

## **Government Senators' additional comments**

1.1 An independent review of the EPBC Act is required to commence by late 2019. Recommendations calling for new laws or an EPA are premature before that review has been completed.

1.2 The Coalition has in place several important measures to safeguard Australia's fauna.

1.3 In 2014, the Coalition appointed Australia's first Threatened Species Commissioner to help drive improvements in threatened species conservation. In 2015, we launched the Threatened Species Strategy which contains ambitious targets.

1.4 Since 2014, over \$425 million has been mobilised for threatened species projects, including from the \$1.1 billion National Landcare Program. More recently, the Coalition has committed further funds through the Environment Restoration Fund and Communities Environment Program.

1.5 The Coalition is committed to climate action. The \$3.5 billion Climate Solutions Package includes the establishment of a Climate Solutions Fund to provide \$2 billion to continue the Government's investment in low cost abatement through the Emissions Reduction Fund.

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