

**Issue: The regional significance of the highly restricted Vegetation Unit No. 2 '*Juncus kraussii* closed sedgeland on swale' is unclear from the currently supplied information.**

**Response:**

Subsequent to the surveys detailed in the Flora and Vegetation Technical Appendix, and additional survey of the coastal area to the north of the Study Area has been conducted. Additional quadrats were located in areas with similar vegetation and the data from these quadrats compared to that present within the closed sedgeland community within the Study Area. To date two further locations have been recorded at which this community is present as detailed in Figure 0.1. The areas of this community at these locations, SW2 and SW 3 are detailed in Table 0.1 below.

**Table 0.1 – Areas of *Juncus kraussii* closed sedgeland located inside and outside of the Study Area**

Swale Area	Area (ha)
SW1	0.964
SW2	0.933
SW3	0.280

On the basis of investigations to date, it would appear that this community type remains regionally restricted but not unique to the Study Area. Further field investigation of locations identified using aerial photography as potentially supporting this community type is planned.

Figure 0.1 – Location of areas identified as *Juncus kraussii* closed sedgeland

