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**Senator Whish-Wilson, Peter asked:**

Is the Government drafting a Recovery Plan for the Giant Kelp Marine Forests of South East Australia?

**Answer:**

The listed ecological community has a current, approved Conservation Advice (August 2012) in place that lists recovery and management actions and provides appropriate guidance.

The Department manages many EPBC Act listed threatened species and communities and must prioritise the development of new conservation planning documents, including Recovery Plans.

The Threatened Species Scientific Committee and the Department review the priority assigned to recovery plans each year. At this stage the recovery plan for the Giant Kelp Marine Forests of South East Australia has not been prioritised.