

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Answers to questions on notice

Agriculture, Water and the Environment Portfolio

Inquiry: Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (Agriculture, Water and the Environment Measures No. 1) Regulations 2021 [F2021L00288]

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Topic: List of all the threatened species identified in the submissions

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Senator Davey asked:

Senator DAVEY: We know that part of this program is to allow us to get the community engaged in projects that will help us to deliver against Australia's obligations under several international treaties, including migratory bird treaties and wetland treaties. Some of these treaties are the same as those referenced in the Basin Plan, so can you explain the difference between what the Basin Plan is trying to achieve with water recovery and what this program is achieving on the ground with actual physical complementary measures?

Dr Derham: Thank you, Senator. The same constitutional head of power applies here. What I would say to you is that I can, on notice, provide you with a list of all the threatened species identified in the submissions that we have received that these grants are going to under the round 1 applications.

Senator DAVEY: I would very much appreciate that. I'd like to be able to see the link between the projects and those threatened species. That would be very interesting. Off the top of your head, have you got any clear examples, just for the sake of those listening today?

Dr Derham: I'm just pulling my list out. Here we go. There's quite a number of threatened fauna and flora as well as ecological communities. For example, we have the Booroolong frog, the painted honeyeater and the yakka skink under threatened fauna. Under threatened flora, for example, we have river swamp wallaby grass and winged peppergrass. Under threatened ecological communities, for example, they have the derived native grasslands and white box-yellow box. But I can provide you with a more comprehensive list.

Senator DAVEY: It sounds like there are a lot of target species there, but I look forward to seeing the wider list.

Answer:

As part of the application process, applicants were asked to identify the impact their proposed project would have on threatened species, threatened ecological communities or migratory species listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

The list of threatened species, threatened ecological communities and migratory species identified in applications is at **Attachment A**. It does not include species listed under state or territory legislation.

Attachment A – List of identified species

Threatened Fauna

Common name	Scientific Name	Status (as at 03/08/21)
Booroolong Frog	<i>Litoria booroolongensis</i>	Endangered
Curllew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Critically endangered
Cape Barren Goose	<i>Cereopsis novaehollandiae grisea</i>	Vulnerable
Australian Painted Snipe	<i>Rostratula australis</i>	Endangered
Flat-headed Galaxias	<i>Galaxias rostratus</i>	Critically endangered
Corben's Long-eared Bat	<i>Nyctophilus corbeni</i>	Vulnerable
Australasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i>	Endangered
Bell's Turtle	<i>Wollumbinia belli</i>	Vulnerable
Koala	<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	Vulnerable
Macquarie Perch	<i>Macquaria australasica</i>	Endangered
Malleefowl	<i>Leipoa ocellata</i>	Vulnerable
Murray Cod	<i>Maccullochella peelii</i>	Vulnerable
Murray Hardyhead	<i>Craterocephalus fluviatilis</i>	Endangered
Orange-bellied Parrot	<i>Neophema chrysogaster</i>	Critically endangered
Painted Honeyeater	<i>Grantiella picta</i>	Vulnerable
Pink-tailed Worm-lizard	<i>Aprasia parapulchella</i>	Vulnerable
Red Goshawk	<i>Erythrotriorchis radiatus</i>	Vulnerable
Regent Parrot	<i>Polytelis anthopeplus monarchoides</i>	Vulnerable
Silver Perch	<i>Bidyanus bidyanus</i>	Critically endangered
Sloane's Froglet	<i>Crinia sloanei</i>	Endangered
Southern Bell Frog	<i>Litoria raniformis</i>	Vulnerable
Southern Pygmy Perch	<i>Nannoperca australis</i>	Vulnerable
Squatter Pigeon	<i>Geophaps scripta scripta</i>	Vulnerable
Superb Parrot	<i>Polytelis swainsonii</i>	Vulnerable
Swift Parrot	<i>Lathamus discolor</i>	Critically endangered
Trout Cod	<i>Maccullochella macquariensis</i>	Endangered
Yakka Skink	<i>Egernia rugosa</i>	Vulnerable
Yarra Pygmy Perch	<i>Nannoperca obscura</i>	Vulnerable
Yellow-spotted Bell Frog	<i>Litoria castanea</i>	Critically endangered

Threatened Flora

Common name	Scientific Name	Status (as at 03/08/21)
Homoranthus Bebo	<i>Homoranthus Bebo</i>	Critically endangered
Kurrajong	<i>Wikstroemia australis</i>	Critically endangered
McKie's Stringybark	<i>Eucalyptus mckieana</i>	Vulnerable
Mueller Daisy	<i>Brachyscome muelleroides</i>	Vulnerable
Pale Pomaderris	<i>Pomaderris pallida</i>	Vulnerable
Ridged Water-milfoil	<i>Myriophyllum porcatum</i>	Vulnerable
River Swamp Wallaby-grass	<i>Amphibromus fluitans</i>	Vulnerable
Spike Rush	<i>Eleocharis obicis</i>	Vulnerable

Common name	Scientific Name	Status (as at 03/08/21)
Spiny Daisy	<i>Acanthocladium dockeri</i>	Critically endangered
Stiff Groundsel	<i>Senecio behrianus</i>	Endangered
Winged Pepper-cress	<i>Lepidium monoplocoides</i>	Endangered
Xerothamnella Herbacea	<i>Xerothamnella Herbacea</i>	Endangered
Yellow Swainson-pea	<i>Swainsona pyrophila</i>	Vulnerable

Ecological communities

Name of Ecological communities	Status (as at 03/08/21)
Buloke Woodlands of Riverina and Murray–Darling Depression Bioregions	Endangered
New England Peppermint Grassy Woodlands	Critically endangered
Poplar Box Grassy Woodland on Alluvial Plains	Endangered
Subtropical and Temperate Coastal Saltmarsh	Vulnerable
White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland	Critically endangered