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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Was the Department able to identify any possible amendments to the draft plan that could be made?

Have those amendments been made, and if so, what effect will they have on the effectiveness and ambitious scale of the draft plan?

**Answer:**

Yes, several proposed amendments have been identified. This includes focusing the plan (i.e. scope and objectives) so that it covers the 17 EPBC listed threatened species instead of also including other ecologically significant species, and removing terms like iconic and significant species.

Many actions for EPBC listed threatened species, like invasive species control, will also benefit non-listed native species and will also have broader ecosystem benefits.