

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

#### **Instrument under section 192(1)**

**(Issued under the Authority of the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities)**

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) and s192(1) of the Act by:

transferring from the **extinct** to the **critically endangered** category:

- *Caladenia pumila*
- *Philothea falcata*
- *Prostanthera clotteniana*
- *Prostanthera marifolia*
- *Pterostylis valida*

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.