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To: [Sally Box](#); [Kylie Jonasson](#); [Geoff Richardson](#)
Cc: s. 47F(1) [Media](#); [Adam Carlon](#); s. 47F(1) s. 47F(1) s. 47F(1)
Subject: Heads up: Four Corners has approached Minister Ley to do interview re below [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 11 June 2019 11:01:56 AM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)

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Cc: s. 47F(1) [Media](#)
Subject: FW: HEADS UP: The Threatened Species Hub has been approached by the Conversation [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 11 June 2019 4:24:05 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)

FYI in light of Four Corners as well.

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Cc: Media ; s. 47F(1) ; s. 47F(1) ; Adam Carlon
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Hi all,

Just letting you know that the *Conversation* has approached the Hub about a potential article following on from this piece

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/jun/10/frightening-number-of-plant-extinctions-found-in-global-survey> .

To be published in next couple of days. The Hub has referred them to s. 47F(1) .

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Subject: Re: Heads up: Four Corners has approached Minister Ley to do interview re below [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 11 June 2019 4:35:12 PM
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Thanks [s. 47F\(1\)](#)

Sally and Geoff can you please check re carnaby's with was to make sure there's no challenges there for the minister. Steve c, FYI.

kJ

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Date: Wednesday, 12 June 2019 8:17:38 AM

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Cc: **s. 47F(1)** <**s. 47F(1)** environment.gov.au>; Media

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Subject: RE: Four Corners request (Due 2pm this Friday - BH-cleared response) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 12 June 2019 8:39:34 AM

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Sally

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Wed, Jun 5, 2019 at 8:14 PM +1000
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Subject: FW: Four Corners - advice and tps by 3pm [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 12 June 2019 9:33:46 AM
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Yep on it. Talking with sally now

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M: **s. 47F(1)**

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From: Dean Knudson

Sent: Wednesday, 12 June 2019 9:38 AM

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Cc: Kylie Jonasson ; Media ; Adam Carlon ; **s. 47F(1)** ; **s. 47F(1)** ; **s. 47F(1)**

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James T and Beth B some points for you too, can your guys provide info direct to [s. 47F\(1\)](#).

To [s. 47F\(1\)](#) by 3pm today please

Ta

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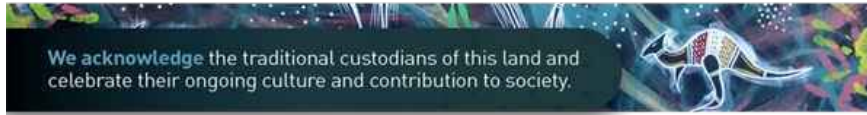
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Subject: RE: Nomination and assessment timeline diagram [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 12 June 2019 11:44:56 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Yes sorry both deadlines important. I need it asap, dean wants to see it all before tomorrow meeting with minister.

I hope you're not doing it all yourself, use your people.

Call if needed.

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Subject: Key messages and narrative for Four Corners [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 12 June 2019 1:20:41 PM
Attachments: [From coast to country key messages DRAFT.docx](#)
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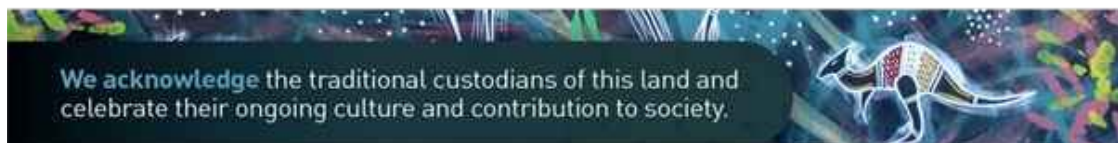
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Cheers

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This is version with Kylie's comments and my updates (replacing a plant example with an animal example).

Tia and Geoff – how are you tracking? [s. 47F\(1\)](#) is chasing....

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Hi all,

I have recrafted, from a moving vehicle, so hopefully this covers your concerns with the pitch of the ABCS content Kylie.

Sally one minor edit to the RFA bit too highlighted in yellow for visibility.

Shout if not and I can work with [s. 47F\(1\)](#) to finesse further.

Thanks

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Sally we'll need finals that go to the office from **s. 47F(1)** for tomorrow's meeting

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Yep – tks!

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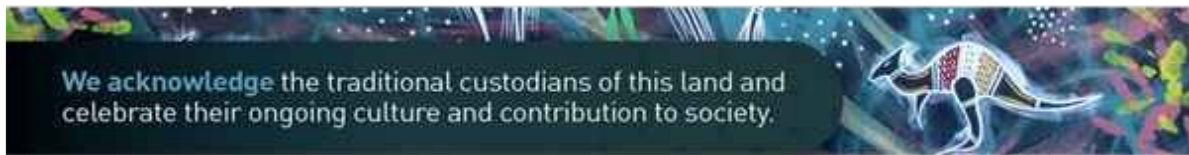
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Hi s. 47F(1) (and Dean),

Sorry for delay in getting this to you. See attached for info on topics flagged and some updates re other issues likely to come up. It's a bit long but we wanted to make sure we covered it. Hope it's helpful.

Feel free to make any edits and suggestions.

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TALKING POINTS AND BRIEF – 4 CORNERS

Complied 12 June 2019

ON THREATENED SPECIES...

Threatened species funding

Issues/background

Australia is home to a globally unique group of plants and animals – more than 80 per cent of species exist only in Australia. However, Australia has the fourth highest number of animal extinctions in the world. We have lost 91 species since European settlement and a further 1,800 plants and animals listed under the EPBC Act are at risk of extinction. Further, the State of the Environment Report 2016 reported that that status of biodiversity in Australia is generally considered poor and worsening.

In response to Australia's growing number of native plants and animals facing extinction, the Australian Government appointed a Threatened Species Commissioner in 2014, and launched a Threatened Species Strategy in 2015. Funding for threatened species has been mobilised through a range of Australian Government programs. The Threatened Species Strategy (2015 – 2020) Year Three report documents progress against Strategy targets. The report has been prepared and will be publically released following your approval.

Federal environment funding has declined by 35 per cent from \$528 million in 2013-14 to \$343 million in 2018-19, and is forecast to decline a further 6.4 per cent to \$321 million in 2022-23. Environment groups and some media outlets have been campaigning on the adequacy of environment funding for some time.

Talking points:

- The Australian Government appointed the first ever Threatened Species Commissioner in 2014 to address the growing number of plants and animals facing extinction.
- And we launched a Threatened Species Strategy in 2015, to focus our efforts and encourage all Australians to work together in protecting the unique species that call Australia home.
 - This Strategy includes explicit and measurable targets to tackle feral cats, improve recovery practices and improve the trajectories of 20 mammals, 20 birds and 30 plants by 2020.
 - The Threatened Species Commissioner works with state and territory governments, non-government organisations, and community and business groups to implement the Strategy.
- Since 2014, the Australian Government has mobilised \$425 million for more than 1300 projects supporting outcomes for threatened species.
 - This includes projects delivered under a range of programs including the National Landcare Program, 20 Million Trees, Threatened Species Recovery Fund, Green Army, and the National Environmental Science Program.

- It includes \$170 million recently committed through the Regional Land Partnerships program, under Phase 2 of the National Landcare Program, for projects that directly support threatened species and threatened ecological community recovery activities (to be rolled out between 2018-19 and 2022-23).
- In addition, through the Regional Land Partnerships program, we are investing \$47.5 million in Ramsar wetland projects and \$17.6 million in World Heritage projects, many of which will also deliver benefits for threatened species and threatened ecological communities. For example, a World Heritage project mapping weeds on Lord Howe Island will also benefit the critically endangered Little Mountain Palm.
- The new \$100 million Environment Restoration Fund announced in this year's Budget will provide an important boost for on-ground environmental action and threatened species recovery.
- Under the Threatened Species Strategy, a number of projects are demonstrating success in supporting threatened species recovery. For example:
 - The population of the Norfolk Island Green Parrot has more than doubled compared to its pre-2015 numbers, with increased efforts by Parks Australia to manage introduced rodents and secure nest sites.
 - Mallee Emu-wrens were successfully translocated back to South Australia after a devastating fire wiped out their original population. The re-establishment of this geographically distinct population significantly reduces the risk of extinction.
 - A new "Tracks App", funded by the Australian Government to support Indigenous rangers to digitally record and map wildlife tracks in remote regions of Australia, has led to the discovery that the Bilby distribution is wider than once thought.
- When it comes to the fight against extinction, no one can do it alone. The Strategy is also supported by the Threatened Species Prospectus, which is an innovative financing tool aimed at mobilising private and philanthropic sector support towards threatened species projects.
 - To date, at least 19 projects featured in the Threatened Species Prospectus have received support, to the value of more than \$7 million (both government and non-government sources).
 - Important contributions have been made a wide range of organisations, including governments, large multinational companies, non-government organisations and charitable trusts.
 - For example, the Australian Government partnered with the Tasmanian Government, WWF Australia, CSIRO and the Tasmanian Albatross Fund on a Prospectus project to prevent the decline of the Shy Albatross. This project involved airlifting artificial nests onto Bass Strait Albatross Island in July 2017 to help boost the breeding success of the Shy Albatross. Subsequent monitoring revealed the birds accepted the nests and personalised them with mud and vegetation.

Threatened Species recovery planning

Issues/background

The Australian Government is criticised for poor protection of threatened species and lack of funding to implement the protections that are in place. In particular, the development, implementation and monitoring of statutory planning documents prepared under the EPBC Act (e.g. Recovery Plans, Conservation Advices) which provide guidance on recovery action for listed threatened species and ecological communities.

Talking points

- 99.8% of Australia's more than 1800 nationally listed threatened species and ecological communities have a Recovery Plan or Conservation Advice (or both) in place, guiding our recovery action.
- The Department is currently preparing updated Recovery Plans and Conservation Advices for priority species, such as those identified in the Threatened Species Strategy, and other priorities such as the Koala.
- The development of these planning documents is a collaborative process that involves multiple stakeholders including all levels of government, regional natural resource management bodies, scientific institutions, recovery teams, industry, Indigenous communities and community groups.
- Implementation of these plans is also a shared responsibility.
- Recovery plans and Conservation Advices guide Australian Government investments in on-ground action. Organisations or individuals applying for funding to support the recovery of threatened species and ecological communities are required to demonstrate how their proposed activities align with these plans.
- For example, the Recovery Plan for the critically endangered Central Rock-rat in the Northern Territory identified the need for feral cat management around core populations. An Australian Government-funded project has supported emergency baiting of feral cats around Central Rock-rat refuges in the West MacDonnell Ranges leading to an 80-90 per cent reduction in cat numbers and making a critical contribution to the species recovery.

Role and effectiveness of Regional Forest Agreements

Issues/Background

This work is led by the Agriculture Minister, the Hon Bridget McKenzie MP.

Regional Forest Agreements are 20 year bi-lateral agreements between the State and Australian governments signed between 1997 and 2000 and aim to achieve a balance between the productive use and conservation of Australia's Forests. Ten RFAs were signed across Tasmania, New South Wales, Western Australian and Victoria. Where a Regional Forest Agreement is in effect, forestry operations are exempt from assessment and approval under the EPBC Act (except when in a World Heritage property or Ramsar site).

The original Regional Forest Agreements for Tasmania, New South Wales and Western Australia have been extended and the five Victorian RFAs are in the process of being extended.

Environmental non-government organisations have been actively campaigning against the extension of the Regional Forest Agreements, particularly in NSW and Victoria. The key issues raised include whether the agreements provide adequate threatened species protections and if the State governments are complying with the agreement requirements.

Talking points

- Since the RFAs were first signed 20 years ago, conservation reserves have doubled – from over 5 million hectares to over 10 million hectares.
 - This equates to a protected land mass roughly 1.5 times the size of Tasmania.
- This means 50% of native forests found within RFAs are now protected within the CAR reserve system.
- Of the remaining native forest in RFA areas, less than 0.5% is harvested annually.
- RFAs protect threatened species through establishing and subsequently growing a conservation reserve system, and by requiring states to implement sustainable forest management practices outside of the reserve system.
- RFAs are an adaptive management framework. This means they are responsive to new information and changes in circumstances. So for example, requirements for protecting threatened species outside of the reserve system, also called prescriptions, can be amended as new information comes to light.
- Extended RFAs have strengthened compliance and assurance mechanisms. This includes enhanced reporting on status and trends of species, new audit clauses and annual meetings to monitor implementation.
- States are responsible for the day to day forestry operations in line with state forest management frameworks under RFAs.
- If the Department of the Environment and Energy is notified of a suspected breach of the RFA, the Department would support the Department of Agriculture, as the lead agency for the Commonwealth, to determine the appropriate course of action.

Leadbeater's Possum: conservation status and related issues

Issues/background

- The Critically Endangered Leadbeater's Possum is an iconic Australian species which is the subject of considerable national and international media attention and Ministerial correspondence, particularly in regards to forest management issues in Victoria. Leadbeater's Possum is endemic to Victoria and confined to a small range largely within the Victorian Central Highlands Regional Forest Agreement area. It is one of 20 mammals targeted for recovery under the Threatened Species Strategy and one of the two species identified for emergency intervention.
- In March 2017, the Department received a public nomination from the Forest Products Association to reassess the Critically Endangered listing status of the Leadbeater's Possum under the EPBC Act. The Threatened Species Scientific Committee completed its listing assessment of the Leadbeater's Possum in March 2019. You will be briefed on their advice shortly and will be required to make a decision by 9 August 2019.
- A 2017 draft recovery plan is also being revised, in partnership with the Victorian State Government, taking into consideration new information from the listing assessment and new research. It is anticipated that the Recovery Plan will be finalised in consultation with the Threatened Species Scientific Committee by September 2019. While the listing assessment and Recovery Plan are being finalised, a comprehensive 2015 Conservation Advice remains in place to guide conservation efforts.

Talking Points

- The protection of the iconic and critically endangered Leadbeater's possum is a priority for the Australian Government under the Threatened Species Strategy.
- In 2017, the Department received a public nomination to downgrade the Critically Endangered listing status of the Leadbeater's possum to Endangered, based on newly available survey information.
- The Threatened Species Scientific Committee is due to provide advice to me shortly on this matter.
- The draft Leadbeater's Possum Recovery Plan is also being updated and finalised in response to new information collated during the listing assessment.
- I expect that the draft recovery plan will be finalised by the Committee for my consideration later this year.
- The Victorian Government is responsible for the protection and management of threatened species and their habitat within RFA areas.
- RFAs enable forestry operations to be undertaken in accordance with state and Commonwealth statutory conservation planning documents, including recovery plans. State forest management systems adapt to new information including new species listings and updated recovery plans.

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Strategy for Nature

Issues/background

- As a Party to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Australia is required to have a national biodiversity strategy and action plan. *Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2010-2030* is our current Strategy. This is the second iteration of the Strategy.
- The CBD will set a new global framework in China in October 2020 which is expected to again include global targets. The current Aichi Targets expire in 2020. This global process is drawing significant attention from environmental groups.

Australia's Biodiversity Strategy was reviewed in 2015-16 and all Environment Ministers endorsed the findings and recommendations of the review in November 2016 and committed to a significant revision for the next iteration of the Strategy.

- Public consultation on the draft *Australia's Strategy for Nature* was open from 19 December 2017 to 16 March 2018.

The intention was to launch the new Strategy at last year's Convention on Biological Diversity meeting and there has been public scrutiny as to why this did not occur. The delay is due to synthesising significant consultation input, developing web-based support tools and gaining support from all jurisdictions on the approach.

- Outcomes of public consultation on the draft *Australia's Strategy for Nature* are currently being considered by all governments through the Biodiversity Working Group.

Talking points

- *Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2011-2030* is currently being revised by the Biodiversity Working Group comprising the Commonwealth, all State and Territory Governments, and the Australian Local Government Association.
- The updated strategy is due to be considered by Environment Ministers at their next meeting later this year with the aim of launching by the end of the year.
- This is later than intended however all governments are working hard to ensure the revised approach addresses the findings of the reviews and the comprehensive consultation comments received.
- All governments are also working hard to ensure that the updated Strategy provides a flexible guiding framework which will be responsive to changing international commitments, such as the post 2020 global framework which will be agreed under the Convention on Biological Diversity in October next year.

National Environmental Science Program (researchers interviewed by Four Corners/7.30 Report)

- The Australian Government has a long track record of investing in environmental research to support evidence-based decision making.
- The National Environmental Science Program (NESP) is a long-term commitment by the Australian Government to environment and climate research delivered by independent experts.
- NESP funding of \$145 million over six years from 2015 to 2021 supports six research hubs, along with projects to address emerging environmental research needs.
- Hub researchers are employees of hub partner institutions and organisations, for example, universities and CSIRO. Hub research is funded by the National Environmental Science Program, with contributions from hub partners and collaborators.

Toondah Harbour and the Eastern Curlew

- The development of Toondah Harbour will be carefully assessed by the Department of the Environment and Energy under national environmental law.
- The assessment will include consideration of the potential impacts on species such as the critically endangered Eastern Curlew, marine turtles and Dugong as well as the Morton Bay Ramsar site.
- The assessment will also include a public consultation period.

If asked – why are you assessing a project that was previously considered by the Department to be clearly unacceptable

- The Department recommended that a previous 2017 proposal was ‘clearly unacceptable’, however in 2018 the Walker Group submitted a substantially revised proposal with a reduced development footprint.
- The Department will assess this new 2018 proposal under national environmental law.

If asked - is the proposal inconsistent with the Ramsar Convention

- Consistent with the Ramsar Convention, Australia protects internationally listed wetlands, which includes the Moreton Bay Ramsar site.
- The Department’s assessment will consider likely impacts on the Ramsar site, and whether the proposal is consistent with the Ramsar Convention.

Background

- Walker Group Holdings Pty Ltd has proposed the Toondah Harbour development, south of Brisbane.
- The development includes a mixed-use residential, commercial, retail and tourism precinct, new ferry terminals and a marina.
- The proposal includes dredging, excavation and reclamation of land within the Moreton Bay Ramsar site and is being assessed due to the likely impacts on the Ramsar wetland, threatened and migratory species.
- On 23 July 2018 A delegate of the Minister for the Environment decided that Walker Groups substantially revised proposal was a controlled action and required further assessment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.
 - This followed an earlier proposal which was considered ‘clearly unacceptable’
- On 3 April 2019 the Department provided Walker Group with the finalised Terms of Reference for the Environmental Impact Statement.
- The Walker Group’s draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Toondah Harbour development will be published for public comment before a decision is made about whether or not the proposal can go ahead under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

ON ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVALS

Adani – drone footage, 7.30 Report

- I'm aware of the allegations made in the ABC media and on the 7.30 Report.
- My Department has contacted the Queensland Government and Adani to request information, to determine whether the Commonwealth approval conditions are being complied with.
- Consistent with our Compliance Policy, the Department will not comment on the allegations while we are making enquiries.

Adani Carmichael Coal Mine

Protection for the Black-throated Finch

- Adani is required to have an approved management plan for all matters of national environmental significance in the project area and to provide environmental offsets for those matters where the project will have a significant impact. The Queensland Government must also approve these plans.
- The purpose of these management plans is to ensure Adani avoid and mitigate impacts to protected matters on the project site to the greatest possible extent.
- A specific management plan and environmental offset has been prepared for the Black-throated Finch.
- In its offset site for the Black-throated Finch, Adani will progressively improve the condition of 33,000 hectares of suitable habitat for the bird.
- In December 2018, a delegate of Minister Price approved the Black-throated Finch Management Plan. At about the same time the Queensland Government commissioned a review of the plan.
- As a result of the Queensland review, Adani subsequently included more detail in the plan which has now been approved by the Queensland Government. Adani is required under Federal legislation to implement the newly revised plan.

Biodiversity Offset Strategy

- Both the Federal and Queensland Governments approved the Biodiversity Offset Strategy for Adani's Carmichael Mine project in 2016. The Strategy establishes how and where Adani will provide environmental offsets for its significant impacts.
- The Biodiversity Offset Strategy contains a description of the proposed offset areas to demonstrate their suitability for protected matters. It is published on Adani's website.
- The main offset area is on the Moray Downs West property, owned by Adani. The Moray Downs West Offset Area Management Plan is being reviewed by my Department.

Groundwater

Plan approvals

- Minister Price approved the two groundwater management plans required for Adani's Carmichael Mine project after receiving briefing from the Department.
- These plans have been thoroughly reviewed by nationally pre-eminent expert bodies (Geoscience Australia and CSIRO) to provide the Government with confidence that the project will deliver on its conditions of approval.

- Protecting precious water resources from the impacts of large coal mines is a priority of the Australian Government.

Groundwater monitoring

- Adani has addressed the CSIRO and Geoscience Australia advice on its groundwater monitoring by committing to install more monitoring bores in geological formations between the mine and the Doongmabulla springs.
- They have also increased the sensitivity of their monitoring thresholds.
- This will ensure that any unexpected impacts are detected early and allow avoidance or corrective actions to be taken.
- Adani's groundwater management and monitoring plan will ensure that groundwater drawdown at the Doongmabulla Springs does not exceed the approved 0.2 metres.
- The monitoring network, early warning thresholds and corrective measures outlined in Adani's plans will ensure the Doongmabulla Springs are protected.
- Adani is also required to undertake further research to better understand the source of the springs.
- The results of this research will be incorporated into future groundwater plan updates.

Note in relation to offsets:

- Adani is currently revising its Biodiversity Offset Strategy to include details of another offset property that it will secure to protect Brigalow Threatened Ecological Community. The Department will review the revised Biodiversity Offset Strategy. If the revision is approved, Adani will then have to secure the additional property and submit an Offset Area Management Plan for the Brigalow offset.

Compliance - How do we ensure people meet approval their conditions

- The Department's Office of Compliance monitors compliance with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) and other legislation administered by the Department.
- Monitoring activities - including audits, review of annual compliance reports, site inspections, expert advice, and access to digital information such as aerial imagery - aim to ensure that projects are complying with approval conditions.
- The majority of approval holders are found to be complying with their approval conditions. Where non-compliance is found, the Department uses a range of enforcement options. For example, we may issue warning letters or infringement notices, seek court orders for remediation, or prosecute for breaches of the Act.

How environmental assessments work currently under federal law

(Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act – EPBC Act)

- Australia's national environmental law, the EPBC Act, promotes ecologically sustainable development and establishes a rigorous framework for protecting nationally important environmental matters, such as threatened species.
- Any proposed action likely to have a significant impact on a nationally protected matter must be referred for assessment under the EPBC Act.

- The referral and assessment process includes opportunities for public comment.
- The Department will consider the proposal and any public submissions to see whether it needs to be assessed under national environment law.
- Cost recovery arrangements are in place for the referral of proposals and environmental assessments under the EPBC Act. This means the person who requires the services to assess their application pays for these services. This provides a more equitable sharing of the cost of protecting the environment between the community and those who obtain a private benefit from environmental assessments.
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- In recent years we have further strengthened regulatory practice by:
 - establishing an independent Office of Compliance that focuses on the investigation of environmental crimes; and
 - Increasing the use of 'strategic assessments' which consider environmental impacts and protection measures at a landscape scale.

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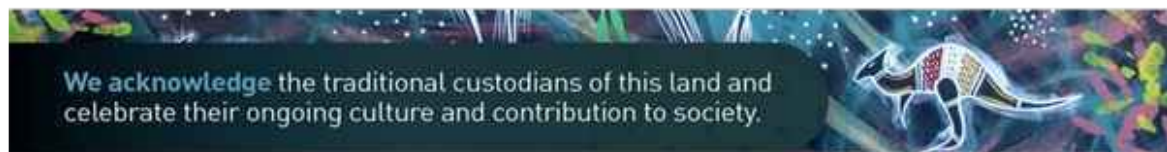
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Yep - we focused on the last question, provided a flat generic statement in NESP and provided Sally Box with early visibility.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Hope you took some photos...

Sent from my iPhone

On 12 Jun 2019, at 2:36 pm, Beth Brunoro <Beth.Brunoro@environment.gov.au> wrote:

I assume this made it to you?

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Beth

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Sally box will be in touch with you about best way to pull this together. I understand there are a lot of requests floating around and

much of this info you guys might already have.

James T and Beth B some points for you too, can your guys provide info direct to [s. 47F\(1\)](#).

To [s. 47F\(1\)](#) by 3pm today please

Ta

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Importance: High

Hi both,

Let me know if you need anything else however...

Focus as outlined in [s. 47F\(1\)](#) email last night:

The areas we want to cover include funding for threatened species and the EPBC act, the role and effectiveness of Regional Forest Agreements, the conservation status of and issues relating to the Leadbeater's Possum in Victoria, and the Toondah Harbour development in Queensland that could impact on the Eastern Curlew.

In addition to request from office, up to you but perhaps suggest covering the following:

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Adani and black-

throated finch/biodiversity off set strategy/groundwater management.

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->- <!--[endif]-->Compliance and major projects like Adani – how do we ensure they're obeying the rules?
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->- <!--[endif]-->Strategy for Nature and where it's at... timelines involved/state and territory involvement.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->- <!--[endif]-->Recovery plans and their current status/investment. This hasn't come up recently but suspect given the release of the plant report will be raised by the usual suspects very soon again.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->- <!--[endif]-->And perhaps how NESP operates – we fund the research, but the researchers/scientists are not government employees per se.

Imagine emissions questions will be directed back to Minister Taylor's office but they have the tps already on these.

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Hi [s. 47F\(1\)](#) (and Dean),

Sorry for delay in getting this to you. See attached for info on topics flagged and some updates re other issues likely to come up. It's a bit long but we wanted to make sure we covered it. Hope it's helpful.

Feel free to make any edits and suggestions.

Thanks [s. 47F\(1\)](#)

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Hi Kylie

For your clearance please. Will call.

Sally

Four Corners – additional questions 12 June 2019

- *the total number of biodiversity offsets in place across Australia (ESD)*
- *a list or map of where they are (ESD)*
- *data on how frequently they are checked for compliance and what that entails (ESD)*
- *The number of threatened species under the EPBC Act that have recovery plans (BCD)*
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Approved with thanks

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Looks okay to me. I would slightly change [s. 47C\(1\)](#)
. Suggested change in red below.

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Sally

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Could you all please review and approve these edits as soon as possible? Apologies for the back and forth with this one.

Kind regards,

s. 47F(1)

Media Team

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Dear media team

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'LA' in Helene's email refers to the TSSC's listing assessment under the EPBC Act. 'RP' is the recovery plan, being drafted for making under the Act.

Regards, ^{s. 47F(1)}.

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Hi

I spoke to s. 47F(1) off the record.

The conversation was about LBP.

Main points:

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->LA had gone to Minister just before caretaker period.
 No decision due to caretaker period, new minister and uncertainty about which minister.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->LA confidential.
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 information obtained using different techniques
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Please advise Minister's office.

Regards

Helene

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FYI Kylie

Not sure what 'off the record' means in this context. [s. 47F\(1\)](#)

I'll talk to her later in the week to get more info. Or you could call her earlier.

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Geoff

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Subject: RE: Four Corners [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 18 June 2019 8:56:12 AM

Hi [s. 47F\(1\)](#),

Thank you for your email – I've forwarded this up to Minister Ley's Office.

Kind regards,

[s. 47F\(1\)](#)

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From: [s. 47F\(1\)](#)
Sent: Monday, 17 June 2019 6:20 PM
To: Media <Media@environment.gov.au>; [s. 47F\(1\)](#)
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Dear media team

Please find notes below from a conversation between the TSSC chair, Prof Helene Marsh, and a Four Corners reporter.

For background, the Leadbeater's Possum (LBP) assessment was returned to the Department for caretaker and will be provided to Minister Ley soon. The listing decision is due by 9 August 2019.

'LA' in Helene's email refers to the TSSC's listing assessment under the EPBC Act. 'RP' is the recovery plan, being drafted for making under the Act.

Regards, [s. 47F\(1\)](#)

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Subject: Re: For final review: Four Corners departmental response [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 18 June 2019 11:12:55 AM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)

Cleared and apologies

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Date: Tuesday, 18 June 2019 12:54:03 PM
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Firstly, a big thank you to you all for your patience over the last week or so and to close the loop. Will let you know if Four Corners ask for anything else. I've asked for an air date.

Note if you haven't heard they have already asked Minister Ley for another interview – but may be in relation to the environmental water story they're planning – s. 47F(1) is asking the q. of them re what they're actually after.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Also James - MOs starting to ask me about Meeting of Environment Ministers date... is it ok to tell them November at this stage?

Thanks s. 47F(1)

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Please find attached a response to your questions. You can attribute any of the above to a

Departmental spokesperson if required.

If you need anything else, please let us know. I understand you're probably still finalising package but if you have an idea for a potential air date that would be great.

Thanks **s. 47F(1)**

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I'll speak to her. Off the record means nothing.

On 17 Jun 2019, at 6:21 pm, Geoff Richardson <Geoff.Richardson@environment.gov.au> wrote:

FYI Kylie

Not sure what 'off the record' means in this context. **s. 47F(1)**

I'll talk to her later in the week to get more info. Or you could call her earlier.

And 'LA' means listing assessment.

Geoff

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Subject: FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND ADVICE: TSR, Forestry and Four Corners [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 19 June 2019 4:27:56 PM

Hi Nick, Beth and Lee-Anne,
s. 47C(1)

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s. 47F(1)

– Threatened Species Recovery Hub

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Phone: 02 6274 s. 47F(1)

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Date: Wednesday, 19 June 2019 4:38:29 PM

Agreed - please engage.

Thanks
Nick

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Date: Wednesday, 19 June 2019 8:08:46 PM
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Subject: RE: Four Corners [SEC=OFFICIAL]
To: "**s. 47F(1)** **s. 47F(1)** [environment.gov.au](#)", "**s. 47F(1)** **s. 47F(1)** [aph.gov.au](#)"
Cc: "Emma Campbell" <[Emma.Campbell@environment.gov.au](#)>, "Media" <[Media@environment.gov.au](#)>, "Adam Carlon" <[Adam.Carlon@environment.gov.au](#)>, "**s. 47F(1)** " <**s. 47F(1)** [environment.gov.au](#)>, "**s. 47F(1)** <**s. 47F(1)** [environment.gov.au](#)>, "**s. 47F(1)** <**s. 47F(1)** [environment.gov.au](#)>

Formal request received already - AFPA letter arrived here last week, attached for info.

From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Wednesday, 19 June 2019 4:52 PM
To: 's. 47F(1)
Cc: Emma Campbell ; s. 47F(1) ; Media ; Adam Carlon ; s. 47F(1) ; s. 47F(1) ; s. 47F(1)
Subject: Four Corners [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Just some further intel from some of the scientists who have been involved, who now believe the journalists are looking at a forestry angle. They seem to think it's going to air early July. Also one of the scientists mentioned that ANU is planning to approach Environment Ministers (presumably including Minister Ley) re forestry issues. The forestry industry have been making representations to the ANU I gather also. Presume this will come your way as a formal request at some point (if not already).

If I hear more will let you know.

s. 47F(1)

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12 June 2019

The Hon. Sussan Ley MP
Minister for Environment
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister Ley,

Re: The need for a comprehensive survey of Leadbeater's Possum habitat

The Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA) writes to request an urgent commitment from the Federal Government to fund a comprehensive survey of the Leadbeater's Possum's potential habitat to provide a more accurate and definitive database of the species' population, range and habitat.

AFPA and indeed all Victorian forest industries that depend on the comparatively small areas of regrowth forest that are available for timber production, strongly support ongoing efforts to secure the long-term survival of the Possum.

In addition, we maintain that the highly regulated and precautionary nature of our industry ensures that sustainable timber production is appropriately balanced with the protection of biodiversity values in Victoria's forests. We also believe that all decisions concerning the protection of threatened species must be informed by the best available scientific data.

In March 2017, following encouraging new evidence indicating the Possum population and range was greater than previously thought, AFPA submitted a request through the statutory process for the Threatened Species Scientific Committee (TSSC) to re-examine the Possum's critically endangered status.

Former Minister for the Environment Josh Frydenberg subsequently requested the TSSC to include the Possum on the Final Priority Assessment List for review. This provided an opportunity for new evidence on the Possum to be submitted as part of the review.

In news that should be strongly welcomed by both the scientific and broader community, this process has enabled the collection of additional evidence that indicates the Possum population and range is indeed much greater than was understood in 2015 when the TSSC recommended it be listed as 'critically endangered'.

Furthermore, the TSSC's assumptions about the role of forestry operations failed to take into consideration VicForests' significant operational changes.



New research submitted to TSSC's consultation process has broadened our scientific understanding of the Possum's habitat and range, with Vicforests scientists recording the Possum outside its previously known range and habitat. In its 2018 consultation paper for the listing review, the TSSC estimated there could be in excess of 10,000 Possum individuals.

There is more than 200,000 hectares of potential Possum habitat in the Central Highlands, more than 70 per cent of which is in formal National Park and conservation reserves, Special Protection Zones in State forest, or areas excluded from timber harvesting due to biodiversity and regulatory reasons. However, despite the recent new evidence, only 6-10 per cent of the Possum's potential habitat in the Victorian Central Highlands has been surveyed.

While the assumptions that informed the 2015 decision to list the Possum as critically endangered were based on the evidence available at the time, future deliberations should be informed by the most accurate science possible.

At the time of our nomination to the TSSC, AFPA wrote to Minister Frydenberg asking that should the nomination be included in the Finalised Priority Assessment List (FPAL), the Federal Government fund a comprehensive population study of the Possum, as the Department of Environment's Draft Recovery Plan recommended.

However, a comprehensive population study across all land tenures (State forests and conservation reserves) has still not occurred. Until such a study is completed, AFPA believes releasing a final Recovery Plan based on the limited science available could compromise conservation efforts and adversely impact Victoria's forest industries, which employ thousands of people across the state.

In summary, AFPA requests that the Federal Government commit at least \$1 million to fund the independent and comprehensive study necessary to close the significant gaps in data surrounding the management of this species.

It would be appropriate for the Victorian Government to also commit funding for this scientific work, noting that the Victorian Government has already committed \$3 million for threatened species surveys in state forests under the Forest Values Assessment Program as part of its Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) modernisation process.

A comprehensive survey will not only provide a more accurate understanding of the Possum's status, but also inform a whole-of-landscape approach to the conservation this important species. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely,



Ross Hampton

Chief Executive Officer

CC: Minister for Agriculture The Hon. Bridget McKenzie, Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries
Jonno Duniam



From: s. 47F(1)
To: [Kylie Jonasson](#); [Sally Box](#); [Geoff Richardson](#)
Cc: [Media](#); s. 47F(1)
Subject: FW: Political Alert - Extinction Nation (FED) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 20 June 2019 10:34:41 AM
Attachments: [171W1804.PDF](#)

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Monday 24th June 2019 at 8:30pm

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With money in short supply, many rescue efforts are reliant on volunteers and crowd funding,

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Ecologists say these species are just as priceless as a work of art and should be protected in the same way.

“You wouldn't go burn the Mona Lisa because you could. You'd put it somewhere and keep it safe.” Bird ecologist

They warn that species extinction will have consequences for us all.

“We are an interconnected ecosystem. It's going to actually start having knock on effects to us as well and our society and in a whole range of ways.” Conservation activist

Extinction Nation, reported by Stephanie March, goes to air on Monday 24th June at 8.30pm. It is replayed on Tuesday 25th June at 1.00pm and Wednesday 26th at 11.20pm. It can also be seen on ABC NEWS channel on Saturday at 8.10pm AEST, [ABC iview](#) and at [abc.net.au/4corners](#).

For further information contact:

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From: s. 47F(1)
To: sussan.lev.mp@aph.gov.au
Cc: [Beth Brunoro](#); s. 47F(1)
Subject: Australia's endangered species
Date: Thursday, 20 June 2019 11:24:18 AM
Attachments: [Aust Endangered Species letter.pdf](#)
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From: [Beth Brunoro](#)
To: b.wintle@unimelb.edu.au
Subject: Fwd: Australia's endangered species
Date: Thursday, 20 June 2019 12:05:52 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.htm](#)
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Subject: RE: Australia's endangered species [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 20 June 2019 12:18:10 PM

Thanks Beth – this is very disappointing. SPS had no visibility of the letter, but is engaging BCD media now.

Nick

From: Beth Brunoro
Sent: Thursday, 20 June 2019 12:01 PM
To: Nicholas Post <Nicholas.Post@environment.gov.au>; s. 47F(1)
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Cc: s. 47F(1) s. 47F(1) Media
Subject: Info for MO on Four Corners and s. 47F(1) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 20 June 2019 12:44:10 PM
Attachments: [171W1804.pdf](#)
[Aust Endangered Species letter.pdf](#)

Hi all,

Please see attached letter from s. 47F(1) to Daniel Andrews and cc'ed to our Minister. Also attached is the press release from ABC on the Four Corners program 'Extinction Nation' which we now know will air next Monday.

I've spoken to s. 47F(1) in public affairs and the Dept has already briefed the Minister on all of the topics in s. 47F(1) letter as part of the Four Corners briefing. So our proposed approach is to draft an email for s. 47F(1) to send to the Minister's media advisor clarifying that s. 47F(1)

. We will explain that a proportion s. 47F(1)

. s. 47F(1) will include with

this email a copy of the ABC press release and will also point them back the Four Corners briefing the Minister has received, and offer to provide any additional information that is needed.

If everyone is comfortable with that approach I will draft the email re the NESP link and clear that up the line here then send to s. 47F(1)

Happy to discuss.

Cheers,

s. 47F(1)

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Media Release

The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change
Minister for Solar Homes



**DELIVERING
FOR ALL VICTORIANS**

Thursday, 27 June 2019

Document 67a

PROTECTING VICTORIA'S THREATENED SPECIES

The Andrews Labor Government is taking urgent action to protect and save some of Victoria's most vulnerable and threatened species.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio today launched Zoos Victoria's five-year Wildlife Conservation Master Plan and announced \$3 million in funding towards this important initiative.

Zoos Victoria has added six local native species to its Fighting Extinction priority list, bringing to 27 the number of species that without urgent intervention could be extinct over the next 20 years.

These include the Swift Parrot, the Mallee Emu Wren, the Giant Burrowing Frog, the Large Brown Tree Frog, the Golden-rayed Blue Butterfly and the Key's Matchstick Grasshopper.

The funding boost will support initiatives designed to help put threatened species on the path to recovery by eradicating predators, improving breeding opportunities, and restoring and protecting habitats.

It will also help to deliver on the targets in the Government's *Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037* plan, which is designed to stop the decline of native plants and animals and improve our natural environment.

The Labor Government is currently delivering better protections for biodiversity across the state through the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Amendment Bill 2018*, *Biodiversity 2037* and a review of the native vegetation clearing regulations.

Over the past four years, the Government has provided more than \$149 million to protect Victoria's biodiversity.

The previous Wildlife Conservation Master Plan was successful in the first ever zoo birth of a Guthega Skink at Healesville Sanctuary, and was instrumental in increasing the genetic diversity of the critically endangered Baw Baw Frog.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

"We're working hard to protect Victoria's most vulnerable creatures and ensure they have a bright future in our changing climate."

"We're investing more than ever before to support Zoos Victoria's tireless work to protect our native wildlife and plants for generations to come."

Quotes attributable to Zoos Victoria Chief Executive Officer Dr Jenny Gray

"Now more than ever, the world needs good Zoos fighting hard to stop wildlife extinction and the next five years are critical."

"This plan is Zoos Victoria's line in the sand; no local threatened native species will become extinct on our watch."

From: s. 47F(1)
To: [BCD Threatened Species Commissioner Branch](#)
Cc: [Kylie Jonasson](#); [Media](#)
Subject: Four Corners to air on Monday [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 20 June 2019 12:58:01 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Hi All

Just saw this on Facebook. Looks like the piece will air on Monday.

<https://www.facebook.com/abc4corners/videos/462194101263628/>

Cheers

s. 47F(1)

Office of the Threatened Species Commissioner
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Subject: RE: Info re s. 47F(1) and NESP [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 20 June 2019 2:10:11 PM

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Subject: RE: Info re s. 47F(1) and NESP [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 20 June 2019 2:20:03 PM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)

Thanks team – s. 47F(1)

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Subject: FW: HEADS UP: Four Corners and s. 47F(1) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 20 June 2019 3:23:42 PM
Attachments: [Aust Endangered Species letter.pdf](#)
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Cc: Emma Campbell <Emma.Campbell@environment.gov.au>; Media <Media@environment.gov.au>; s. 47F(1) s. 47F(1) [environment.gov.au](mailto:s.47F(1)@environment.gov.au)>

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Our National Environment Science Program thought it might be useful to provide some background on s. 47F(1)

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks s. 47F(1)

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To: [Sally Box](#); [Kylie Jonasson](#)
Subject: FW: Political Alert - Extinction Nation (FED) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 20 June 2019 4:17:58 PM
Attachments: [171W1804.PDF](#)

Hi Sally and Kylie

Assume you picked this one up too but just in case...

Regards

J

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From: **s. 47F(1)**
Sent: Thursday, 20 June 2019 3:08 PM
To: James Findlay <James.Findlay@environment.gov.au>; Carlyn Waters <Carlyn.Waters@environment.gov.au>
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SUPPORT: politicalalert@cch.com.au or 02 6273 2070. MAILBOX: <http://www.cchparliament.com.au>

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Date: Thursday, 20 June 2019 4:22:20 PM

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Subject: Four corners [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Date: Friday, 21 June 2019 9:15:12 AM

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Cc: s. 47F(1) s. 47F(1)
Subject: FW: Four corners - promo online [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Date: Friday, 21 June 2019 9:24:07 AM

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Subject: RE: Four corners [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 21 June 2019 11:13:38 AM
Attachments: [MR Four Corners - Extinction Nation.pdf](#)

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Subject: RE: Four corners [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 21 June 2019 12:13:13 PM

A quick question but who is in charge of coordinating the responses to the media on Tuesday?

From: s. 47F(1)
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Any update on advice?

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Hi **s. 47F(1)** just forwarding this because you probably should have been copied in.

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s. 47F(1) – Threatened Species Recovery Hub

Science Partnerships Section

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ABC have also issued the attached press release about the program.

Regards, Jason.

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Please advise Minister's office.

Regards

Helene

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Email from 4C to NESP suggests a focus on funding.

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Hi all,
Heads up, the 4 Corners story is coming out on Monday. See below.
Sorry I didn't pass this on earlier. I just got back from the Species of the Desert Festival.

We took the opportunity at the festival to film an interview with Sally Box out there. I'll send the draft of the video for your input as soon as we have something put together. That could be a while as we shot material for many videos on this trip (about 10).

Cheers

s. 47F(1)

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FOUR CORNERS: EXTINCTION NATION
THE FIGHT TO SAVE AUSTRALIA'S ENDANGERED SPECIES

Monday 24
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June 2019 at 8:30pm

"It's about as bad as it can get, without them literally all being dead." Bird ecologist
Australia boasts a stunning array of unique wildlife. They feature on our coat of arms and they're placed front and centre in our tourism campaigns. But the reality is, many of our native animals are in danger.

"It's embarrassing being involved with wildlife, to be an Australian, to have this record of extinction." Conservation sanctuary owner
Australia has one of the worst extinction rates on the planet and the problem is growing. There are currently more than 500 animal species under threat.

"If we can't bring ourselves to care... then what about the next thing, and what about the next thing after that? Where's the end point of that attitude?" Conservation ecologist

On Monday
Four Corners
investigates how Australia has found itself in the midst of an extinction crisis.

"Our system for protecting threatened species in this country is fundamentally broken."
Conservation activist

There is heated debate over who is responsible and what lengths governments should go to, to save these threatened species.

"It's not about waving a chequebook at the levels of threatened species. It's about sensible funding, which we do." Environment Minister

Four Corners
goes into the field with leading scientists and conservation volunteers to document first hand the fight to save these wild creatures. Our camera captures precious pictures of some of these endangered animals.

"It is rare to see them at all but to have posing like that for us was a gift... just wonderful."
Volunteer conservationist

With money in short supply, many rescue efforts are reliant on volunteers and crowd funding.

"If volunteers like us weren't doing it, it just wouldn't be done and the animals would be going extinct." Volunteer conservationist

Ecologists say these species are just as priceless as a work of art and should be protected in the same way.

"You wouldn't go burn the Mona Lisa because you could. You'd put it somewhere and keep it safe." Bird ecologist

They warn that species extinction will have consequences for us all.

"We are an interconnected ecosystem. It's going to actually start having knock on effects to us as well and our society and in a whole range of ways." Conservation activist

Extinction Nation, reported by Stephanie March, goes to air on Monday 24
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June at 8.30pm. It is replayed on Tuesday 25
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June at 1.00pm and Wednesday 26
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at 11.20pm. It can also be seen on ABC NEWS channel on Saturday at 8.10pm AEST.
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Hi All

Herald Sun has the Leadbeater's yarn on their own for tomorrow - won't run big but ^{s. 47F(1)} has said it will be prominent

Pitched the Min to ABC AM who have just accepted - S unless we can delay your departure looking at prerecord int - one on one with Sabra at 615am via Face Time Audio! (Yell out of need tech help on this) Topics: threatened species + CEWH trip + any major political story. John I will be up early to check any lines if needed.

Inclusive

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->Final MR draft below and attached + TP's

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->Four Cnrs promo link + MR Attached

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->Greens Policy & Hanson Young call for 200m per year

Not surprisingly 4 corners coming straight out of the Greens handbook - all about the cash!

^{s. 47F} & S Noting the Minister is quoted as "it's not about waving a chequebook at the levels of threatened species. It's about sensible funding, which we do"...think we need to work up a few simple defensive lines versus throwing money at the problem.

Also interested to know if there is any third party expert on the possum (who won't criticise our overall funding levels) we might be able to refer for media interest, particularly with Min travelling next two days

Four Corners Promo [link here](#)

SenHY - \$200m pa

<https://sarah-hanson-young.greensmps.org.au/articles/greens-call-new-environment-minister-invest-threatened-species-recovery-world-environment>

MS18-000384**SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS****Listing decisions on nine species**

- The Australian Government is committed to the conservation of Australia's threatened plants and animals.
- Effective conservation relies on using the best available science to ensure that species threatened with extinction are appropriately protected and those not eligible for listing are removed from the threatened species list.
- That scientific information is carefully considered by the Threatened Species Scientific Committee – an independent expert advisory group appointed by the Minister.
- These nine species assessments were finalised at the meeting of the Scientific Committee in February 2019.
- In making its recommendations to the Minister, the Scientific Committee consulted with the public on the eligibility of these species for listing against the listing criteria.
- The information included in the listing and conservation advices for these species will help us to refine our recovery efforts, further align our activities with state and territory governments, and ensure we are getting maximum benefits from our collective efforts.
- By refining the threatened species list and ensuring it is based on the best available science, we can focus our resources where they are most needed.

Leadbeater's Possum is retained in Critically Endangered category

- Leadbeater's Possum, an endemic Victorian species, was uplisted in 2015 to Critically Endangered from Endangered. The uplisting was based on the historical and predicted future decline in "suitable" habitat being greater than 80 per cent. The 2009 fires in Victoria were a major contributor to that decline.
- Following extensive surveys which detected large numbers of new colonies of Leadbeater's Possum, the species was nominated and added to the 2017 finalised priority assessment list for reassessment by the Threatened Species Scientific Committee. The nomination assumed that additional locations indicated a lower level of threat to the species.
- The new colonies were detected using a new survey method and considerably increased survey effort. This new research did not provide additional insights into the population trend of the species, the key criterion against which the species was found eligible for listing as Critically Endangered. The new locations were used in assessment against other criteria.
- The population trend was established using the trend in abundance of hollow bearing trees as an index of possum abundance, because the trees are critical nesting habitat

for the species. The availability of such trees is declining because of natural attrition, exacerbated by wildfire and logging. There is minimal recruitment of new hollow bearing trees within the range of Leadbeater's Possum because of the extensive wildfires in 1939, which means that most of the key trees are less than 80 years old. In the key areas, hollows typically do not form in trees until they are 150 years old.

- The Committee used the best available science in developing its advice, including an extensive list of scientific papers published as late as 2018, and liaison with experts in universities, industry and government agencies.
- More than 1200 submissions were received during the consultation on the assessment from the general public, scientific experts and key stakeholders.
- The Committee considered all submissions, in addition to convening a workshop of key experts and stakeholders in Canberra in February 2018.
- A substantial submission was received from the Forest Ecology and Silviculture group at University of Melbourne. As much of the work was unpublished, the Threatened Species Scientific Committee sought independent peer review on key components before considering both the submission and the reviews in the context of the assessment.
- Through the Common Assessment Method for threatened species, the Commonwealth Committee liaised closely with its Victorian equivalent, the Scientific Advisory Committee during the assessment. The Victorian committee reviewed the Commonwealth's assessment and supported the recommendation to retain the Leadbeater's possum in the Critically Endangered category.
 - the Common Assessment Method is an intergovernmental agreement aimed at achieving consistent listing of threatened species across Australian jurisdictions.

Why are species being removed from the list?

- By refining the threatened species list and ensuring it is based on the best available science, we can focus our efforts and resources where they are most needed.
- *Myoporum turbinatum* (Salt Myoporum) is proposed for deletion from the Endangered category, as the species no longer meets any of the listing criteria. The plant has been discovered at more locations and is not considered to be restricted in either range or population size, and is not declining.

Why are species being reassessed?

- Species recovery is complex, with many different drivers of decline.
- These assessments reflect the current knowledge of the species. The listing decisions demonstrate a commitment to maintaining the currency of the threatened species list and fulfilling the objectives of the Common Assessment Method.
- These listing decisions are about accessing the best and most up-to-date science to guide our on-ground action, and our partnerships.

- Conservation is everybody's business, and work is already underway, with the Australian Government, state and territory governments, community groups, natural resource management groups and scientists all coming together to mobilise more on-ground action to save species.
- A key outcome of the Common Assessment Method is the alignment of threatened species lists in each jurisdiction. This means that a species is listed in the same national threat category under the EPBC Act and in each state or territory where it occurs.
- Species that were listed by jurisdictions prior to commencement of the Memorandum – in October 2015 – are being progressively reassessed to achieve consistency across threatened species lists.

Not enough money and the list keeps getting longer

- Since 2014, the Australian Government has mobilised more than \$425 million for projects supporting outcomes for threatened species. The Australian Government's support for threatened species includes projects delivered under a range of programs including the National Landcare Program, 20 Million Trees, Threatened Species Recovery Fund, Green Army, and the National Environmental Science Program.
- Most recently this includes \$170 million committed through the Regional Land Partnerships program between 2018/19 and 2022/23, under Phase 2 of the National Landcare Program, for projects that directly support threatened species and threatened ecological community recovery activities.
- In addition, through Regional Land Partnerships, the Australian Government is investing \$47.5 million in Ramsar projects and \$17.6 million in World Heritage projects, many of which will also deliver benefits for threatened species and threatened ecological communities
- Recovery is all about partnerships, and we are working with the business and private sector through the Threatened Species Prospectus, and with NGOs and state governments, to increase on-ground effort and resources for saving threatened species.

Is drought effecting these species?

- Whilst drought is affecting much of Australia, these species occur across a wide range and may occur in areas that are drought affected.
- Drought places pressure on the environment, including threatened species. It is important that we continue to recognise and protect threatened flora and fauna during challenging times.



THE HON SUSSAN LEY MP
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

24 June 1019

A state emblem with national priority – the Leadbeater’s possum

Today I am taking decisive and informed action in relation to our country’s threatened plants and animals.

While there are a range of views, I have listened carefully to advice from Australia’s Threatened Species Scientific Committee and those who make their living from the land, and decided that the status of Victoria’s faunal emblem, the **Leadbeater’s possum**, should remain as critically endangered.

This ensures the Leadbeater’s possum remains a priority species for all levels of government.

While listing anything as critically endangered is not good news, I believe this decision will ensure this iconic mammal gets the attention it deserves.

I’m encouraged by the forestry industry’s willingness to engage in the possum’s survival – indeed they have invested heavily research of the possum to ensure they abide by the terms of their Regional Forestry Agreement.

It is this agreement that places a 200-metre barrier around all nesting trees, those with hollows, to protect the populations we know about, and provide much needed data on those that don’t.

Effective conservation relies on scientific data. The possum is just one of nine species I’ve considered following advice from the Threatened Species Scientific Committee – Australia’s independent expert advisory group on these matters.

Following this advice I have also made the following decisions in relation to eight more species:

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I have included six Queensland frog species in the threatened species list, five in the Critically Endangered category:

- Elegant frog (*Cophixalus concinnus*),
- Rattling Nursery Frog (*Cophixalus hosmeri*),
- Mount Elliot Nursery Frog (*Cophixalus mcdonaldi*),
- Mountain-top Nursery Frog (*Cophixalus monticola*) and the
- Bellenden Ker Nursery Frog (*Cophixalus neglectus*),

and one in the Endangered category:

- Tapping Nursery-frog (*Cophixalus aenigma*).

These listing decisions were based on an expert review of the conservation status of Australia's frogs, drawing on the best available scientific information.

I have included the White-throated Needletail (*Hirundapus caudacutus*) in the Vulnerable category of the list.

I have also removed the Salt Myoporum (*Myoporum turbinatum*) from the list, because it has been found to be more abundant than previously thought and is no longer eligible to be listed as threatened.

I have always been a strong advocate of community-led, practical action when it comes to managing our land.

This is why we've already committed more than \$170 million through Landcare to help communities manage their land, to benefit our native plants and animals, which in turn benefit the health and well-being of all Australians.

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The road to recovery for threatened species

Precious and protected

Australians love our precious native wildlife, but it's under threat as never before. We have one of the worst mammal extinction rates in the world, but we can turn around our biodiversity crisis. The Greens will deliver strong protections for our wildlife, and a \$2 billion Biodiversity Fund to reverse the damage.

Australia is recognised globally as "mega-diverse" - over 80% of mammals, reptiles and flowering plants exist only in Australia. But Australia's wildlife is facing an extinction crisis. Many of our famous and important animals and plants are in danger of becoming extinct.

The latest State of the Environment Report (2011) reported declines in many of our mammal species in all states, with the situation continuing to deteriorate. Overall, more than 1,700 species of animals and plants are listed by the federal government as being at risk of extinction.

> Key points

The Greens have a **\$2.13 billion plan over 6 years** (\$1.13 billion over 4 years) to fix our biodiversity crisis and provide real funding for nature. We will:

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- **Re-establish the Biodiversity Fund and double the previous funding** with \$2 billion over 6 years to expand our protected areas, stop the loss of native wildlife, and better manage our established national parks, forests and reserves.

> Protecting our native wildlife

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Remarkably, for all too many of our threatened species their critical habitats are not even properly mapped, let alone protected. And for many species we are on track to lose them before we even know they exist – so much more research is needed to understand our native species and what they need to survive. Our threatened species don't just include obscure critters – Australia's iconic species like koalas, wombats and

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The Greens' *Threatened Species Plan* will identify and protect important habitat, and increase funding for threatened species management and research. Our 4 year, \$130 million plan will:

- Provide \$30 million per year for 3 years to:
 - Fund comprehensive studies to **identify and map important habitat nationally**, including protected ecological communities, areas of critical habitat for threatened species and important wildlife corridors;
 - **Protect that habitat through bioregional plans** that guide development and establish **clear no-go zones** for different activities such as development and mining within each region across Australia. These bioregional plans would be developed in partnership with state and local governments where possible, and rolled out progressively with priority on high risk biodiversity areas;
- Provide \$10 million per year over 4 years to:
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 - **Develop and fund the implementation of recovery plans** and threat abatement plans for listed species and ecological communities;
 - Fund **additional research** required to help turn around Australia's biodiversity decline;

Our \$130 million *Threatened Species Plan* will be supplemented by additional funding from the restored and doubled \$2 billion Biodiversity Fund.

> \$2 billion Biodiversity Fund to expand and restore protected areas

Never before in history has our natural environment been threatened with such degradation from global warming, mining, logging, tree clearing and unsustainable land use. Our precious places need protection, and we must re-connect patches of critical habitat to allow our native wildlife to thrive.

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The Biodiversity Fund will support a program to **expand and better manage our World Heritage Areas, national parks, Indigenous Protected Areas and private land conservation.** It will help to expand our National Reserve System by thousands of hectares every year. The Fund will focus in part on projects with a double benefit – both carbon storage and biodiversity outcomes.

Private landholders have a crucial role in protecting the last remaining sections of certain habitats like coastal rainforests or inland grassy box woodland which are nowadays found mostly on private land. As part of the Greens' plan, the Department of Environment make recommendations for options to use incentives in the tax system for private landholders to improve the health and extent of ecosystems under their stewardship, and to protect land in perpetuity. These recommendations should include mechanisms for securing ongoing funds for stewardship activities like weed control into the future.

For example, landholders of ecologically significant land who place a 'conservation covenant' over their land to protect it in perpetuity could claim a tax deduction equal to the value of any land use rights effectively given up.

The Biodiversity Fund will help to stop the devastating loss of our native wildlife by supplementing the Greens' *Threatened Species Plan*.

Tony Abbott axed the original \$946 million Biodiversity Fund in 2014 after it had already been cut by 50% by the former Labor government. Under the Greens plan, the Biodiversity Fund would be safeguarded for future generations by entrenching funding in legislation just like we did with funding for the Australian Renewable Energy Agency and the Clean Energy Finance Corporation, which the Greens pushed successfully to establish in the last Parliament.

Some examples of projects funded under the former Biodiversity Fund include:ⁱ

Bringing the forest back to the farm – in north Queensland, universities, farmers, conservationists and the local community worked together to bring back native forest to weed-affected farmland, creating more habitat for wildlife, better soil and water for farmers, and extra income from

carbon farming. **Details:** \$2.2 million, targeting 600 ha of land, helping 120 landholders.

Bio-links connect a fragmented landscape – in South West Victoria, crucial connecting corridors were created between key habitat for over 100 threatened species, including the southern brown bandicoot and yellow belly glider. **Details:** \$2.5 million, reconnecting 680 ha of key habitat.

Large-scale restoration - in Tasmania a coalition of groups worked on bringing the Midlands' dry native grassland back from the brink, restoring the mere 3% which remains. **Details:** \$2.4 million, restoring 1000 ha per year.

River Rescue - in southern Queensland, locals regenerated a 20 km stretch of the Condamine River degraded by floods and land clearing, supporting landholders and reintroducing native species. **Details:** \$348,000, restoring 200 ha of riparian land.

This commitment is in addition to the Greens' plan under our [Investing in Innovative Agriculture](#) initiative to boost Landcare funding by \$722 million over 4 years, thus reversing Tony Abbott and Malcolm Turnbull's harsh cuts.

> The Greens' track record on protecting wildlife

The Greens were founded on the vision of a robust and healthy environment, and that vision continues today. We are working hard to protect our native wildlife and wild places in the Parliament. The Greens have already achieved some significant victories in the Parliament. We have:

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ⁱ <https://www.environment.gov.au/cleanenergyfuture/biodiversity-fund/case-studies/index.html>

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Kylie

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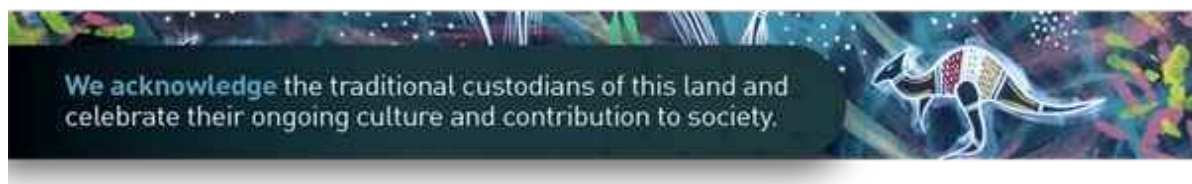
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Hi Beth

s. 47F(1) has put together some analysis around the quotes from Professor Brendan Wintle below. Based on the trailer for Four Corners tonight these quotes will appear.

In short the TSR hub has never received any funding from us to do a macro funding analysis, but the position put forward relates back to the TSR submission to the senate inquiry on Australia's faunal extinction (page 2 of the attachment).

There are some positives that can be taken from the article, i.e. the Government has invested in research to understand how to prioritise investment into threatened species recovery and the level of monitoring that is done and how effective it is. Research outputs like this help guide effective and efficient investment decisions.

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ABC online

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Four Corners By Stephanie March

Monday 24 June 2019

By analysing state and federal budgets, scientists from the government-funded Threatened Species Recovery Hub research group have found Australian governments are spending a fraction of what is needed to conserve all the wildlife on the list.

- Macro funding analysis is not part of any NESP TSR Hub projects.
- This statement is consistent with the overall message in the TSR Hub submission to the Senate Inquiry on Australia's faunal extinction crisis (submission 159) especially Attachment 8 - The adequacy of funding streams for implementing threatened species recovery plans and preventing threatened fauna loss. [Note you can't link directly to the Senate Inquiry Submission. It's on page 8 from this page https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Environment_and_Communications/Faunalexinction/Submissions]

Research hub director Professor Brendan Wintle said Australia was already "picking winners and losers". "We're currently spending about a tenth of what we need to spend," he said. "By not funding all species to the level that's required to keep them in the game, we're essentially allowing quite a lot of species to fail."

- The winners and losers language is not included in the TSR Hub's submission to the Senate Inquiry on Australia's faunal extinction crisis.
- The 'tenth' summary proportion is not as clear in the submission as it is described as "a need to increase funding for threatened species conservation in Australia by approximately one order of magnitude [i.e. 10 times] to reduce the likelihood of future extinctions."
- The submission suggests that research is required to determine the funding needed. "The exact scale of investment required in Australia could be refined through conducting scientifically rigorous studies of the funding required to prevent further extinctions." (p.15 in covering submission)
- The TSR Hub has conducted research to assist in prioritising threatened species recovery efforts, including emergency measures. For example, the 20 Australian birds and mammals most at risk of extinction over the next 20 years. <http://www.nespthreatenedspecies.edu.au/news/no-surprises-no-regrets-identifying-australias-most-imperilled-animal-species>

The Federal Government says it has invested more than \$400 million in threatened species recovery efforts, but Professor Wintle said analysis showed targeted spending by the federal and state governments totalled only about \$121 million.

- BCD have confirmed that the “more than \$400 million” figure was provided by BCD last week in response to a media enquiry: “Since 2014, the Australian Government has mobilised more than \$425 million for projects supporting outcomes for threatened species.”
- The \$121 million analysis referred to by Prof Wintle is not specifically referred to in the TSR Hub’s submission to the Senate inquiry (it may be able to be extracted with some additional number crunching). It is not part of approved TSR Hub research.

Professor Wintle said a third of Australia’s threatened species were not being monitored. “We could be losing them and we wouldn’t know,” he said. “If we want it to stop, we’re going to have to do a lot more than we’re currently doing.”

- This statement is based on TSR Hub research. The one-third figure is included in this [media release](#) (attributed to Dr Sarah Legge - senior hub researcher).

One potential success story is the eastern quoll, which became extinct on the mainland in the 1960s but persisted in Tasmania. The Federal Government has pledged \$1.5 million to help the species. There are also efforts to try to reintroduce it to mainland Australia. The eastern quoll is a cute, spotted, cat-sized mammal and [Charles Darwin University conservation biologist John Woinarski](#) said if it survived, it would be an example of what success could look like. “But this also exemplifies the fact that we do care much more and are much more successful with the charismatic species,” he said.

- Professor John Woinarski is Deputy Director of the NESP TSR Hub. Note he is not attributed as a Hub researcher.

A threatened species expert with more than three decades of experience, [Professor Woinarski saw the last living Christmas Island Forest Skink, named Gump, before it died in captivity in 2014](#). “Haunting,” is how he describes seeing the animal, knowing its death would mark the end of an entire species.

Professor Woinarski said the skink was largely driven to extinction because of the introduction of a snake from Asia that ate native reptiles and its decline was exacerbated by years of mining on Christmas Island. “That extinction could well have been prevented if we’d done more about it,” he said. “It was easy to remedy, we could have brought more of the individuals into captivity before the crash in the population occurred, we could have maintained that species. “We are a prosperous society, we are a caring society, we have a wonderful nature, we shouldn’t be allowing such species to slip into extinction without us actually raising a finger to do anything about it,” he said.

- John included the Forest Skink in this 2016 paper in Conservation Biology as one of three animals to recently go extinct. The contribution of policy, law, management, research, and advocacy failings to the recent extinctions of three Australian vertebrate species <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/cobi.12852> **This research is acknowledged as NESP funded.**
- Prof Woinarski is leading TSR Hub research on Christmas Island, including project [2.3 Enhancing threatened species outcomes for Christmas Island](#)
- The project includes work on two endangered Christmas Island reptiles, the [Blue-tailed Skink and Lister’s Gecko](#)

Submission to the Senate Inquiry on Australia's faunal extinction crisis

The adequacy of funding streams for implementing threatened species recovery plans and preventing threatened fauna loss

National Environmental Science Program Threatened Species Recovery (TSR) Hub

The Hub's research aims to support effective regulation and investments to manage threats and improve recovery of terrestrial and freshwater threatened species and biodiversity. Among the more than 180 leading researchers who contribute to the Hub's projects are many individuals who have devoted decades of their lives to understanding threatened species and the factors that affect them, and worked with many policy-makers, on-ground managers and the community to help conserve these species.

The Hub's research closely relates to many of the elements that are the focus of this Inquiry.

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This submission addresses the following term of reference for the Inquiry:

(h) the adequacy of existing funding streams for implementing threatened species recovery plans and preventing threatened fauna loss in general

Key Issues

- Australia has the second highest rate of species losses on the planet, yet has a low expenditure on preventing extinctions relative to other western nations and the size of our extinction problem, as outlined in a 2017 study published in the international scientific journal *Nature* (Waldron *et al.* 2017).

- Global studies (Taylor *et al.* 2005), and direct comparison of return on investment in threatened species in the USA (Bottrill *et al.* 2011), indicate a need to increase funding for threatened species conservation in Australia by approximately one order of magnitude to reduce the likelihood of future extinctions.
- Comparison with the USA demonstrates strong scientific evidence that listing under the USA Endangered Species Act leads to successful species recovery (Taylor *et al.* 2005). In contrast, the available evidence suggests that listing species under Australia's EPBC Act is not leading to species recovery (Bottrill *et al.* 2011). One of several reasons for Australia's poor performance in this area is that such listing is not accompanied by mandated and adequately-funded recovery actions (refer to ToR (a)).
- Budget papers are unclear on exact Australian Government expenditure on threatened species conservation, but indicate that federal expenditure *relevant* to preventing extinction is in the range of \$41–400M in 2018/19 budget (Commonwealth of Australia 2018; and see Table 1). The upper bound represents estimated spending when all programs that could reasonably be considered to contribute to reduction in extinction risk are included (Supplementary Information S1 provides clarification of how estimates were derived). Most of these programs do not directly target threatened species.
- For comparison, in 2016, the USA spent \$US1.5B (AUD 2.03B) on conservation actions targeted at threatened species. The USA Endangered Species Act lists 1600 species as threatened and endangered (USFWS 2016), while Australia's EPBC Act lists 1775 species as threatened (and an additional 91 species that are extinct).
- The exact scale of investment required in Australia could be refined through conducting scientifically rigorous studies of the funding required to prevent further extinctions.
- To date, funding streams for threatened species recovery have been short-term, sporadic, and allocated according to a shifting set of priorities. However, species recovery requires long-term and consistent funding.
 - With the possible exception of birds and mammals, current listing of species under the EPBC Act does not encompass all species that merit listing because data on many less well-known species is insufficient to support listing decisions, and because established single-species listing processes are resource- and data-intensive (see our submission on TOR (j))¹ (Walsh *et al.* 2013). The number of animal species listed as threatened or extinct under the EPBC Act has increased from 327 in 2000 to 511 in 2018, an increase of 56% in less than 20 years. Without further investment, many more species are likely to decline rapidly and be eligible for listing in the future. Funding needed to conserve and recover Australia's threatened species is thus likely to grow substantially over coming decades.
 - Recovery plans are a critical foundation for preventing extinction. However, the effectiveness of recovery plans for conserving Australia's threatened species is compromised by a lack of funding to prepare and implement recovery actions (Bottrill *et al.* 2011). Standardised budget estimation for recovery planning would help increase transparency about conservation spending. Furthermore, because of changes in the EPBC Act, recovery plans are now not mandated for the recovery of Australia's threatened species. Available evidence suggests that species without recovery plans are less likely to be monitored or managed effectively (Legge *et al.* 2018).
 - Community interest and commitment, as well as a sound knowledge base of threats and of actions that can be taken effectively to control those threats, are core ingredients in the prevention of extinction and recovery of threatened species. However, such

¹ The recent IUCN review of all Australian squamate species indicate that the current EPBC threatened list should expand by 39% for the snakes and lizards alone (Chapple *et al. in press*). Other less well known groups, such as fresh water arthropods are likely to yield equally high numbers of species that are high candidates for listing when similar reviews are undertaken for those groups.

knowledge and interest are ineffective if there are insufficient funds to take appropriate remedial actions in a timely, resolute and enduring manner (Woinarski 2018).

- The EPBC Act names the conservation of threatened species as a Matter of National Environmental Significance, reflecting that the Australian Government has accepted a primary role in ensuring threatened species recovery.
 - It is highly appropriate that there are other contributors beyond the Australian Government to the conservation of Australia's threatened species, notably state and territory governments, conservation NGOs, philanthropic trusts, industry and the public generally. These contributions bolster the expenditure described above. Nevertheless, the need for consistency in investment in supporting threatened species as a Matter of National Environmental Significance suggests a core role for Australian Government investment.
- There is a need for greater transparency and public availability of comprehensive information on national and Australian Government expenditure on threatened species in order to progress discussion about appropriate levels of funding for threatened species conservation in Australia.

What is working well?

- There have been some areas of strength in Australian Government investment in threatened species, most notably in national leadership on feral cat management through the Australian Government's Threatened Species Strategy and the National Feral Cat Taskforce, which represents a model that could be applied more broadly to other invasive species and threat management. The National Environmental Science Program provides a nationally-leading model for outcomes-driven and engaged environmental research. It includes investments in research contributing to improving threatened species recovery across several Hubs, including \$60M over six years committed through the Australian Government and partners to support Threatened Species Recovery Hub (authors of this submission).

Conclusions

- H1. To match direct spending on threatened species conservation with other developed western economies, Australia's investment would need to increase to \$1.2-1.5B/year. Such expenditure would have a reasonable chance of averting further avoidable extinctions and of recovering those species currently listed as threatened.
- H2. Accountability for expenditure on conservation of threatened species and threatened ecological communities, and for its outcomes, would be improved by transparent budget documentation along the lines of that provided for similar purposes by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- H3. There is urgent need for detailed costing of conservation actions necessary to prevent any further avoidable extinctions in Australia. In the absence of such analysis investments are at risk of being ineffective.

Discussion

Spending on threatened species works

Recent scientific studies place Australia at the bottom of global performance in terms of species conservation and conservation expenditure (Fig. 1, Waldron *et al.* 2013), second only to Indonesia in biodiversity loss (Waldron *et al.* 2017).

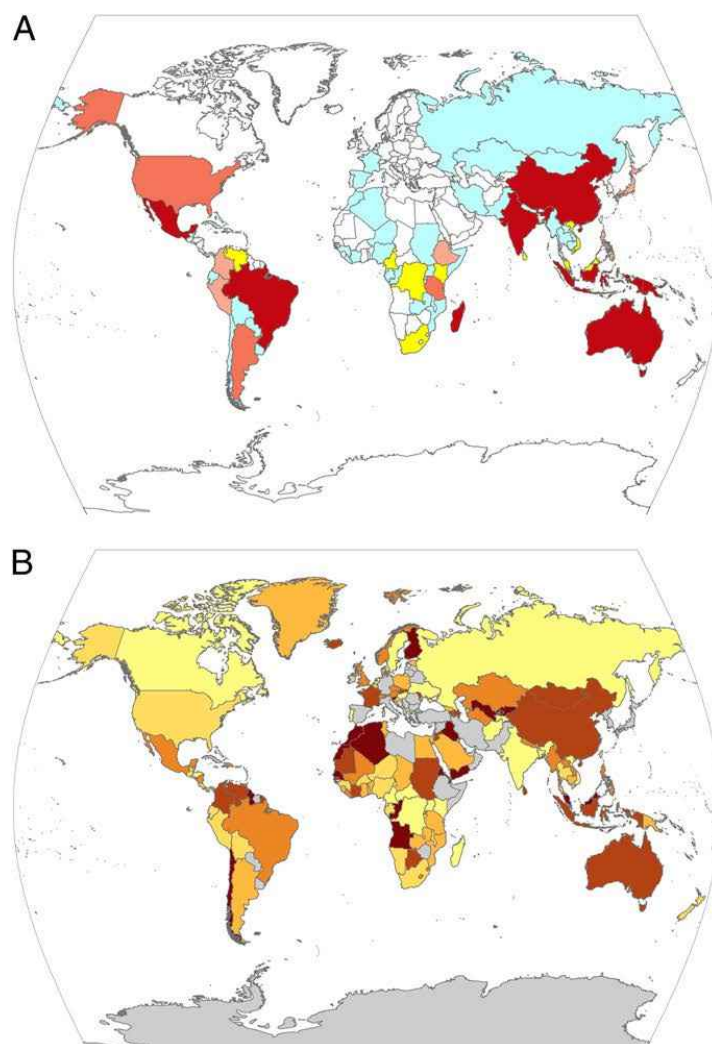


Figure 1. (A) Levels of threatened global biodiversity stewarded by each country. Color coding: white and blue showing very low and low threatened diversity; yellow, medium diversity; and the four red colors, high diversity, darker reds indicating higher values. (B) Underfunding levels - darker colors indicate worse underfunding. (Waldron *et al.* 2013)

There is a solution to Australia's current extinction crisis. Waldron *et al.* (2017) show a strong relationship between conservation spending and biodiversity loss (Figure 2). In short, the more you spend, the less you lose. This suggests that increased spending on threatened species in Australia has the potential to secure substantial benefits.

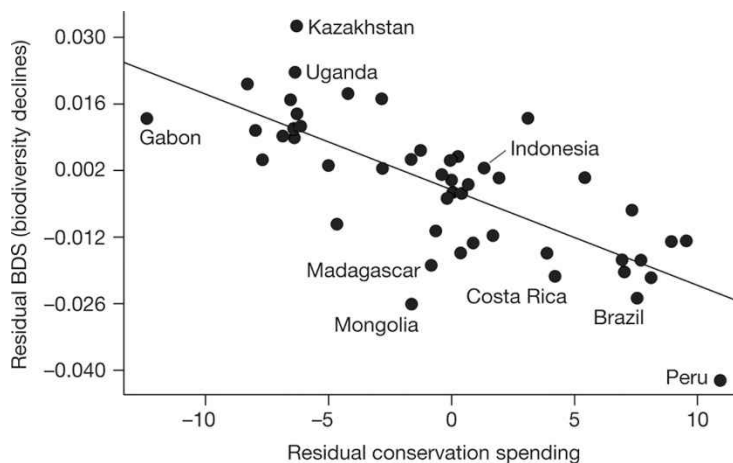


Figure 2. The relationship between conservation spending and biodiversity loss (Waldron *et al.* 2017). Conservation expenditure on the x-axis is represented as residual around the mean. The average expenditure sits at 0 (approximately centred on the x-axis), while larger budgets (to the right) tend to lead to lower biodiversity loss (y-axis).

One western nation that is reaping success through substantial investment in threatened species recovery is the United States. Empirical evidence shows that the US has effectively averted extinction of species listed under the Endangered Species Act through appropriate investment and regulation (Taylor *et al.* 2005). From 2011-2016, the USA spent at least \$US1.5B/yr on threatened species conservation actions (USFWS 2016). This is money spent specifically on threatened species projects, and does not include land acquisition or administration costs of the major agencies. This is equivalent to \$AUD2.03B: between 5 and 45 times Australia's expenditure, depending on which bound on Australia's expenditure estimate is used (see next section). In 2016, 1600 species were listed as threatened and endangered (including about 720 fauna taxa) under the US Endangered Species Act, about 175 fewer than the number listed under Australia's EPBC act, indicating that US agencies are spending at least 5 times the amount being spent in Australia, and arguably considerably more, to protect around 90% of the number of threatened species (plants and animals combined).

Scientific evidence for the effectiveness of US investment is strong. Suckling *et al.* (2017) found that birds listed under the US Endangered Species Act increased in population size on average by 624% since listing, while unlisted birds declined by 24% on average, indicating it is the listing (and associated regulatory and recovery actions) that is responsible for the recovery of the listed birds in the US. By contrast, with very few exceptions, trends for EPBC Act-listed threatened species are generally downward, due in large part to a lack funding for recovery actions and regulatory controls over habitat loss (see our response to Term of Reference (a)). While listing may have prevented more precipitous declines of threatened species in Australia, without more adequate funding in recovery and regulatory actions, it has not been possible to reverse the declines that led initially to species being listed.

As a percentage of GDP, it is true that Australia spends a similar amount to the US on threatened species, since Australia has a much smaller economy than the USA (around 6% the size of the US economy). Yet Australia has a similar number of listed threatened species, and a comparable land area to the US (7.6m square kilometres compared to 9.1m in the US). In dollars per listed species, or per land area, Australia is thus a long way behind the US. Our recent extinction record demonstrates that this level of investment is insufficient.

Other parts of the world are also significantly increasing the amount of funding for protection of threatened species. The LIFE multiannual work programme for 2018-2020 was adopted by the European Commission on 12 February 2018, after representatives from EU countries unanimously declared their support for the program (EU Decision 2018/210). A new multiannual work programme details how the LIFE programme will allocate resources among areas of policy priorities in 2018-2020. It clarifies budgets by specifying what kind of projects can receive support within sub-programmes for Environment and Climate Action. In total, €1.24 billion over that period will be earmarked for work on nature conservation and environmental protection, and a further €413.25 million for climate action. The multiannual work programme for 2018-2020 will increase LIFE's budget for nature conservation and biodiversity by 10%.

What does Australia spend on threatened species recovery?

Detailed analysis of Australia's current threatened species expenditure is hampered by the lack of specific reference to threatened species spending in budget papers, and a lack of specific reporting on direct threatened species conservation expenditure. Examination of 2018/19 budget papers (Commonwealth of Australia 2018) shows that there are a number of programs that that *may* contribute to some aspects of threatened species recovery. For example, activities of the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office or the *Improving your local parks and environment* program could assist threatened species conservation, but these programs are not targeted to deliver threatened species outcomes.

A reasonable estimate of Australian Government spending relevant to threatened species appears to be in the range between \$41–400M for the 2018/19 financial year (Supplementary Information S1). The upper bound of this figure allows inclusion of a range of broadly relevant programs not specifically targeted toward threatened species. Given the number of objectives outside of threatened species conservation that those programs set out to achieve, we suggest that actual targeted expenditure will be closer to the lower bound of \$41M/year allocated to threatened species conservation programs, though this figure remains uncertain due to difficulty in disentangling budget documents and annual reports of key programs.

Several of the targeted investments of the Australian Government, while relatively modest, represent good practice for Australian Government leadership in threatened species protection and recovery. Notably, the leadership and coordinated strategy for feral cat management provided through the Threatened Species Strategy and the National Feral Cat Taskforce and championed by successive Threatened Species Commissioners provides a model that could usefully be applied to managing other invasive species threats. The National Environmental Science Program (NESP) provides a nationally-leading model for research funding, by focusing on outcomes through research designed to inform environmental management and decision-making. The Australian Government funded NESP Threatened Species Recovery Hub provides a 6 year, \$60M commitment to targeted threatened species recovery research – \$30M of which is provided by the Australian Government's Department of the Environment and Energy.

Within some states of Australia, recent increases in State funding for biodiversity conservation have occurred. For example, in NSW, the Saving Our Species program (Office of Environment and Heritage 2013) sets a clear goal for the program of maximising the number of threatened species that can be secured in the wild in NSW for 100 years. The program aligns efforts under a single banner so investment in threatened species conservation can be accounted for, and assigns threatened species to management streams so the individual requirements of each species are clearly understood. Under the SOS program, the NSW State Government committed \$100M over 5 years to actions directly benefiting threatened species.

What will it cost to save threatened species in Australia?

Unfortunately, there are no nationally applicable science-based costings of the conservation expenditure required to halt extinctions of all of Australia's threatened species. However, some scientifically-rigorous regional studies estimating funding required to preserve threatened species give an indication of what might be needed on a national scale. For example, Carwadine *et al.* (2012) found that the anticipated loss of 45 mammals, birds, and reptiles from the Kimberley region could be averted by effectively managing fire, grazing, and invasive species at a cost of approximately AU\$40 million per year. This study provides a good template for analysing the net cost of preventing extinction, that could be expanded to other areas of Australia.

A global study by McCarthy *et al.* (2012) published in the journal *Science* indicates that an increase in funding of approximately one order of magnitude would enable the preservation of all birds listed by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). This study provides a reasonable starting point for the discussion of what increase in funding is required to save Australia's threatened species. It should be noted that, given Australia's track record in extinctions, and given the likelihood that more threatened species will come onto national lists under a Common Assessment Method (Department of the Environment and Energy, n.d.), it is expected that Australia would need to invest more in threatened species conservation than most other nations, especially those with significantly lower wealth and biodiversity values.

Threatened species recovery requires long-term and consistent funding. However, to date, funding streams for threatened species recovery have generally been short-term, sporadic, and allocated according to a shifting set of priorities (Bottrill *et al.* 2011). One way to help counter this would be to invest fully in recovery actions arising from a consistent application of recovery planning. Available evidence suggests that species with recovery plans are more likely to be monitored and managed effectively (Legge *et al.* 2018). However, at the moment, recovery plans are available for only 41% of listed taxa and are often outdated. Furthermore, where recovery plans exist, they usually do not include detailed budgets, and regularly underestimate the full investment required (Fisher 2011). The proportion of species with current recovery plans will soon be less, as previous plans lapse and are not updated, but are replaced by unfunded *Conservation Advices*. Revitalising the recovery planning process and coupling this with detailed and accurate budgets would help furnish a fuller understanding of investments necessary to achieve threatened species recovery.

Funding transparency

While most of the land and invasive species management central to threatened species conservation falls under jurisdiction of the States and lower levels of government, the Commonwealth acknowledges threatened species as Matters of National Environmental Significance. It is, therefore appropriate that the Australian Government play a central role in threatened species conservation, including investing in recovery actions. It would also be appropriate for the Australian Government to furnish a mechanism for much greater transparency and public availability of comprehensive information on national and Australian Government expenditure on threatened species. Australian Government leadership in threatened species investment would provide for much-needed national consistency and stability in funding threatened species recovery. Greater transparency would help progress discussion about appropriate levels of funding for threatened species conservation in Australia, and allow us to better understand how much value is derived from current expenditure. Such an approach could be modelled on the annual endangered and threatened species expenditure report by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS 2016). The emergence of national environmental

accounts provides an opportunity to improve standard reporting about expenditure on threatened species conservation across all governments in Australia (Smith *et al.* 2017).

Collateral benefits

Spending on threatened species is not a boutique issue relevant only to a small component of Australia's biodiversity. Research on threatened species provides a broad knowledge base about threats to Australia's environments more broadly. Recovery actions for threatened species typically benefit many other species and environments and help to reduce their likelihood of becoming threatened. Monitoring of threatened species helps to assess trends in the status of, and pressures on, Australia's environmental resources generally. Community involvement in threatened species recovery provides health and welfare benefits to the public, with this being particularly marked in remote Indigenous communities (Garnett *et al.* 2009). The benefits arising from the allocation of funding for threatened species are thus many and pervasive.

Supplementary information

Supplementary information S1: 2018/2019 Budget breakdown for budget lines relevant to threatened species management.

Table 1 provides a set of budget breakdowns for threatened species conservation spending that either include or exclude programs that partially include spending on threatened species recovery. It has four “streams” of funding relevance:

- i. “Direct” spending, which is funding directly aimed at improving outcomes for threatened species.
- ii. “Relevant” spending, which includes environmental spending which is not specifically designed to benefit threatened species, but is likely to have positive indirect impacts on them. This includes actions such as generic habitat restoration and sustainable land management.
- iii. “Research” spending, which is funding for environmentally-focused research that will have some direct and some indirect benefit to threatened species.
- iv. “Unknown” spending, which constitutes the remainder of funding. This is money that is either not likely to be immediately relevant to threatened species, or was unable to be allocated to a specific project. An example of the former might include the “Solar program” which aims to increase use of reusable energy sources. This will hopefully have flow on effects for climate change, which impacts threatened species, but the pathway to impact for threatened species outcomes is indirect. The latter includes parts of the budget that would benefit from clearer spending allocations.

From the table below, it is possible to ascertain that Australia spends roughly \$400M on activities that could be considered *relevant* to threatened species, and roughly \$41M on funding directly targeted at improving Australia’s threatened species outcomes. Note that only administered expenses are shown because categorising *departmental expenses* into any of our four streams of funding relevance was not possible. We acknowledge that this will leave some gaps in environmental funding, as for example, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Authority is funded largely through departmental expenses, and its activities are often relevant to threatened species.

Table 1. Budget expenses for federal government spending including all programs that could be relevant to threatened species conservation. This includes the Department of the Environment and Energy *Outcomes 1, 2, and 3*. See spreadsheet for further details on sources. Note that the proportional amounts were calculated from the 2017-18 financial year 'actual' expenditure obtained from budget documents and annual reports of key programs. Please contact authors for a copy of the spreadsheet that includes the sources of each budget line included in this table.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY									
Table 2.1.1: Budgeted expenses for Outcome 1									
	2018-19 Budget \$'000	Direct TS proportion	Relevant to TS proportion	Research (relevant or direct) proportion	Unknown or unlikely impact proportion	2018-19 Direct TS \$'000	2018-19 Relevant TS \$'000	2018-19 Research TS \$'000	2018-19 Unknown or unlikely \$'000
Programs									
Program 1.1: Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and the Environment									
National Landcare Program:									
- Natural Heritage Trust (incl. Regional stream NRM group grants; Indigenous Protected Areas funding; Working on Country supplementation; World Heritage grants; Sustainable Agriculture National projects; Local programs such as Coastal river recovery and Keep Australia Beautiful campaign; other National programs such as the Threatened Species Recovery Fund; Target Area grants; and Emerging priorities funding)	176,518	0.08	0.91	0	0.01	14,121	160,631	-	1765
- Environmental Stewardship Program	9,980	1	0	0	0	9,980	0	0	0
Green Army	-	0	0.5	0	0.5	-	-	-	-
Reef 2050 Plan	80,709	0.07	0.75	0.00	0.18	5,325	60,582	0	14,802
Commonwealth Marine Reserves	20,837	0.17	0.5	0	0.33	3,473	10,419	0	6,946
Improving your Local Parks and Environment	5436	0.01	0.26	0	0.72	76	1,439	0	3,921
Biodiversity Fund	-	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
Payments to corporate entities [Director of National Parks]	47,434	0.17	0.50	0.00	0.33	7,906	23,717	0	15,811
Program 1.2: Environmental Information and Research									
National Environmental Science Program	25,520	0	0	0.8	0.2	0	0	20,416	5,104
Australian Biological Resources Study	2,030	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2,030
Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining	1,035	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1,035
Program 1.3: Commonwealth Environmental Water									
MDB Environmental Knowledge and Research	1,900	0	1	0	0	0	1,900	0	0
Commonwealth Environmental Water Office	33,292	0	1	0	0	0	33,292	0	0
Program 1.4: Conservation of Australia's Heritage and Environment									
Protected National Historic Sites	-	0	0	0	1	-	-	-	-
National Trusts Partnership Program	-	0	0	0	1	-	-	-	-
Australian Heritage Grants Program - establishment	5,347	0	0.2	0	0.8	0	1,069	0	4,278
Giant Pandas	1,284	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1,284
Program 1.5: Environmental Regulation									
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act -Water Resources Amendment	259	1	0	0	0	259	0	0	0
Program 1.6: Management of Hazardous Wastes, Substances and Pollutants									
National Environment Protection Council	496	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	496
Biofuels - Monitoring, Compliance and Enforcement of Fuel Quality	100	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	100
Surf Life Saving Cleaner Outboard Engines Scheme	375	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	375
Table 2.2.1: Budgeted expenses for Outcome 2									
Programs									
Program 2.1: Reducing Australia's Greenhouse Gas Emissions									
Independent Scientific Committee in Wind Turbines	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	15
Solar Programs	423	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	423
Program 2.2: Adapting to Climate change									
Implementing the Finkel Review	1,950	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1,950
Program 2.3: Renewable Energy Technology Development									
Special appropriations									
Australian Renewable Energy Agency Act 2011	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Table 2.3.1: Budgeted expenses for Outcome 3									
Programs									
Program 3.1: Antarctica: Science, Policy and Presence									
Expenses not requiring appropriation in the Budget year	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	12
DotEE Total	414,952	0.10	0.71	0.05	0.15	41,140	293,050	20416	60,347

Within the Department of the Environment and Energy: Outcome 1 seeks to “Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia's biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances.” Outcome 2 seeks to “Reduce Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to the impacts of climate change, contribute to effective global action on climate change, and support technological innovation in clean and renewable energy, through developing and implementing a national response to climate change.” Outcome 3 seeks to “Advance Australia’s strategic, scientific, environmental and economic interests in the Antarctic region by protecting, administering and researching the region.”

Between July 2014 & December 2017, the Green Army program constituted roughly \$134M, some of which was relevant to threatened species, according to the Threatened Species Strategy Progress Report 2016-17. However, this program is no longer active.

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From: [Sebastian Hood](#)
To: [Beth Brunoro](#); [Nicholas Post](#); [Greg Terrill](#); s. 47F(1)
Subject: Notes from FAS meeting [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 24 June 2019 4:49:26 PM
Attachments: [FAS Meeting 24.06.2019.docx](#)

Pls see attached:

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FAS Meeting 24 June

Secretary

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Around the room

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- There will be a Four Corners story on Threatened Species tonight – Finn praised an interview on this topic this morning on the radio – though I did not catch who had been interviewed..?
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Executive Board Readout – James simply referred to his notes

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From: [Beth Brunoro](#)
To: [s. 47F\(1\)](#)
Cc: [s. 47F\(1\)](#), [s. 47F\(1\)](#)
Subject: Re: Which animals should live or die on Australia's long list of threatened species? Relationship to research. [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 24 June 2019 11:39:09 PM

Many thanks team. I watched the episode tonight and with chat to Kylie in the morning and touch base after that

Beth

Sent from my iPhone

On 24 Jun 2019, at 4:43 pm, [s. 47F\(1\)](#) [s. 47F\(1\)](#) [environment.gov.au](#) wrote:

Hi Beth

[s. 47F\(1\)](#) has put together some analysis around the quotes from Professor Brendan Wintle below. Based on the trailer for Four Corners tonight these quotes will appear.

In short the TSR hub has never received any funding from us to do a macro funding analysis, but the position put forward relates back to the TSR submission to the senate Inquiry on Australia's faunal extinction (page 2 of the attachment).

There are some positives that can be taken from the article, i.e. the Government has invested in research to understand how to prioritise investment into threatened species recovery and the level of monitoring that is done and how effective it is. Research outputs like this help guide effective and efficient investment decisions.

Brendan is currently travelling back to Australia from Europe, we understand he'll be back in the country tomorrow night.

Regards,

[s. 47F\(1\)](#)

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From: [s. 47F\(1\)](#)

Sent: Monday, 24 June 2019 2:38 PM

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Subject: Which animals should live or die on Australia's long list of threatened species? Relationship to research.

Hi [s. 47F\(1\)](#)

Please find below as summary of statements referred to in the ABC online article "Which animals should live or die on Australia's long list of threatened species?" and relationships to TSRH work.

I note the Hub contacted the Department several weeks ago seeking advice on if the TSR affiliation would be used. The outcome was that Brendan Wintle used his TSR affiliation, but all other TSR researchers did not. We understand that interviews with Martine Maron and others (some not TSR related) won't be included for various reasons.

Lee-Anne

ABC online

Which animals should live or die on Australia's long list of threatened species?

Four Corners By Stephanie March

Monday 24 June 2019

By analysing state and federal budgets, scientists from the government-funded Threatened Species Recovery Hub research group have found Australian governments are spending a fraction of what is needed to conserve all the wildlife on the list.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->Macro funding analysis is not part of any NESP TSR Hub projects.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->This statement is consistent with the overall message in the TSR Hub submission to the Senate Inquiry on Australia's faunal extinction crisis (submission 159) especially Attachment 8 - The adequacy of funding streams for implementing threatened species recovery plans and preventing threatened fauna loss. [Note you can't link directly to the Senate Inquiry Submission. It's on page 8 from this page

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Environment_and_Communications/Faunalexinction/Submissions]

Research hub director Professor Brendan Wintle said Australia was already "picking winners and losers". "We're currently spending about a tenth of what we need to spend," he said. "By not funding all species to the level that's required to keep them in the game, we're essentially allowing quite a lot of species to fail."

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->The winners and losers language is not included in the TSR Hub's submission to the Senate Inquiry on Australia's faunal extinction crisis.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->The 'tenth' summary proportion is not as clear in the submission as it is described as "a need to increase funding for threatened species conservation in Australia by approximately one order of magnitude [i.e. 10 times] to reduce the likelihood of future extinctions."

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->The submission suggests that research is required to determine the funding needed. "The exact scale of investment required in Australia could be refined through conducting scientifically rigorous studies of the funding required to prevent further extinctions." (p.15 in covering submission)

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->The TSR Hub has conducted research to assist in prioritising threatened species recovery efforts, including emergency measures. For example, the 20 Australian birds and mammals most at risk of extinction over the next 20 years. <http://www.nespthreatenedspecies.edu.au/news/no-surprises-no-regrets-identifying-australias-most-imperilled-animal-species>

The Federal Government says it has invested more than \$400 million in threatened species recovery efforts, but Professor Wintle said analysis showed targeted spending by the federal and state governments totalled only about \$121 million.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->BCD have confirmed that the "more than \$400 million" figure was provided by BCD last week in response to a media enquiry: "Since 2014, the Australian Government has mobilised more than \$425 million for projects supporting outcomes for threatened species."

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->The \$121 million analysis referred to by Prof Wintle is not specifically referred to in the TSR Hub's submission to the Senate inquiry (it may be able to be extracted with some additional number crunching). It is not part of approved TSR Hub research.

Professor Wintle said a third of Australia's threatened species were not being monitored. "We could be losing them and we wouldn't

know," he said. "If we want it to stop, we're going to have to do a lot more than we're currently doing."

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->This statement is based on TSR Hub research. The one-third figure is included in this [media release](#) (attributed to Dr Sarah Legge - senior hub researcher).

One potential success story is the eastern quoll, which became extinct on the mainland in the 1960s but persisted in Tasmania. The Federal Government has pledged \$1.5 million to help the species. There are also efforts to try to reintroduce it to mainland Australia. The eastern quoll is a cute, spotted, cat-sized mammal and [Charles Darwin University conservation biologist John Woinarski](#) said if it survived, it would be an example of what success could look like. "But this also exemplifies the fact that we do care much more and are much more successful with the charismatic species," he said.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->Professor John Woinarski is Deputy Director of the NESP TSR Hub. Note he is not attributed as a Hub researcher.

A threatened species expert with more than three decades of experience, [Professor Woinarski saw the last living Christmas Island Forest Skink, named Gump, before it died in captivity in 2014](#). "Haunting," is how he describes seeing the animal, knowing its death would mark the end of an entire species.

Professor Woinarski said the skink was largely driven to extinction because of the introduction of a snake from Asia that ate native reptiles and its decline was exacerbated by years of mining on Christmas Island. "That extinction could well have been prevented if we'd done more about it," he said. "It was easy to remedy, we could have brought more of the individuals into captivity before the crash in the population occurred, we could have maintained that species. "We are a prosperous society, we are a caring society, we have a wonderful nature, we shouldn't be allowing such species to slip into extinction without us actually raising a finger to do anything about it," he said.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->John included the Forest Skink in this 2016 paper in Conservation Biology as one of three animals to recently go extinct. The contribution of policy, law, management, research, and advocacy failings to the recent extinctions of three Australian vertebrate species <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/cobi.12852> **This research is acknowledged as NESP funded.**

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->Prof Woinarski is leading TSR Hub research on Christmas Island, including project [2.3 Enhancing threatened species outcomes for Christmas Island](#)

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•<!--[endif]-->The project includes work on two endangered Christmas Island reptiles, the [Blue-tailed Skink and Lister's Gecko](#)

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Subject: RE: Four corners [SEC=OFFICIAL]

ABC have also issued the attached press release about the program.

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Subject: Four corners [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

FYI, ABC have published a promo for the Four Corners episode which is going to air on Monday night: <https://www.abc.net.au/4corners/extinction-nation/11228758>

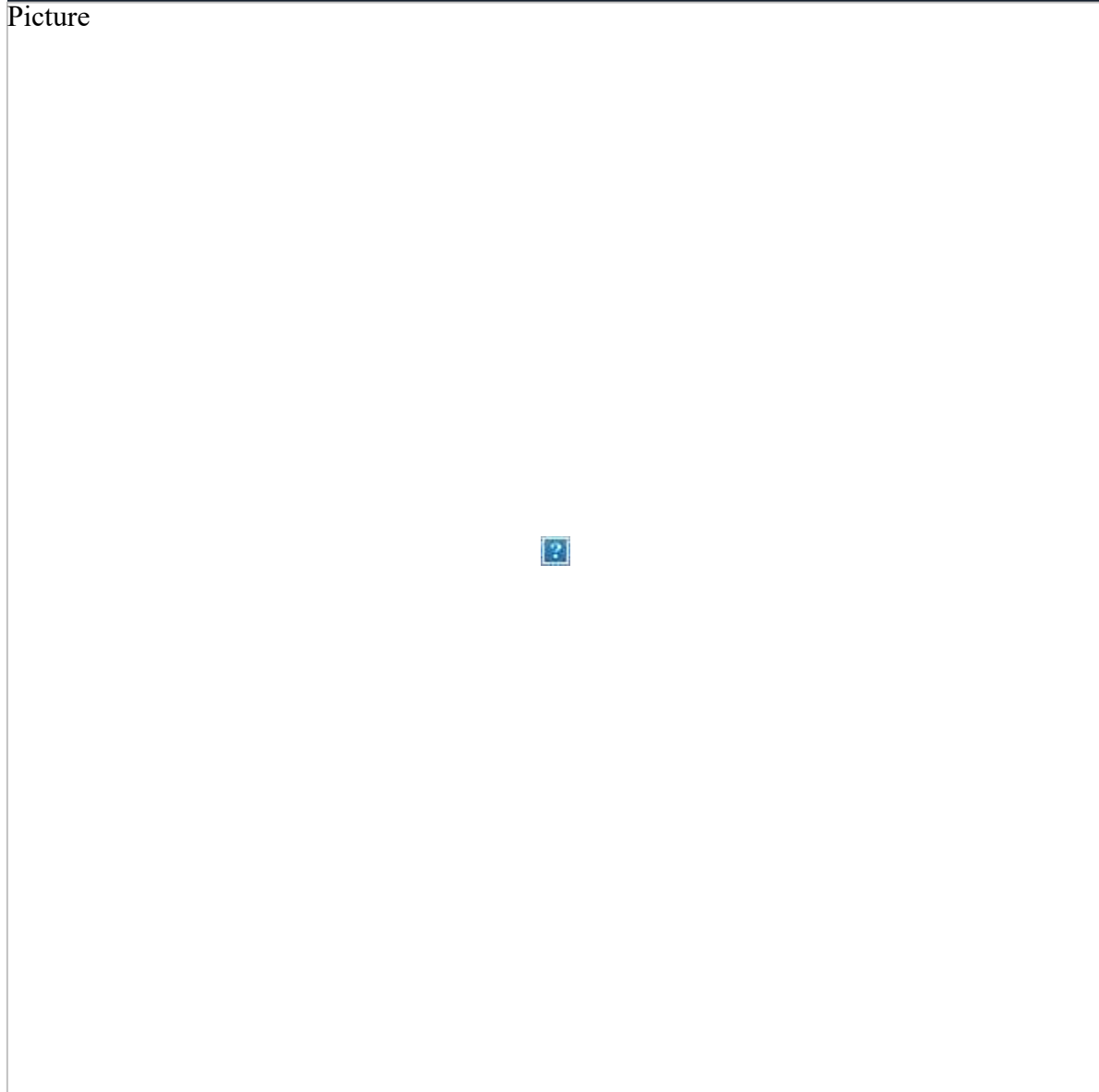
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From: [Tim Allard](#)
To: [Kylie Jonasson](#)
Subject: AWC: reversing Australia's extinction crisis
Date: Wednesday, 26 June 2019 12:22:55 PM



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Dear Ms Jonasson

"Our system for protecting threatened species in this country is fundamentally broken."

Four Corners 'Extinction Nation' 24th June 2019

This week's **Four Corners** investigation into Australia's extinction crisis on the ABC revealed the nation's system for protecting threatened species is 'fundamentally broken'. The prognosis is clear: **business as usual will see more extinctions added to Australia's record - already rated as one of the worst in the world.** Urgent action is needed if we are to prevent a further 1,800 threatened Australian animals and plants from going extinct.

Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) is driven by a strong sense of urgency. As a nation we have a narrow window of time to halt the decline of Australia's unique biodiversity and restore our natural capital. With your support, we are taking radical action, developing and operationalising an exciting new model for conservation - one that is generating measurable outcomes for threatened wildlife and helping to shape the future of conservation in Australia.

Picture



AWC protects 50% of the remaining global Numbat population. *Photo: Trevor Bauer/AWC*

Empowered by your support, we are making strong progress against our mission to effectively protect all Australian animal species and their habitats, including:

- Delivering science and land management (alone or in partnership) across more than 6.5 million hectares in iconic regions of Australia - **making AWC one of the largest private (non-profit) owners and managers of land for conservation in the world.**

- Protecting 88% of Australia's birds, 72% of Australia's mammals and 54% of Australia's reptiles and amphibians (more Australian animal species than any other non-government organisation).
- Protecting some of the largest remaining populations of threatened iconic species such as the Numbat, the Bilby, the Sharman's Rock Wallaby and the Gouldian Finch.
- Implementing Australia's largest non-government fire management and feral animal control programs to restore our unique biodiversity.
- Undertaking well over 100 translocations of threatened mammals.
- Delivering Australia's largest field science program, involving more than 220,000 trap nights every year; as well as more than 140 strategic research projects in partnership with universities, CSIRO, government agencies and other conservation organisations.

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Data from AWC's sanctuaries, such as Scotia Wildlife Sanctuary (left), show Bilby populations are increasing. AWC protects 15% of the global population of Bilbies. *Photo: Wayne Lawler/AWC*

AWC is also leading the way on addressing the single greatest threat to native wildlife - feral cats - by creating a network of massive cat-free safe-havens and by investing in strategic research to find a long-term solution for controlling feral predators in unfenced landscapes.

Our partnerships with NSW National Parks and Department of Defence represent the first time in Australia's history that a private (non-profit) organisation has been engaged to deliver conservation management services on government land. Already Bilbies have been returned to New South Wales National Parks after an absence of more than 100 years. AWC has also partnered with Indigenous groups and government to establish a 4.3 million-hectare conservation corridor in the Kimberley, offering new hope for some of Australia's most endangered wildlife.

Picture



Under AWC management, the population of threatened Purple-crowned Fairywrens at Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary in the central Kimberley has more than doubled. *Photo: Anja Skroblin/AWC*

These achievements are only made possible through your support. I hope you feel inspired by our progress to date and the positive outcomes that your investment in AWC is generating for biodiversity in Australia.

As June 30 approaches, please consider a [tax-deductible donation](#): your gift will be matched by the JAAM Foundation and The Martin Copley Will Trust.

Under the [\\$2 Million Matching Challenge](#) eligible gifts will be matched as follows:

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You can donate [online](#) or call our office on 08 9380 9633.

If you have already donated to AWC, I hope you feel a strong sense of ownership for the progress we are making on the ground to protect Australia's unique biodiversity. We are very grateful for all your support.

Yours sincerely



Tim Allard
Chief Executive Officer

P.S. The extent to which AWC deploys resources in the field is unique. Over the last decade 87% of our resources have been invested in the field - with just 13% spent on fundraising and administration combined. Your support will make a difference to Australia's biodiversity in the field, at the frontline of conservation.

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Subject: 20190627_Agenda_Dep Sec_FAS catch up [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 26 June 2019 4:24:13 PM
Attachments: [20190627_Agenda_Dep Sec_FAS catch up.docx](#)

Hi Kylie

The [Dep Sec | FAS Weekly Update](#) (dated 27 June 2019) – for your review (see Word doc).

If you don't have time or can not access the attached, I will place it before Sally tomorrow morning (for her okay) ahead of her meeting with Dean at 11am.

Cheers

s. 47F(1)

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Environment Protection Group – BCD
Dep Sec and FAS weekly Update

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- [The Four Corners program – ‘Extinction Nation’](#)

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—The program ran on Monday night (24 June) and included interviews with Brendan Wintle, s. 47F(1) and John Woinarski (NESP TSR Hub)

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1. , James Trezise (ACF), as well as Minister Ley.

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2. Focus was on need for more funding generally for threatened species recovery and weak environmental laws. The program also spent time on Eastern quoll, Leadbeater's possum, Swift parrot, and the Toondah Harbour development impacts on the Eastern curlew.

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Subject: FW: Political Alert - Protecting Victoria's threatened species (VIC) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 27 June 2019 9:57:18 AM
Attachments: [178W3702.PDF](#)

Suggest this is Vic Govt response to Four Corners.

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Sent: Thursday, 27 June 2019 9:55 AM

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Subject: Political Alert - Protecting Victoria's threatened species (VIC)

Please find attached:

PROTECTING VICTORIA'S THREATENED SPECIES (VIC)

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Date: Thursday, 27 June 2019 12:01:58 PM
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Hi Beth,

Following up from our conversation this morning, s. 47F(1) (media manager) has confirmed that the Minister received the attached talking points and an in-person briefing ahead of Four Corners. They didn't provide any additional briefing other than the email to the Minister's media advisor re s. 47F(1) (also attached).

I've also attached FYI the Dept's response to the questions we were asked by Four Corners.

Cheers,
s. 47F(1)

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Cc: Emma Campbell; Media; s. 47F(1)
Subject: HEADS UP: Four Corners and s. 47F(1)
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Hi all,

We note that Minister Ley has received a copy of a letter from s. 47F(1) (copy attached for info).

Background on the Department's policies relevant to the topics s. 47F(1) mentions in ^{s. 47F(1)} letter is included in the tps we sent up last week prior to the Minister's interview.

Our National Environment Science Program thought it might be useful to provide some background on s. 47F(1)

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Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks **s. 47F(1)**

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To: [s. 47F\(1\)](#)
Cc: [s. 47F\(1\)](#)
Subject: RE: Briefing that the Min received ahead of Four Corners [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 27 June 2019 1:32:12 PM

Awesome thanks [s. 47F\(1\)](#)

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Subject: Briefing that the Min received ahead of Four Corners [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Beth,

Following up from our conversation this morning, [s. 47F\(1\)](#) (media manager) has confirmed that the Minister received the attached talking points and an in-person briefing ahead of Four Corners. They didn't provide any additional briefing other than the email to the Minister's media advisor re [s. 47F\(1\)](#) (also attached).

I've also attached FYI the Dept's response to the questions we were asked by Four Corners.

Cheers,
[s. 47F\(1\)](#)

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From: [Geoff Richardson](#)
To: [John Gibbs](#); [Kylie Jonasson](#); [Sally Box](#)
Subject: Fwd: Humane Society International Parliamentary Briefing July 2019
Date: Tuesday, 2 July 2019 4:55:03 PM

Hi All

Not sure if you all received as well but FYI in case. Cheers. Geoff

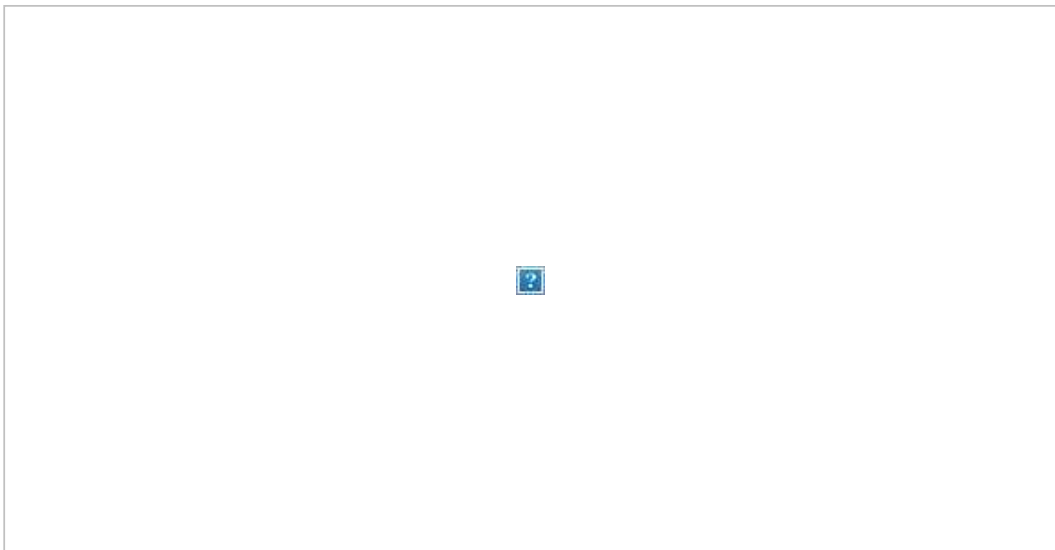
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From: Humane Society International <HumaneSocietyInternational@hsi.org.au>
Date: 2 July 2019 at 2:28:17 pm AEST
To: Geoff <Geoff.Richardson@environment.gov.au>
Subject: **Humane Society International Parliamentary Briefing July 2019**

Humane Society International Parliamentary Briefing - Animal Protection

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Dear Parliamentarian,

As you take your seats in a new parliament, **Humane Society International (HSI)** is pleased to provide you with our regular Parliamentary Briefing highlighting animal protection issues on the federal agenda.

Issues on the agenda

Extinction Nation

A seminal [UN report](#) has warned that the ecosystem disintegration which follows species extinctions will threaten 'the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life'. A 'transformative change' is required in political will, in funding and in fortifying our environment laws. Australia needs to step up to provide strong environmental leadership, but until this happens we are asking the Senate to be on alert for attacks on "green tape". It is this so called "green tape" that is barely holding nature together and without which the extinction crisis will accelerate, as foretold on [Four Corners Extinction Nation](#) last Monday.

Agriculture Review of the EPBC Act

HSI welcomes many of the recommendations from the report on the interaction between the agricultural sector and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act, which notes interactions have remained low since 2000. The report makes it clear there is a perception problem with the Act citing widespread beliefs that it is detrimental to farmer productivity in the face of little evidence of impact on the sector.

We support [a number of common sense recommendations](#), such as increased regional outreach to help farmers understand their obligations and opportunities regarding biodiversity, and for a \$1 billion fund for a National Biodiversity Conservation Trust to support the public benefits of protecting our most threatened biodiversity, providing it is well designed. HSI is concerned with aspects of the report that may allow for greater political interference in what should be scientifically-based listing processes. Listing decisions must be made on scientific evidence alone.

Threatened habitats and species recognised

We congratulate Environment Minister Sussan Ley for acting promptly on scientific advice to [list three Threatened Ecological Communities](#) under the EPBC Act. As the nominator of all three threatened habitats, HSI had previously been frustrated by their listing being needlessly and excessively delayed.

There had been political pressure on some of these listings, as well as the Leaderbeater's possum, so Minister Ley's commitment to acting promptly on independent scientific advice from the Threatened Species Scientific Committee is to be commended.

Toondah Harbour / Moreton Bay Ramsar Development

HSI remains extremely concerned about the Walker Corporation's proposal to develop Toondah Harbour in Moreton Bay, which includes the 'reclamation' of 42 hectares of internationally protected wetlands. When the Ramsar Convention was signed in 1971, Australia designated the world's first Wetland of International Importance. Capitulating to any push to remove or weaken protections would be a blight on our proud legacy.

We continue to seek commitments opposing any change to the boundaries of the Moreton Bay Ramsar Wetland, or proposals to deem such a destructive development as 'wise use' of a Ramsar site to facilitate the development.

Governments to debate giraffe protection in Geneva

Governments will gather in Geneva in August for the UN Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Proposals to protect elephants, rhinos, [giraffes](#), sharks, reptiles and insects from unsustainable international trade will be voted on. Japan will face pressure for failing to confiscate the endangered sei whale meat it brazenly has on sale despite a recent finding that it was caught in violation of the CITES treaty. We will be counting on strong leadership from Australia to defend

the world's endangered species.

Wildlife trafficking needs more than slap on the wrist

The penalties typically awarded to wildlife traffickers are low, fail to act as a deterrent and betray the resources that federal authorities expend bringing cases to trial. The [sentence](#) recently handed to former rugby league player Martin Kennedy was no exception. The penalties available under the EPBC Act are substantial and we would like to see sentencing guidelines for their greater use.

Australia still needs to act on ivory

With an elephant killed for its tusks every 15 minutes, the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Law Enforcement recommended Australia plug loopholes with a ban on domestic ivory trade in Australia. The issue has been discussed at Environment Ministers Meetings and we await nationally coordinated law reform in this area. There will be a decision at CITES in Geneva on the closing of all domestic ivory markets worldwide.

Court rules shark culling unscientific

The jury is in: killing sharks makes no difference to public safety and the scientific evidence for that is 'overwhelming'. So ruled the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in a legal action brought by HSI against shark culling in the Great Barrier Reef. The AAT [ordered](#) an end to the deliberate killing of sharks on 173 lethal drumlines in the World Heritage-listed Reef and required a trial of 'smart drumlines' to tag and release sharks off-shore, as well as research into non-lethal alternatives for swimmer safety. Instead of accepting the science, the Queensland Government is seeking to over-turn the AAT ruling at the Federal Court.

Stronger diplomatic pressure needed in response to Japan's whaling

NGOs and celebrities from across the globe wrote to [G20 leaders](#) last week calling for an intervention over Japan's latest commercial whaling operation. This week Japan has announced [227 whales](#) (150 Bryde's whales, 52 minke whales and 50 endangered sei whales) will be killed in this season's hunt, which started on 1 July in defiance of the global moratorium on commercial whaling.

Albatross in crisis

In May, governments and experts at the UN Agreement for Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) meeting in Brazil declared an [albatross and petrel conservation crisis](#), with an estimated 36,000 albatross killed each and every year in the Southern Ocean. The crisis is due to countries ignoring ACAP best practice advice to prevent albatross drowning during fishing operations. HSI is calling on the Australian Government to fully adopt ACAP best practice advice in all Commonwealth fisheries and to champion its adoption internationally. We recently welcomed moves towards ACAP best practice in Commonwealth trawl fisheries with stronger requirements for offal retention.

Resetting the national conversation on animal welfare

At the Agriculture Ministers' Forum in February 2019 ministers acknowledged problems with the current national approach to regulation of animal welfare and agreed to a collaborative process to find ways to improve Australia's regulatory system. As a result the Federal Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) has embarked on a consultation process with stakeholders and commissioned a study from Future Eye, Australia's Shifting on Farm Animal Welfare, which found that 95% of people view farm animal welfare to be a concern and 91% want reform. HSI has set out our aspirations for a renewed focus on animal welfare

at the national level in this [blog](#).

Live exports

Senator Mehreen Faruqi has announced she will be tabling a bill to bring live sheep and cattle exports to an end in the new parliament. HSI supports that goal because live exports go against basic principles of animal welfare and cannot be conducted humanely.

EU-AU Free Trade Agreement offers opportunities for animal protection

The EU trade negotiations with Australia present an opportunity for the parties to strengthen their commitments to protect wildlife and the welfare of animals. HSI is encouraging both parties to deliver on this opportunity as detailed in the [EU Australia Free Trade Agreement: Animal Welfare and Wildlife Trade Provisions](#).

Contact details for further information

Below you will find the contact details for key Humane Society International staff working on these issues. Please call at anytime to seek information on the above or guidance on any animal welfare problem that is of concern to you or your constituents.

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To: s. 47F(1)
Cc: Beth Bruno; s. 47F(1) s. 47F(1)
Subject: RE: Four Corners story on threatened species [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Thursday, 11 July 2019 9:38:37 AM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)

Thanks s. 47F(1)

I remember email now and it is good that Brendan's communication officer followed up with you and our media team. However, Brendan implied that he had provided a more detailed back brief during our conversation last week and he made no mention of the confidentiality agreement. I think the lesson learnt is that I should have reached out to Brendan after the interview to close the loop given the sensitivities.

Cheers
 Nick

From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Thursday, 11 July 2019 9:10 AM
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Subject: FW: Four Corners story on threatened species [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Nick and s. 47F(1),

To follow up from our conversation yesterday, below is the email from s. 47F(1) re Brendan's interview. He had a confidentiality agreement so couldn't divulge the details of what he spoke about on the program, and at the stage that s. 47F(1) sent s. 47F(1) email, he was planning on asking them not use his hub affiliation.

Cheers,
 s. 47F(1)

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Subject: FW: Four Corners story on threatened species [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Nick,
 Please see update from the TSR Hub re Brendan Wintle's 4 Corners interview.

Cheers,
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Subject: RE: Four Corners story on threatened species [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s. 47F(1) s. 47F(1) and s. 47F(1)

Brendan has had his Four Corner interview. Due to a confidentiality agreement he can't divulge the details, however he said that the majority of what they wanted to ask him about was not hub related, and he is not sure if they will even use the 20% that was hub related. He had asked at the start to use his hub affiliation, but due to this mismatch in topics, he is now going to suggest that they do not use his hub affiliation in the final cut.

s. 47F(1) is due to be interviewed next week, in light of Brendan's experience she will just be identified as a UQ academic. She has not been provided with a topic or questions in advance but due to her expertise in offsets that is the most likely topic. You can be assured that she will stick entirely to the findings of her research.

Cheers

s. 47F(1)

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Subject: RE: Four Corners story on threatened species [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s. 47F(1),

Sorry for the delay in getting you a formal response on this!

DoEE leadership agrees that Hub researchers should use their Hub affiliations when being interviewed for the Four Corners threatened species program. If needed, our media team is willing to provide advice on best practice media engagement to help your staff promote the important role of independent science. However, DoEE would ask that if Hub researchers wish to make comments that involve advocating for or against government or opposition policies, that they avoid using their NESP hub affiliation.

For your background, Four Corners has also requested interviews with the Threatened Species Commissioner and other departmental experts. We have responded that while departmental officers are unable to participate during the caretaker period, they are welcome to approach us again after the election. In the meantime, we are happy to take questions from Four Corners in writing and provide factual information.

Warm regards,

s. 47F(1)

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Cc: Research <Environment.Research@environment.gov.au>
Subject: Four Corners story on threatened species

Hi s. 47F(1) s. 47F(1) s. 47F(1) Sally, s. 47F(1) and s. 47F(1)

As previously advised Four Corners are doing research for a story on threatened species. They are planning to film the episode through May. It will not be released until June. I'm writing to give you an update on this and I've got a couple of questions for you highlighted in yellow.

They have had background chats with Brendan, s. 47F(1) and many people outside of the hub. I think they have tried to engage with PAD but have had difficulty

due to care taker period. We do not know what their particular angle of investigation is but they appear to be looking at a very broad range of issues facing threatened species in Australia and utilising material from the senate inquiry. The amount Australia spends relative to other countries has come up in their chats with hub researchers and they have asked **s. 47F(1)** about LBP.

If they interview Brendan or any other hub members for the story are you happy for them to include their hub affiliation or not? Our preference is to include hub affiliations if you have no objections – this is an outstanding opportunity to demonstrate the research that is happening to tackle Australia’s threatened species crisis, but if you have objections to hub affiliations being included please let me know.

They have also asked me for suggestions for filming locations (particularly looking for areas where they could get some footage of threatened species and related activities). I’m currently drafting some notes of potential filming locations and what they offer in terms of vision opportunities. As they are filming in May, I could suggest they film on Kangaroo Island a day before or after the KI dunnart workshop on 27 May, with the following interview opportunities:

- Sally Box
- **s. 47F(1)** about her dunnart and cat baiting related research
- Someone from NRKI or SA Gov about the KI glossy black-cockatoo or hub researcher **s. 47F(1)**

And vision opportunities:

- Black cockatoos and artificial hollows etc
- Rosie could potentially do some mock/actual trapping
- Anything to do with the cat baiting (NRKI and SA Gov)

Please let me know if Sally is interested in me suggesting that ABC could interview her on KI.

Feel free to give me a call to discuss further.

Cheers

s. 47F(1)



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Subject: FASKTD - Handover note and reference emails for your return [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 7:35:53 AM
Attachments: [FASKTD Return to work summary .docx](#)
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

[RE Four Corners story on threatened species SECOFFICIAL.msg](#)
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Beth,

I am going to make the bold call and say all went well last week – at least nothing seemed to fall apart and the move appeared to be smooth on Friday night.

I have attached a handover document outlining our progress against the tasks you left me (and a few others that came in over the week) to assist with your transition back to work. s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

You will also find attached a collection of key emails that are referenced in the handover document just in case you need to find them quickly. s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Happy to chat when you are back in the office – including about staffing in my branch.

All the best
Nick

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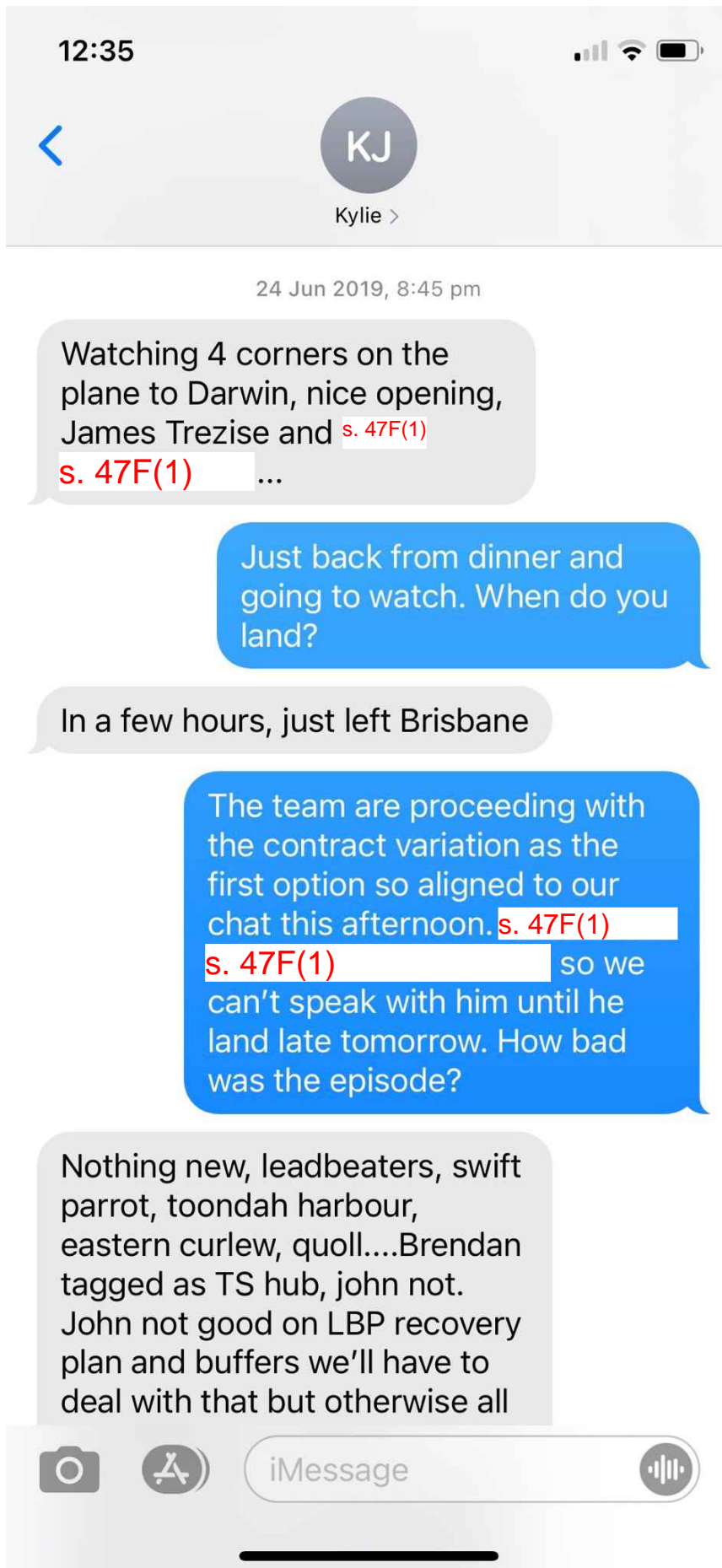
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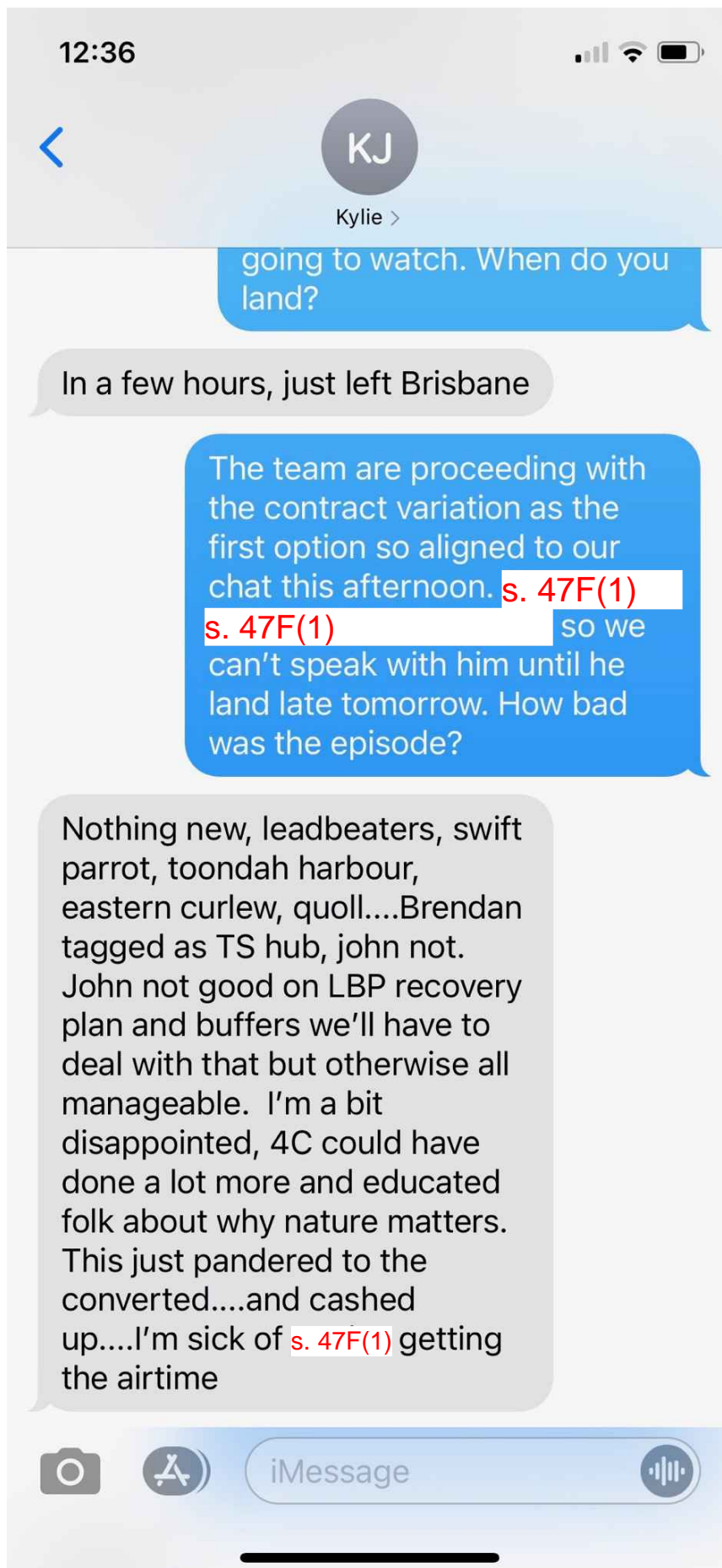
- TSR Hub science vs policy sensitive update

- *Email sent to Kylie/Sally. Also my follow up has revealed that I was sent an email by the SPS team with advice from Brendan's media manager that indicated he was unable to provide any insight from his interview due to a confidentiality agreement. I should have followed up further and/or Brendon should have probably closed the loop with you (**attached email 9**)*

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)





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Kylie Jonasson >

Yeah good idea. I'm keen to talk to you about our response to the other 4C questions. They are tricky.

13 Jun 2019, 10:12 pm

Yep. Of course

14 Jun 2019, 1:43 pm

Just sent you 4C responses for your clearance. Also preparing some additional material following interview. Will call re this.

s. 47F(1)

s. 47F(1)



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Kylie Jonasson >

Watching 4 corners on the plane to Darwin, nice opening, James Trezise and s. 47F(1) s. 47F(1)

On the plane! Hope you don't get interrupted by pilot announcements!

Maybe i want to be at this rate....

So far, there is not one person interviewed who I have not met. Feels very close!

Yep...

Ditto

s. 47F(1) has a proposal for a sugar glider strike force. Are you up



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Kylie Jonasson >

s. 47F(1) has a proposal for a sugar glider strike force. Are you up to that bit yet?

Yeah!!!!

Mona Lisa line is actually a good one, you should use that

There were no surprises in that at all.

I'm actually disappointed with that. There's so much more they could have done to make people care about nature

They just keep feeding me wine on this flight, not sure why.....

Every single species covered (LBP, Eastern Quoll, Swift



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Kylie Jonasson >

Every single species covered (LBP, Eastern Quoll, Swift Parrot, Eastern Curlew) are Strategy species.

Yep. That's a good thing for us

Watching 4C on a long haul flight while everyone else is watching trash was probably a sign heeded by the flight attendants..

He asked me what i do..... might have been my reaction when James tresize opened

Heh hehe

I think our proposed FB post would be okay for tomorrow in light of that - what do you think?



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Kylie Jonasson >

I think our proposed FB post would be okay for tomorrow in light of that - what do you think?

Yes i agree. Nice working getting me at a weak moment while I'm drinking. Good upwards management :-)

I'm learning ;)

Damn it

I'll let you read it again in the cold hard light of the morning..

It's fine. I read it. All good

25 Jun 2019, 8:52 am

Have you got time for a quick



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