

# RAISING LONDON CIRCUIT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

## Chapter Summary: Biodiversity



The Raising London Circuit project has been assessed to have potential impacts on flora and fauna within and around the construction footprint. The project is addressing these impacts through meaningful action.



### GOLDEN SUN MOTH

As part of the Commonwealth approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the EPBC Act), the Project must ensure it is taking appropriate measures to minimise and manage the construction impacts on Golden Sun Moth habitat and population in the construction footprint.



### WHAT WE WOULD DO

Key steps we are taking to mitigate and manage the impacts of construction on the Golden Sun Moth include:

- ▶ Moved Golden Sun Moth larvae from impacted areas to a safer fenced area (south-east cloverleaf).
- ▶ Improved habitat in south-east cloverleaf through removal of exotic grasses and re-introduction of native grasses.
- ▶ Purchased biodiversity offsets in Jerrabomberra to establish and maintain off-site Golden Sun Moth habitat.
- ▶ Developing a Golden Sun Moth Management Plan that outlines detailed management measures to mitigate Project impacts to Golden Sun Moth.





## VEGETATION

Construction and delivery of Raising London Circuit will necessitate the removal of vegetation including about 110 mature, predominantly exotic trees within the construction footprint.

## WHAT WE WOULD DO

Key steps we are taking to mitigate manage impacts of construction on vegetation include:



Following construction, over 150 trees will be planted within the construction footprint to enhance the existing visual character of the vegetated landscape.



Exclusion zones will be established to protect existing vegetation.



Trees to be retained will be clearly delineated, with care taken to not disturb these trees or their root zone. Pruning of branches would be minimised.



Trees proposed to be removed would be checked for potential habitat prior to felling. The Construction Environmental Management Plan will outline the appropriate course of action if fauna is present.



Wash bays would be available to clean footwear, equipment and vehicles before entering the site to mitigate the potential spread of weeds.



## HAVE YOUR SAY

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