | 30.8 | | 52.6 | 40.6 | 52.6 | 49.5 |
| 11/9/20 | 58.4 | 47.7 | | 52.1 | 60.1 | 69.4 | 51.6 |
| 24/8/20 | 61.1 | 61.0 | | 54.5 | 57.0 | 47.9 | 51.3 |
| 19/8/20 | 55.3 | 38.2 | | 39.0 | 48.4 | 56.6 | 58.7 |
| 5/8/20 | 81.4 | 57.4 | | 50.1 | 42.5 | 66.2 | 51.3 |
| 28/7/20 | 34.9 | 23.2 | | 22.8 | 55.2 | 56.8 | 51.2 |
| 17/7/20 | 39.2 | 55.4 | 46.8 | 32.3 | 36.5 | 36.3 | |
| 26/6/20 | 36.2 | 25.5 | 46.9 | 60.3 | 37.4 | 37.4 | 26.8 |

| Sample Date | Site 1 | Site 2 | Site 3 | Site 4 | Site 5 | Site 6 | Site 7 |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 12/6/20 | 31.1 | 33.6 | 42.8 | 58.6 | 42.3 | 45.6 | 31.7 |
| 25/5/20 | 53.9 | 62.8 | | 37.9 | 33.0 | 44.8 | |
| 14/4/20 | 36.4 | 38.5 | | 21.1 | 46.7 | 48.0 | |
| 18/3/20 | 24.9 | 10.1 | | 14.3 | 58.3 | 43.2 | |
| 24/2/20 | 38.6 | 26.0 | | 30.2 | 51.4 | 50.7 | |
| 29/1/20 | 48.3 | 47.8 | | 42.0 | 50.2 | 64.1 | |

Turbidity (NTU)

| Sample Date | Site 1 | Site 2 | Site 3 | Site 4 | Site 5 | Site 6 | Site 7 |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 23/12/20 | 25.90 | 24.6 | 23.9 | 19.3 | 21.6 | 15.0 | 19.5 |
| 14/12/20 | 12.6 | 13.5 | 16.0 | 9.6 | 12.6 | 19.6 | 12.3 |
| 25/11/20 | 17.75 | 16.8 | 18.7 | 18.7 | 19.1 | 16.3 | 17.0 |
| 9/11/20 | 18.8 | 3.1 | 16.8 | 5.6 | 9.3 | 13.0 | 12.9 |
| 26/10/20 | 78.9 | 48.0 | | 47.7 | 29.1 | 21.5 | 22.7 |
| 19/10/20 | 102.0 | 78.0 | | 228.0 | 89.0 | 55.0 | 73.0 |
| 8/10/20 | 146.0 | 93.0 | | 215.0 | 118.0 | 56.6 | 72.3 |
| 28/9/20 | 100.0 | 118.0 | | 86.7 | 67.5 | 18.7 | 22.9 |
| 25/9/20 | 44.6 | 23.5 | | 26.8 | 24.9 | 27.0 | 21.8 |
| 11/9/20 | 50.5 | 47.8 | | 72.9 | 75.0 | 59.4 | 67.4 |
| 24/8/20 | 96.4 | 151.0 | | 159.0 | 165.0 | 132.0 | 153.0 |
| 19/8/20 | 104.0 | 81.7 | | 73.9 | 95.1 | 40.5 | 55.0 |
| 5/8/20 | 790.0 | 203.0 | | 98.9 | 61.6 | 47.7 | 52.3 |
| 28/7/20 | 88.3 | 56.7 | | 20.4 | 23.1 | 21.6 | 22.9 |
| 17/7/20 | 46.6 | 130.0 | 17.7 | 57.5 | 49.3 | 18.4 | |
| 26/6/20 | 94.1 | 107.0 | 84.5 | 127.0 | 95.7 | 95.7 | 77.5 |
| 12/6/20 | 253.0 | 69.0 | 75.9 | 66.0 | 85.9 | 55.9 | 265.0 |
| 25/5/20 | 301.0 | 21.6 | | 25.4 | 75.3 | 26.8 | |
| 14/4/20 | 55.3 | 16.0 | | 14.9 | 12.3 | 42.6 | |
| 18/3/20 | 13.1 | 5.9 | | 4.7 | 6.3 | 59.7 | |
| 24/2/20 | 22.0 | 15.5 | | 15.4 | 12.3 | 35.7 | |
| 29/1/20 | 28.9 | 27.1 | | 24.0 | 20.6 | 32.1 | |