

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

The effectiveness of threatened species and ecological communities' protection in Australia

Dear committee members,

Thank you for the invitation to give feedback about the effectiveness of conservation works to protect threatened species & ecological communities.

With 18 years' experience in this current project, we have an enormous amount of very good news to share about bringing threatened species back from the brink, and I think it's extremely important that government be congratulated for supporting this work so solidly and for so long!!

The attached newsletters etc will give you some insights about the ecological issues we are dealing with, our on-ground achievements, the measurable biological outcomes, and the thousands of volunteers who've value-added to the government grants to make the \$ go much further.

Please let me know if you'd like further supportive information, as I truly want to thank the government for such irreplaceable support. Our targeted work has secured a future for several plant and animal species that were about to drop out of the region, and greatly boosted the ecological resilience of several highly depleted vegetation types across a whole landscape!!

Good wishes,
Ray Thomas,
Project Co-ordinator.
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