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Senator Siewert asked:

Where is this process up to? When can we expect a new plan to be tabled?

Answer:

The draft threat abatement plan for disease in natural ecosystems caused by *Phytophthora cinnamomi* was open for three months statutory public consultation from 20 February to 20 May 2013. The Department of the Environment amended the draft plan in light of comments received during the consultation period, and to reflect the most recently published research.

The draft plan was presented to the Threatened Species Scientific Committee on 8 November 2013.

The draft plan is now being prepared for the Minister for the Environment's consideration. Once the Minister has approved the plan, it will be tabled in both Houses of Parliament.