

I wish to add my objections to the proposed legislation regarding changes to the EPBC Act. As it now stands the act is weak enough without these proposed amendments. Removing mandatory requirements to identify critical habitat or develop recovery plans for listed species will ensure we do not have any threatened species. Within the act the minister already has too much discretion and I feel by giving more control will in fact be a backward step which will act against the environment and not in the best interests of all threatened flora, fauna and endangered ecological communities. If the minister is to be given such a wide ranging brief, then any legislation proposed is in fact useless. My objections to these amendments to this legislation must be read in the strongest possible terms.

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