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**Senator Rice asked:**

The federal government recommended a recovery plan be developed for the Greater Glider. Can you advise on the status of that plan and, given logging was identified as the primary threat facing the species, how will Greater Gliders be protected via the RFA process?

**Answer:**

The Australian Government is working with the relevant state government departments in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland to develop a recovery plan for the greater glider. A stakeholder workshop to assist development of the recovery plan was held in November 2016. Representatives from state governments, the research community, forestry, non-government organisations and the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture and Water Resources attended the workshop, and provided input into the actions required to assist recovery of the species. A draft recovery plan will be released for public consultation towards the end of 2017.

State governments are responsible for the day to day management of ongoing forest operations. These management responsibilities include the protection of threatened species, such as the greater glider.

Regional Forest Agreements provide a framework that enable forestry operations to be undertaken in accordance with threatened species recovery plans or other related statutory conservation planning documents.