

Australian Capital Territory

Nature Conservation (Threatened Ecological Communities and Species) Action Plan 2005 (No 3)

Disallowable instrument DI2005–210

made under the

Nature Conservation Act 1980, s 42 (Preparation of action plan)

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.

While the legal authority of this Strategy is confined to the Australian Capital Territory, management considerations are addressed in a regional context.

This instrument comprises the Conservator's statutory response to the Minister's declarations of 4 September 2003 (Instrument No. DI2003-265)

The Action Plan is for the Spotted-tailed Quoll (*Dasyurus maculatus*)

The Action Plan describes the species and its geographic distribution. Conservation issues are discussed and threats identified. Corresponding management and protective measures to enhance the well-being of the species are proposed. Survey, monitoring and research requirements are outlined.

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