

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Instrument under section 184(1)(a)

(Issued under the Authority of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage)

The *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the Act) places certain obligations on the Commonwealth to protect and conserve threatened species.

The purpose of this instrument is to amend the list of threatened species under the Act in accordance with s184(1)(a) of the Act by:

deleting from the list in the **vulnerable** category

- *Maireana melanocarpa* (*Black-fruit Bush*)

deleting from the list in the **endangered** category

- *Stemodia haegii* (*Haegi's Stemodia*)

deleting from the list in the **extinct** category

- *Acanthocladium dockeri* (*Spiny Everlasting*)

including in the list in the **endangered** category

- *Allocasuarina robusta* (*Mount Compass Oak-bush*)
- *Prasophyllum goldsackii* (*Goldsack's Leek Orchid*)
- *Caladenia conferta* (*Coast Spider-orchid*)
- *Eucalyptus paludicola* (*Mount Compass Swamp Gum*)

including in the list in the **critically endangered** category

- *Pterostylis bryophila* (*Hindmarsh Valley Greenhood*)
- *Prasophyllum murfetii* (*an orchid*)
- *Acanthocladium dockeri* (*Spiny Everlasting*)

Consultation on the nominations to amend the list of threatened species under the Act to include these species was undertaken before the legislative instrument was made. The nominations were placed on public exhibition, and public comments were sought. Parties with relevant expertise were directly consulted regarding their views.

This instrument is a legislative instrument for the purposes of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

The instrument commenced on the day after it was registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.