

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment and Energy portfolio**

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**Senator Whish-Wilson asked:**

Senator WHISH-WILSON: This is a pretty broad question, Mr Cahill, or for anyone else who might want to answer it. In your understanding of the history of the EPBC, has a minister's decision to grant approval for a not-controlled action in a particular manner—using your terminology from your answers to questions on notice—on a project ever resulted in an impact that has led to either an endangered species becoming critically endangered or the extinction of an endangered species?

Mr Knudson: I am pretty confident in saying, no, that has never happened, but we would want to take that on notice and come back definitively on that. But I am pretty confident.

**Answer:**

The Department is not aware of any action that is subject to a not a controlled action if undertaken in a particular manner decision under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* that has resulted in an impact that has led to either an endangered species becoming critically endangered or the extinction of an endangered species.