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Senator Waters asked:

Can the Department provide an update on the National Environmental Significance Threat and Risk Assessment model that it stated was launched in July 2014 in its response to the ANAO audit?

Answer:

The National Environmental Significance Threat and Risk Assessment (NESTRA) was developed jointly with CSIRO, who has published a report on the development of this tool. This report is available from CSIRO's website at:

<https://publications.csiro.au/rpr/pub?list=SEA&pid=csiro:EP144358&sb=RECENT&expert=false&n=1&rpp=25&page=1&tr=117&q=nicol&dr=all>

The Department has now implemented the NESTRA model as a tool to prioritise its compliance monitoring operations for approved controlled actions and not controlled action if taken in a particular manner decisions made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.