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**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

**Intention to develop a draft bilateral agreement**

**with the Australian Capital Territory under section 45 of the**

***Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth)**

In accordance with subsection 45(3) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (the **EPBC Act**), I, SUSSAN LEY, Minister for the Environment, give notice of my intention to develop a draft bilateral agreement with the Australian Capital Territory which includes a declaration under section 46 of the EPBC Act that classes of actions do not require approval under Part 9 of the EPBC Act for the purposes of specified provisions of Part 3 of the EPBC Act.