



## Fact Sheet

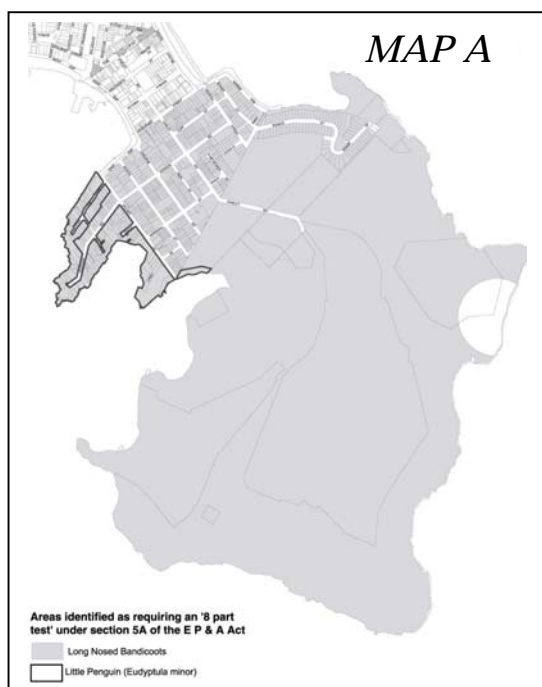
# THREATENED SPECIES CONSIDERATIONS - LONG NOSED BANDICOOTS

When determining development applications, Council, as the consent authority, must give consideration to the status of the Long Nosed Bandicoot colony as an endangered population in accordance with the ***Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979***.

If you are submitting a development application in the area where Bandicoots occur (refer Map A) you need to address Council's requirements for assessment of the proposal. One such requirement is an ***8 Part Test***. This requirement is specified in the ***Manly Development Control Plan for the Residential Zone 2001***.

An '***8 Part Test***' must be carried out in accordance with Section 5A of the ***EP&A Act 1979*** if the subject site is potential habitat for or may impact on an endangered population, of Long-Nosed Bandicoot as identified under the ***TSC Act 1995***

*Areas requiring an '8 Part Test' under section 5A of the EP&A Act for Penguins & Bandicoots as outlined in Council's Residential DCP*



### *What is an '8-Part Test'?*

An '8 Part Test' is a statutory mechanism which allows Council to assess whether a proposed development or activity is likely to have a 'significant effect' on threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats. It describes and assesses the ecological impact of the proposal on a threatened species or its habitat.

### *Who prepares the '8 Part test'?*

A technical report which addresses the '8-Part Test' must be prepared by a qualified environmental consultant. Details regarding the consultant's qualifications and experience must be included. A list of environmental consultants qualified to prepare an '8 Part Test' can be found on the Ecological Consultants Association of NSW website – [www.ecansw.org.au](http://www.ecansw.org.au) or they can be found in the telephone directory.

If the environmental consultant or Council finds that a development is likely to have a significant impact then:

- 4 The proposal could be modified by the applicant and the '8 Part Test' revised, such that a significant impact on the Long Nosed Bandicoot or their habitats is unlikely.
- 4 A Species Impact Statement (SIS) must be prepared.

### *Important Note:*

Ultimately, it is left to the discretion of Council to determine if a development will have a significant impact on the Long Nosed Bandicoot or their habitats.

Council may request the applicant submit a Species Impact Statement even if the proponents '8 Part Test' concluded that the development would not have a significant impact.

The proponent's environmental consultant report must provide Council with sufficient information to base its decision otherwise Council must take the precaution of deciding in favour of the environment.

### ***What is a Species Impact Statement (SIS)?***

A SIS is a statutory report, which provides a more detailed assessment of the site, the proposal, alternatives and impact mitigation measures. It is a means of evaluating a proposal so that potential impacts on threatened species, populations and ecological communities, and their habitats are identified and mitigated, where possible.

### ***Do I need to submit a SIS?***

In accordance with Section 77(3)(d1) of the EP&A Act, any development on land that is, or part of, critical habitat must be accompanied by a SIS. A SIS is also required if Council deems that the proposed development will significantly impact upon the threatened species or its habitat, or if Council determines that the '8 Part Test' does not provide sufficient information to determine if the development would have a significant impact on the threatened populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

### ***Who prepares the Species Impact Statement?***

The SIS should be prepared by a qualified environmental consultant. Details regarding the consultant's experience and qualifications must be included in the SIS. The cost of preparing an SIS is borne by the applicant or proponent. The content of a SIS is set out in section 110 of the TSC Act.

Prior to the preparation of a SIS and pursuant to Section 111 of the **TSC Act**, the proponent must request the Director General's (of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC)) 'requirements'. Formal requests must be submitted to the DEC.

Requests for the Director General's requirements should be accompanied by an 8-Part Test and a copy of the development application or request for Part 5 Approval. Written details of the location, nature and scale of the proposal should be included.

### ***Where can I get more information?***

- Manly Council's 'Threatened Species Information Pack', containing:
  - Ecological Consultants Association NSW - Register of Environmental Consultants
  - NPWS Information Circular No.2: 'The '8 Part Test' of Significance'
  - NPWS Information Circular: 'SIS'
  - Map: Areas Identified as requiring an '8 Part Test' under Section 5A of the EP&A Act.

Copies can be obtained from Council chambers upon request.

- Contact Manly Council's Environmental Planner on 9976 1500
- Contacting the DEC Central Species Unit on 9585 6678