

To: Minister for the Environment (For Decision)

**DECISION TO AMEND THE EPBC ACT LIST OF THREATENED SPECIES FOR 10 SPECIES FROM TSSC73**

Timing: 6 February 2019 (statutory deadline).

**Recommendations:**

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3. Agree to extend the Committee's timeframe for twelve assessments as proposed in Attachment A.

**Agreed / Not agreed**

**Minister:**

Date:

**Comments:**

<b>Clearing Officer:</b> Sent: 28/09/18	Geoff Richardson	Assistant Secretary, Protected Species and Communities Branch, Biodiversity Conservation Division	s22
Contact Officer:	s22	s22	s22

**Key Points:**

1. This brief provides threatened species listing assessments for s22 from the Threatened Species Scientific Committee's September 2018 meeting. Your statutory decisions under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for considering the Committee's advice and amending the list are provided in Attachment A. s22

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**Attachments**

**A:** Statutory decisions

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**Statutory Decisions**

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**Statutory Decisions for amending the list of threatened species**

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## Statutory decisions for extending the completion timeframe for assessments

12. The Committee determined that it cannot meet the assessment completion timeframe for s22 *Neophoca cinerea* (Australian Sea Lion), s22

[Redacted]

Further time is required to work with the relevant stakeholders to resolve technical points relating to the assessments.

13. The Committee requests an extension of the assessment completion time for the Australian Sea Lion, s22 from 30 September 2018 until 30 March 2019 as provided for by s.194P(2) of the EPBC Act. The Department supports the Committee's proposal to extend this timeframe.

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15. Section 194P of the EPBC Act allows the Committee to request that you extend an assessment completion timeframe. You may extend the assessment timeframe, provided the total length of the assessment is not more than 5 years under s194P(3), [Redacted]. The extensions requested in this brief do not exceed the 5 year timeframe. If you agree to the extensions, reasons for the extensions will be published on the Department's website as per standard practice under (s194P(5)).

### Recommendations: Extending the completion timeframe for assessments

- i. Agree to extend the Committee's timeframe for the assessment of *Neophoca cinerea* (Australian Sea Lion), from 30 September 2018 until 30 March 2019.

**Agreed / Not agreed**

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To: Minister for the Environment (For Decision)

**DECISION TO AMEND THE EPBC ACT LIST OF THREATENED SPECIES FOR 34 SPECIES FROM TSSC74**

Timing: 9 August 2019 (statutory deadline)

**Recommendations:**



- 3. Agree to extend the Committee’s timeframe for nine assessments as proposed in Attachment A.

**Agreed / Not agreed**

**Minister:**

Date:

**Comments:**

<b>Clearing Officer:</b> Sent: 29 Mar 19	Geoff Richardson	Assistant Secretary, Protected Species and Communities Branch, Biodiversity Conservation Division	s22
Contact Officer:	s22	s22	s22

**Key Points:**

- 1. This brief provides threatened species listing assessments for s22 from the Threatened Species Scientific Committee’s November 2018 meeting. Your statutory decisions under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for considering the Committee’s advice and amending the list are provided in Attachment A. s22

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**Attachments**

**A:** Statutory decisions

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## **Statutory decisions for extending the completion timeframe for assessments**

16. The Committee determined that it cannot meet the assessment completion timeframe for s22 species currently included in the Finalised Priority Assessment List. Additional time is required to work with the relevant stakeholders to resolve technical points relating to the assessments. The Department supports the Committee's request to extend these timeframes.
17. Section 194P of the EPBC Act allows the Committee to request that you extend an assessment completion timeframe. You may extend the assessment timeframe, provided the total length of the assessment is not more than 5 years under s194P(3), s22 [redacted].  
[redacted] The extensions requested in this brief do not exceed the

5 year timeframe. If you agree to the extensions, reasons for the extensions will be published on the Department's website as per standard practice under (s194P(5)).

**Recommendations: Extending the completion timeframe for assessments**

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- ii. Agree to extend the Committee's timeframe for the assessment of *Neophoca cinerea* (Australian Sea Lion) from 30 March 2019 until 30 September 2019.

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## THREATENED SPECIES SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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**Meeting 73: 4 – 6 September 2018, Canberra**

### MINUTES

**Committee attendance:**

Professor Helene Marsh, Dr Hamish Campbell, Professor Kingsley Dixon, Ms Louise Gilfedder, Dr David Kendal, Dr Sarah Legge, Dr Nicola Mitchell, Professor Colin Simpfendorfer

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7.11 Extension to assessment timeframe for s22 species s22  
(*Neophoca cinerea* (Australian Sea Lion), s22



- The Department sought the Committee's agreement to request extensions to the assessment completion timeframes for s22 species s22 .



The Committee:

- **agreed** to recommend that that the Minister extend the assessment completion timeframes for s22 species, to allow sufficient time to finalise the assessments and/or resolve any disputes raised by states/territories.
  - s22 species: *Neophoca cinerea* (Australian Sea Lion) s22



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The Committee declares that these minutes are an accurate record of the 73<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Threatened Species Scientific Committee

12 November 2018



**Guest and Departmental attendance**

**Guests (external)**

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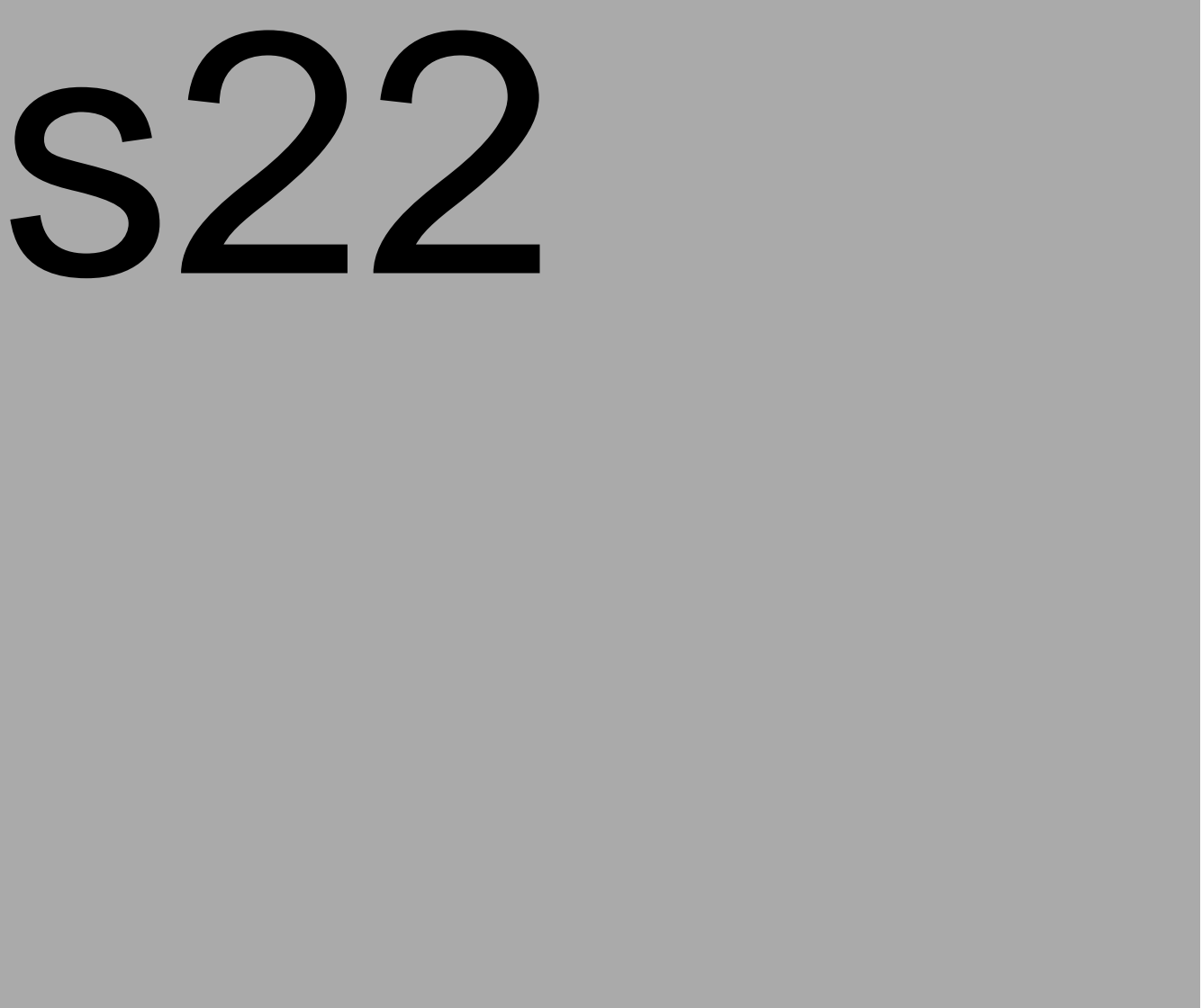
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**Executives**

Ms Kylie Jonasson, First Assistant Secretary, Biodiversity Conservation Division

Dr Sally Box, Threatened Species Commissioner

Mr Geoff Richardson, Assistant Secretary, Protected Species and Communities Branch, Biodiversity Conservation Division



## THREATENED SPECIES SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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**Meeting 74: 12–13 November 2018, Canberra**

### MINUTES

**Committee attendance:**

Professor Helene Marsh, Dr Hamish Campbell, Professor Kingsley Dixon, Ms Louise Gilfedder, Dr David Kendal, Dr Sarah Legge, Dr Nicola Mitchell, Professor Colin Simpfendorfer

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*Marine and Freshwater Species Section:*

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- Advised that the Department was engaging with key researchers regarding the assessment for *Neophoca cinerea* (Australian Sea Lion).

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## 6.10 Extensions to species assessment timeframes

- The Department noted that this paper was similar to previous extension papers that had been considered by the Committee. Members noted that s22 [redacted] one extension for *Neophoca cinerea* (Australian Sea Lion) was being requested to enable further analysis proposed by the IUCN.

The Committee:



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- **agreed** to request that the Minister extend the assessment completion timeframe for *Neophoca cinerea* (Australian Sea Lion) until 30 September 2019 to enable the analysis proposed by the IUCN.



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Threatened Species Scientific Committee

27 February 2019

**Guest and Departmental attendance**

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**Executives**

- Ms Kylie Jonasson, First Assistant Secretary, Biodiversity Conservation Division
- Dr Sally Box, Threatened Species Commissioner
- Mr Geoff Richardson, Assistant Secretary, Protected Species and Communities Branch, Biodiversity Conservation Division (PSCB, BCD)

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**THREATENED SPECIES SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

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**Meeting 75: 26–27 February 2019, Canberra**

Draft **MINUTES**

**Committee attendance:**

Assoc. Prof Hamish Campbell, Prof Richard Harper, Prof David Keith, Dr David Kendal, Prof Sarah Legge (Chair), Dr Nicola Mitchell, Prof Colin Simpfendorfer and Prof Helene Marsh (by phone for a subset of the meeting)

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**1.4 Assistant Secretary and Directors' updates**

- The Department provided updates on work being undertaken since TSSC74 (November 2018).
- *Protected Species and Communities Branch:*
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  - Advised that the Minister had recently made the following decisions:

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- extended the assessment timeframe s22
  - to 30 March 2019 for:
    - *Neophoca cinerea* (Australian Sea Lion)

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- Advised that the February 2019 Senate Estimates session included numerous questions on the work of the Branch, including the status of the respective assessments for s22 *Neophoca cinerea* (Australian Sea Lion); s22

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Threatened Species Scientific Committee

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**Guest and Departmental attendance**

**Guests (external)**

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- s22

**Executives**

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- Mr Geoff Richardson, Assistant Secretary, Protected Species and Communities Branch, Biodiversity Conservation Division (PSCB, BCD)

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