

Variation No.	Variation to Scope Item or New Item	Description	Status	Date Submitted	Date Responded	Cost Variation Submitted	Value Approved	Pending	Rejected Value	Comments
LCC - 001	Variation to scope	Additional BH07 Additional Laboratory Testing	Approved	25/03/2025	27/03/2025	\$15,618.00	\$15,618.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Variation from WSP for specialist sampling tests that are not part of their contract scope. While drilling in Wolgan Valley they have found tuffaceous claystone (derived from volcanic ashfall activity) in one of the boreholes. This material has the potential to adversely impact performance of cuttings and significantly increase the need for cut batter support requirements or flattening of the batter geometry. The variation was a risk mitigation exercise to characterise the materials now during Tranche 1 investigations to provide input into the design of cut slopes (particularly at southern end of the valley) and route optioneering.
N/A	Variation to scope	Biodiversity Field Study Scope for BDAR	Rejected	28/03/2025	31/03/2025	\$413,092.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$413,092.00	N/A
LCC-002	New Item	Community Information Boards	Approved	11/04/2025	16/04/2025	\$272.00	\$272.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Five large display boards that were used at the 9Apr25 Community consultation. Input to and drafting of the display boards is within the WSP scope, however, production of the boards was not.
N/A	Variation to scope	Additional Environmental Approvals for Site Investigations	Rejected	17/04/2025	30/04/2025	\$17,028.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,028.00	As per Notice
N/A	Variation to scope	Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit for Site Investigations	Rejected	17/04/2025	30/04/2025	\$14,771.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,771.00	As per Notice
LCC-005	Variation to scope	Changes to EIS specialist methodologies as a result of the SEARs	Approved	29/4/2025 23/5/2025 6/06/2025	Discussed in weekly meetings	\$83,527.00	\$51,425.00	\$0.00	\$32,102.00	Rev A \$83.527k, Rev B \$69.132k, Rev C \$51.425k Variation is for additional assessment requirements associated with the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs), which was received after WSP contract award on 6 February 2025.
LCC-003	New Item	Instruction to Suspend Biodiversity Survey	Approved	17/4/2025 23/5/2025	30/4/2025 27/5/2025	\$58,531.00	\$27,503.00	\$0.00	\$31,028.00	The biodiversity field survey works had been planned by WSP to take place from 31 March 2025 to 11 April 2025. The field survey commenced on 31 March 2025, however, on 3 April 2025 at 430pm, Wassabi Group instructed WSP to suspend all survey works within Aboriginal Place (AP) with immediate effect. The email also confirmed that for all future site investigations a minimum 2-week notification period was to be provided to offer Mingaan Aboriginal Group the opportunity to attend and observe upcoming investigations within AP. The instruction to suspend the remaining planned survey works had an impact on WSP's capacity to reassign the full ecology team to other billable project works.
LCC-006	New Item	Donkey Steps Alignment Technical Memo	Approved	17/4/2025 23/5/2025 6/6/2025	30/4/2025 26/4/2025 9/06/2025	\$40,615.00	\$28,589.00	\$0.00	\$12,026.00	Council received endorsement from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and the Reconstruction Authority (RA) to engage an independent consultant to undertake a slope stability risk assessment of the currently closed section of Wolgan Road. If the findings of this new assessment indicate that the closed section could feasibly be reopened, the option of utilising the existing Donkey Steps Alignment would become a viable alternative. Variation is for the development of a strategic design for alignment options utilising the Donkey Steps Alignment. The variation also included the preparation of a Technical Memorandum to summarise the findings, and outline the advantages and disadvantages of each alignment option, with specific reference to key evaluation criteria.
N/A	New Item	Existing Wolgan Road Community Memo	Rejected	17/04/2025	30/04/2025	\$34,426.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,426.00	Was never requested

LCC-007	New Item	Donkey Steps Alignment, Development to EIS	Approved	8/05/2025	16/05/2025	\$1,064,918.00	\$1,064,918.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<p>The project completed the preferred alignment selection process in March 2025, with a community information session held 9 April 2025 to present the preferred alignment. Key feedback received during the community information session was a strong community preference for the project to investigate repurposing the temporary Donkey Steps access - based on the assumption that the existing Wolgan Road could be temporarily used for traffic during construction. Primary rationale for repurposing the Donkey Step was to minimise land disturbance and reduce impacts on Aboriginal Place.</p> <p>In April 2025, Council received endorsement from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and NSW Reconstruction Authority (RA) to procure an independent Slope Risk Assessment (SRA) of the existing closed portion of the Wolgan Road. Should the outcome of this SRA confirm that the closed portion of Wolgan Road could become operable then an option of utilising some of the alignment of the existing Donkey Steps for a new permanent road would also become a possibility.</p> <p>A subsequent Technical Memo concluded that alternative road alignment options were feasible to enable reuse of large sections of the existing Donkey Steps.</p> <p>This variation was to undertake design and associated works based on the technical memo.</p> <p>Value Approved total does not pick this up as it is covered by additional funding allocation</p>
LCC-004	Variation to scope	Increase Provisional Sum to engage Surveyor	Approved	12/05/2025	29/05/2025	\$77,387.00	\$77,387.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<p>The CD&EA RFT contemplated the Topographical Survey being undertaken by either the Client or the Consultant. Due to this uncertainty - a Provisional Sum amount of \$160,000 (ex GST) was pre-populated in the RFT Returnable Schedule B4 under item PS221.</p> <p>This variation was for the 'extra over' the Provisional Sum amount allowed in late-2024 in the tender documentation. Note that Surveyors were not engaged during the tender phase and as such no site visits were undertaken by surveyors to confirm methodology and level of effort to determine actual fee during the tender phase.</p>
N/A	New Item	Constructability and Staging Review of the Donkey Steps Alignment Option 3	Withdrawn	17/04/2025	23/05/2025	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Withdrawn as the current design did not envisage keeping Donkey Steps open while constructing the new road
LCC-010	Variation to scope	Trafficability on Donkey Steps during construction	Pending	4/7/2025 14/7/2025 21/7/2025	14/07/2025	\$74,105.00	\$74,105.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<p>The Variation Proposal responds to Clause 8.1 of the Contract following a request from the Principal under VPR005 (dated 14 July 2025). The original Donkey Steps alignment scope (WSP Variation Proposal 007) was based on Council's determination that Wolgan Road could be reopened and trafficked during construction. A subsequent variation (Order LCC007) approved on 1 July 2025 approved Option 3 of the Donkey Steps alignment to 80% concept design for EIS and inform cost estimation.</p> <p>On 1 July 2025, Council requested a new design assumption that retains community access on the existing Donkey Steps track during construction. This alters the original strategic alignment assumption to provide a feasible alignment and requires a revised design approach.</p>
LCC-008	New Item	Diospatial Portal Quarterly Subscription Fee	Approved	8/07/2025	18/07/2025	\$1,572.00	\$1,572.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Variation for access to the Diospatial Portal (Quarterly Subscription Fee) which is utilised as a platform to view the topographical spatial data and is currently being used by both WSP and GHD in the Concept Design and Slope Risk Assessment.

LCC-009	New Item	Mansfield property boundary survey	Approved	1/06/2025	18/07/2025	\$0.00	\$14,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<p>Approved by RA NSW (Derek) as valid DRFA expenditure.</p> <p>During the construction of the Donkey Steps in 2023, a large section (~1km) of a landowners fence line had to be removed. Identified as Lot 10D & Lot 11C in DP751666 know as 1134 Wolgan Road, Wolgan Valley in Lithgow City Council LGA. The landowner has requested that a new fence be installed. The subject property is one of two that either of the current new alignment options will need to pass through, so we will need an accurate boundary survey at some stage if we proceed with property acquisition</p>
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