

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Instrument under section 184(1)(d)

The *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the Act) provides for the protection of the environment and conservation of biodiversity, including the protection and conservation of threatened species.

Section 178 of the Act provides for a list of threatened species (the List) separated into particular categories being, extinct, extinct in the wild, critically endangered, endangered, vulnerable and conservation dependent.

Section 184(d) of the Act provides that the Minister may, by legislative instrument, amend the List to correct an inaccuracy or update the name of a listed threatened species.

The purpose of this Instrument is to amend the List by updating the scientific names of threatened species referred to in the List as set out in Attachment A.

‘Current EPBC Act listed name’ refers to the name on the List before amendment and the **‘Updated EPBC Act listed name’** is the new name after the Instrument has taken effect.

This name change results from:

- taxonomic revision that has not altered the concept or description of the species

As this Instrument only updates a name in the List and does not make any substantial changes to the List, consultation was not considered necessary.

The advice of the Threatened Species Scientific Committee was provided and considered in relation to the Instrument.

The 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.

Authority: Section 184(1)(d) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

ATTACHMENT A

Amendments to EPBC Act listed species

Current EPBC Act listed name	Updated EPBC Act listed name
<i>Brachionichthys politus</i>	<i>Thymichthys politus</i>