

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
NATURE CONSERVATION ACT 1980

NATURE CONSERVATION (THREATENED ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES
AND SPECIES) ACTION PLAN 2004 (NO 2)

DI 2004-44

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Nature Conservation Act 1980 (the Act) is the primary ACT legislation for the protection of native plants and animals. A 1994 amendment to the Act established the Flora and Fauna Committee as an expert advisory body to the Minister. The Flora and Fauna Committee advises the Minister of ACT species and ecological communities that are threatened with extinction and recommend that they be declared accordingly.

Section 23 of the Act provides for the Conservator of Flora and Fauna to prepare an Action Plan for each species or community that has been the subject of a declaration. An Action Plan is a management response to a recognised ecological threat. It is required to include proposals for the identification, protection and survival of the species or community concerned. A process of public consultation is provided for.

Action Plan No 27 – The ACT Lowland Woodland Conservation Strategy, supersedes nine separate Action Plans previously published, namely the Action Plans for:

- Yellow Box – Red Gum Grassy Woodland
- A Leek Orchid (*Prasophyllum petilum*)
- Small Purple Pea (*Swainsona recta*)
- Hooded Robin (*Melanodryas cucullata*)
- Swift Parrot (*Lathamus discolor*)
- Superb Parrot (*Polytelis swainsonii*)
- Brown Treecreeper (*Climacteris picumnus*)
- Painted Honeyeater (*Grantiella picta*)
- Regent Honeyeater (*Xanthomyza phrygia*)

This has necessitated the revocation of the previous Instruments for Action Plans for these species and community. However, the Instruments being revoked (DI1997-262, DI1998-191 and DI1999-244) also include Action Plans not covered by the new Action Plan No 27, and therefore are required to be retained. This Instrument reinstates the revoked Actions Plans for those species and community not included in Action Plan No 27, namely:

Action Plan No 1– Natural Temperate Grassland (an ecological community);
Action Plan No 2– Striped Legless Lizard (*Delma impar*);
Action Plan No 3– Eastern Lined Earless Dragon (*Tympanocryptis lineata pinguicolla*);
Action Plan No 5– A Subalpine Herb (*Gentiana baeuerlenii*);
Action Plan No 6– Corroboree Frog (*Pseudophryne corroboree*);
Action Plan No 7– Golden Sun Moth (*Synemon plana*);
Action Plan No 8– Button Wrinklewort (*Rutidosia leptorrhynchoides*);
Action Plan No 21– Perunga Grasshopper (*Perunga ochracea*); and
Action Plan No 22– Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby (*Petrogale penicillata*)

An Action Plan is a disallowable instrument and must be notified, under the Legislation Act 2001, and presented to the Legislative Assembly