

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

### *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

#### **Instrument under section 184(1)(c)**

#### **(Issued under the Authority of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts)**

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)(c) of the Act by:

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

- *Epacris barbata* (Bearded Heath)
- *Philotheca freyciana* (Freycinet Waxflower)
- *Sagina diemensis* (Pearlwort)

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

- *Pterostylis ziegeleri* (Cape Portland Greenhood)
- *Stenanthemum pimeleoides* (Spreading Stenanthemum)

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

- *Centrolepis pedderensis* (Pedder Centrolepis)

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

- *Centrolepis pedderensis* (Pedder Centrolepis)
- *Epacris barbata* (Bearded Heath)
- *Philotheca freyciana* (Freycinet Waxflower)
- *Sagina diemensis* (Pearlwort)

including in the list in the **vulnerable** category:

- *Pterostylis ziegeleri* (Cape Portland Greenhood)
- *Stenanthemum pimeleoides* (Spreading Stenanthemum)

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.