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Senator Urquhart asked:

How will a common assessment method for threatened species, and a single operational list of threatened species in each jurisdiction, improve outcomes for Australian threatened species?

Answer:

The adoption of a common assessment method is expected to ensure consistency of process and outcomes for threat assessments across jurisdictions. The intention is that an assessment undertaken by one jurisdiction in accordance with the common method can be adopted by any other state or territory or the Australian government, removing the need to re-assess threatened species in other jurisdictions. This will make listing and de-listing processes more efficient and increase consistency of the listing of species across jurisdictions.

The common assessment method will build community confidence in the consistency and rigour of the listing process across the country. It will also assist jurisdictions maintain consistent standards in environmental regulation and in prioritising recovery actions for threatened species.