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Senator Urquhart asked:

Minister Hunt set a goal of ending mammal extinctions by 2020 and said he wanted to see improvements in at least 20 mammal trajectories between now and then. Can you update us on what plans are in place to achieve this?

Answer:

The Threatened Species Commissioner was appointed to assist in delivering on these goals. He has consulted a range of threatened species stakeholders across Australia, including volunteer groups, non-government organisations, scientists, zoos and wildlife sanctuaries, Indigenous rangers, communities and leaders, and relevant state and federal government agencies. The focus in the first year of the Commissioner's terms of reference is on no-regrets actions that focus on key threats to and other interventions that assist multiple mammal species.

Information on the action being taken is in the Threatened Species Commissioner's six month report to the Minister for the Environment at

<http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/tsc-report-feb2015>.