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**Senator Whish-Wilson asked:**

Regarding the areas of the Arthur-Pieman Conservation Area on the west coast of Tasmania where recreational 4WD use is currently subject to a Federal Court order:

Has the Department recently undertaken an assessment or survey of threatened species in the area? What species were assessed or surveyed? What was the outcome of this assessment or survey? Did the Department discover any threatened species in the area?

**Answer:**

The Department provides indicative information about listed threatened species in an on-line search tool, including indicative locational information. The tool is available at:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/protected-matters-search-tool>

Under the EPBC Act, it is also the responsibility of a person referring a proposed action to provide information required under the EPBC Regulations, including information about flora and fauna in the affected area.