

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
NATURE CONSERVATION ACT 1980

NATURE CONSERVATION (THREATENED ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES
AND SPECIES) ACTION PLAN 2005 (NO 2)

DI2005-87

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 42 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. 28 - The ACT Lowland Native Grassland Conservation Strategy, supersedes seven separate Action Plans previously published, namely the Action Plans for:

- Natural Temperate Grassland
- Striped Legless Lizard (*Delma impar*)
- Grassland Earless Dragon (*Tympanocryptis pinguicollis*)
- Golden Sun Moth (*Synemon plana*)
- Perunga Grasshopper (*Perunga ochracea*)
- Button Wrinklewort (*Rutidosis leptorrhynchoides*)
- Ginninderra Peppergrass (*Lepidium ginninderrense*)

This has necessitated the revocation of the previous Instruments for Action Plans for these species and community. However, the Instruments being revoked (DI2004 44 and DI2003-149) also include Action Plans not covered by the new Action Plan No.28, and therefore are required to be retained. This Instrument reinstates the revoked Action plans for those species not included in Action Plan No. 28, namely:

Action Plan No. 5 - A subalpine herb (*Gentiana baeuerlenii*)

Action Plan No. 6 - Corroboree Frog (*Pseudophryne pengilleyi*)

Action Plan No. 22 – Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby (*Petrogale penicillata*)

Action Plan No. 26 – Silver Perch (*Bidyanus bidyanus*)

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