

Our reference: OPW/2026/203

Decision notice— Approval (with conditions)

(Given under section 63(2) of the *Planning Act 2016*)

Date of decision notice: 9 April 2026

Applicant details

Applicant name: Coomera Ga Pty Ltd Atf Coomera Ga Unit Trust

Applicant contact details: C/- Urbaneco Environmental Consulting Parcel Locker 1016033260
Shop 165, 8-10 Cavill Avenue
SURFERS PARADISE QLD 4217

Application details

Application number: OPW/2026/203

Approval sought: Operational Works

Details of proposed development: Operational works for vegetation clearing

Location details

Street address: 54 George Alexander Way, COOMERA QLD 4209

Real property description: Lot 96 RP187418

Decision

Date of decision: 25 March 2026

Decision details: Under Delegated Authority, the Coordinator Environmental Assessment of the Environmental, Heritage and Compliance Branch of council has resolved to approve the development application in full.

Referral agency(s) for the application

The referral agencies for this application are:

For an application involving	Name of referral agency	Advice agency or concurrence agency	Address
Schedule 10, Part 10, Division 3, Subdivision 3, Table 1, Item 1 (10.10.3.3.1.1)— Development interfering with koala habitat in koala habitat areas outside koala priority areas	State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) SARA reference: 2409-42301 SRA	concurrence agency	DARTsupport@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au

(Planning Regulation 2017)			
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Details of the approval

Development permit for operational work – vegetation clearing

Conditions

The conditions that have been imposed by Council, as Assessment manager, are enclosed.

Further development permits

Notwithstanding the above, other approvals/development permits may be required.

Properly made submissions

Not applicable—No part of the application required public notification.

Currency period for the approval (section 85 of the *Planning Act 2016*)

In accordance with section 85 of the *Planning Act 2016*, this approval has a currency period of two years.

Approved plans and drawings

Approved plans and drawings are attached and are identified in the conditions imposed by Council as the Assessment manager.

Appeal rights

Applicant	You have appeal rights in relation to this decision. An appeal may be made against, as applicable: • the refusal of part of the development application; or • a provision of the development approval; or • if a development permit was applied for, the decision to give a preliminary approval. An appeal must be started within 20 business days after this notice is given to you. An appeal may be made to the Planning and Environment Court or, for certain matters which are identified in section 1(2) of Schedule 1 of the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>, to a development tribunal. An appeal is started by lodging a notice of appeal with the registrar of the Planning and Environment Court or a development tribunal, as applicable. The notice of appeal must be in the approved form, succinctly state the grounds of the appeal and be accompanied by the required fee. An appellant to the Planning and Environment Court must give a copy of the notice of appeal, within 10 business days after the appeal is started, to the persons identified in section 230(3) of the <i>Planning Act 2016</i>. A person who is appealing to the Planning and Environment Court must comply with the rules of the court that apply to the appeal. An extract of Chapter 6, Part 1 and Schedule 1 of the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> is attached to this notice, which sets out further information about the appeal rights.
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For further information please contact Sophie Olsson-Pons, Environmental Assessment on p: 07 5582 8866 or via email mail@goldcoast.qld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

AUTHORISED BY

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Elyse Baker

Coordinator Environmental Assessment

For the Chief Executive Officer

Council of the City of Gold Coast

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Conditions imposed by Council as Assessment manager

Attach:

Stamped approved plans and drawings

Conditions imposed by Council as the Responsible Entity

General																													
1	Timing a All conditions of this development approval must be complied with at no cost to Council at all times unless otherwise stated in another condition. b Where the timing in a condition is prior to commencement of the use and a Building Format Plan is lodged for approval, the timing in the condition changes from being prior to commencement of the use to being prior to the earlier of the commencement of the use and approval of the plan of subdivision. This timing requirement prevails despite any inconsistency with the timing requirement in another condition.																												
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5	Root pruning and barriers a Ensure root pruning utilises a high pressure, needle point water jet prior to insertion of proprietary root barriers. b Ensure root barriers are installed to a minimum depth of 900mm along the side closest to the structure specified in the approved scope of works condition to prohibit or deter growth of roots towards the structure.														
6	No damage to retained vegetation Ensure all other existing vegetation is retained and not disturbed or damaged during implementation of the approved works.														
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7	Erosion and sediment control a Undertake works generally in accordance with the Healthy waters code of the City Plan and include in particular: i Sediment control structures e.g. sediment fence must be placed at the base of all materials imported on site to mitigate sediment run-off. ii A perimeter bund and/or diversion drain must be constructed around the disturbed areas to prevent any outside clean stormwater from mixing with polluted/contaminated stormwater. iii All polluted/contaminated water from the site, including dewatering discharge, must be treated to achieve the water quality objectives in Table 8.2.1 of the Queensland Water Quality Guidelines (DERM September 2009) prior to discharging from the site. iv Inspections for erosion and sediment control measures are to occur in accordance with the compliance procedures in City Plan Policy SC6.11 – Land development guidelines, section 6.														
8	Pre-clearance report Submit a pre-clearance (fauna assessment) report for review 1 week prior to the pre-start meeting, generally in accordance with the Environmental significance overlay code and City Plan Policy SC6.8 – Environmental management plans and include: a Detailed pre-clearance survey by a DES approved Spotter Catcher undertaken no more than 2 weeks prior to commencement of works. b Fauna management controls.														
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12	Compliance with directions as a result of pre-start meeting/site inspections The applicant must comply with any directions given by Council officers as a result of the pre-start meeting and other site inspections in respect of measures to be employed on-site														

	to minimise any adverse environmental impacts, including any directions as to sediment, erosion and dust control measures to be employed on-site.															
13	Availability of approved plans, drawings and reports Retain a copy of this decision notice and stamped approved plans, drawings and reports on site at all times during construction. Any contractors undertaking approved work (including tree removal or relocations) must be directly provided with a copy of these conditions and instructed as to the need to comply with them.															
14	Certification of works Provide Council with certificates prepared by qualified experts from the disciplines listed below, confirming as follows: <table><tr><th colspan="5">Environmental Assessment</th></tr><tr><th>Certified document</th><th>Certification date</th><th>Plan/ Drawing</th><th>Expert discipline</th><th>Requesting Council Section</th></tr><tr><td>Confirmation that work has been completed in accordance with the Vegetation and Fauna Management Plan</td><td>Prior to plan sealing.</td><td>-</td><td>Suitably qualified professional</td><td>Environmental Planning, 5582 8866</td></tr></table> The certification is to confirm: - i Work has been completed in accordance with the Vegetation and Fauna Management Plan - ii All necessary hollow replacement/translocation has been undertaken	Environmental Assessment					Certified document	Certification date	Plan/ Drawing	Expert discipline	Requesting Council Section	Confirmation that work has been completed in accordance with the Vegetation and Fauna Management Plan	Prior to plan sealing.	-	Suitably qualified professional	Environmental Planning, 5582 8866
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16	Notifying intended offset delivery approach Council's application for environmental offsets form, together with a notice of election in the approved form and accompanied by all mandatory supporting information required by the approved form, must be given to Council that: - States the way in which it is proposed the offset required by condition 'Environmental offset required' will be delivered. - If the notice of election proposes a proponent driven offset – is accompanied by an offset delivery plan that meets the requirements of sections 18(4) and 18(5) <i>Environmental Offsets Act 2014</i>, as well as addressing the following: - Is prepared in accordance with the <i>South East Queensland Ecological Restoration Framework Code of Practice, Guidelines and Manual, SEQ Catchments (2012)</i>, utilising the ecological restoration approach "reconstruction". - Identifies the period (being no greater than 18 months from commencement of impact works) with which planting of the offset area will be completed (offset planting period). - Identifies the period (being a minimum of 12 months from the end of the offset planting period) (offset establishment period) by the end of which it is expected the following outcomes will be achieved ('offset establishment period'): - Offset planting will exhibit new and existing health foliage, have increased in size in line with normal growth habit with no signs of plant stress and have stable root systems. - Soil/mulch interface will have a humus layer with evidence of established activity of soil microorganisms. - Provides for active maintenance for the duration of the offset establishment period. - Accommodates Council inspection of the offset planting area at 6 monthly intervals during the offset planting period and offset establishment period. - If staged delivery of the offset is proposed in accordance with paragraph c of condition 'Environmental offset required' – is accompanied by staged offset details in the approved form. <i>Information note: The application for environmental offset form is available on the City's forms and applications webpage. The notice of election approved form, offset delivery plan template and staged offset details approved form are available on the Queensland Government Environmental Offsets website.</i>
17	Reaching agreement about delivery (deemed condition under the <i>Environmental Offsets Act 2014 section 19B</i>) Prior to any works commencing on the site, an agreed delivery arrangement must be entered into with the City regarding the delivery of the offset required by condition 'Environment offset required'. <i>Information note: The City's notice in response to the notice of election will state the process for documenting the arrangement.</i>
18	Compliance with agreed delivery arrangement (deemed condition under the <i>Environmental Offsets Act 2014 section 22</i>) The agreed delivery arrangement (including the agreed offset delivery plan) must be complied with at all times.

19	If financial settlement offset – payment (deemed condition under the <i>Environmental Offsets Act 2014 section 24</i>) If, under the agreed delivery arrangement, the offset condition is to be delivered in whole or part by a financial settlement offset, the payment must be made prior to any works commencing: - a in the amount specified in the agreed delivery arrangement. - b in the way and by the time stated in the agreed delivery arrangement. - c to the entity/entities identified in the agreed delivery arrangement.
Advice Notes	
A	Compliance with conditions Once this development approval takes effect, the conditions attach to the land and are applicable in perpetuity. It is a development offence to contravene a development approval, including any of its conditions.
B	Indigenous cultural heritage legislation and duty of care requirement The <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i> ('ACHA') is administered by the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP). The ACHA establishes a duty of care to take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure any activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. This duty of care: a. Is not negated by the issuing of this development approval; b. Applies on all land and water, including freehold land; c. Lies with the person or entity conducting an activity; and d. If breached, is subject to criminal offence penalties. Those proposing an activity involving surface disturbance beyond that which has already occurred at the proposed site must observe this duty of care. Details of how to fulfil this duty of care are outlined in the duty of care guidelines gazetted with the ACHA. The applicant should contact DATSIP's Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit on (07) 3405 3050 for further information on the responsibilities of developers under the ACHA.
C	Applicant responsibilities The applicant is responsible for securing all necessary approvals and tenure, providing statutory notifications and complying with all relevant laws. Nothing in this decision notice alleviates the need for the applicant to comply with all relevant local, State and Commonwealth laws and to ensure appropriate tenure arrangements have been made where the use of/reliance upon land other than that owned by the applicant is involved. Without limiting this obligation, the applicant is responsible for: a. Obtaining all other/further necessary approvals, licences, permits, resource entitlements etc by whatever name called required by law before the development the subject of this approval can be lawfully commenced and to carry out the activity for its duration. b. Providing any notifications required by law (by way of example only, to notify the administering authority pursuant to the <i>Environment Protection Act 1994</i> of environmental harm being caused/threatened by the activity, and upon becoming aware the premises is being used for a 'notifiable activity'). c. Securing tenure/permission from the relevant owner to use private or public land not owned by the applicant (including for access required by conditions of approval). d. Ensuring existing survey marks, including cadastral marks at property corners, i.e pegs or cadastral reference marks in the road reserve (permanent surveys marks, buried iron pins, and various marks in concrete or bitumen structure) are not interfered with. A Consulting Cadastral Surveyor must be contacted if survey marks are disturbed or destroyed during any works in relation to this or related approvals, to investigate and determine if any further action is required. More information on

	interference with survey marks is available under Section 42 of the <i>Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Act 2003</i>. e. Ensuring the correct siting of structures on the land. An identification survey demonstrating correct siting and setbacks of structures may be requested of the applicant to ensure compliance with this decision notice and applicable codes. f. Providing Council with proof of payment of the Portable Long Service Leave building construction levy (or proof of appropriate exemption) where the total value of the building and construction works exceeds \$150,000 (excluding GST). Acceptable proof of payment is a Q.Leave –Notification and Payment Form approved by the Authority. Proof of payment must be provided before Council can issue a development permit for the Operational works. This is a requirement of section 77(1) of the Building and Construction Industry (Portable Long Service Leave) Act 1991. g. Making payment of any outstanding Council rates and charges applicable to the development site prior to the lodgement of subdivision plans. h. Obtaining any necessary local government/state approvals where works require the installation of temporary ground anchoring into adjacent Road Reserves. Where ground anchoring is proposed into an adjacent private property, approval from the relevant property owners(s) is required.
D	Listing of Koala under EPBC Act Koala populations in South East Queensland are listed under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (<i>EPBC Act</i>) as a matter of national significance. All necessary approvals must be obtained prior to any works commencing on the site.
E	Species Management Program Where an animal breeding place has been identified and activities will tamper with the breeding place in order to complete the scope of works, a Species Management Program (SMP) is required. Further advice is found on: https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/licences-permits/plants-animals/species-management-program/
F	Weeds, pest animals and ants Biosecurity Queensland of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries leads the Government's efforts to prevent, respond to and recover from pests and diseases threatening agricultural prosperity, the environment, social amenity and human health. All landscape materials, including but not limited to, soils, mulch, grass, gravel, potted or ex-ground plants, pavers and timber used in landscape treatments must be free from weeds, pest animals and ants.
G	Fire ant control Most of the Gold Coast is located within Biosecurity zone 2 and must remain vigilant for the presence of fire ants. Under the Biosecurity Act 2014 all Queenslanders have a general obligation to take all reasonable steps to prevent the spread of fire ants. This obligation applies to individuals and organisations whose activities involve the movement or storage of fire ant carriers. The Biosecurity Regulation 2016 specifies how fire ant carriers such as soil, mulch, turf, potted plants, machinery, equipment, quarry, and mining materials originating from fire ant biosecurity zones must be managed throughout all stages of development. Other fire ant-safe practices include: • reporting suspect fire ant activity within 24 hours, by calling 132 ANT (13 22 68) or using our online form; • cleaning machinery, vehicles, and equipment before arriving at or leaving sites; • complying with treatment requirements where a site falls within a suppression treatment area; • ensuring contractors and workers are aware of their General Biosecurity Obligation and apply fire ant safe practices; and

	• reviewing fire ant biosecurity zones monthly. If you are unable to meet these requirements, you must apply for a biosecurity instrument permit. For more information visit https://www.fireants.org.au
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