

Australian Capital Territory

Nature Conservation (Threatened Ecological Communities and Species) Little Eagle Action Plan 2013 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2013–276

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.

Section 41 of the Act requires public consultation on Action Plans before they are prepared. A public consultation process has been undertaken for this Action Plan. In accordance with Section 42 of the Act public comments were taken into account in preparing the Action Plan.

This instrument makes the following new Action Plan:

- Action Plan No. 35 Little Eagle (*Hieraaetus morphnoides*)

An Action Plan is a disallowable instrument. The *Legislation Act 2001* requires this instrument be notified and presented to the ACT Legislative Assembly.

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

Note: Copies of the above Action Plans are available from:

http://www.environment.act.gov.au/cpr/conservation_and_ecological_communities/threatened_species_action_plans.