

# Action Statements

## Fact Sheet

### What are Action Statements?

The *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* provides for the listing of Victoria's threatened plant and animal species, ecological communities and potentially threatening processes. It is the key piece of legislation operating to protect threatened species and communities in Victoria.

Under the Act, an Action Statement must be prepared by the Department of Environment and Primary Industries for each species following a listing.

An Action Statement summarises our knowledge of the listed item, including:

- description
- distribution
- habitat
- life history and ecology
- conservation status (State and Federal)
- threats
- important populations
- past management actions
- intended management actions

### What is the purpose of an Action Statement?

Action Statements outline what has been done to conserve and manage a taxon or community or threatening process and what is intended to be done and may include information on what needs to be done. These proposed actions aim to help secure populations and enable the long-term persistence of an item. These actions often call for research to improve our understanding of an item's biology and the impacts of any threats. The proposed actions can be implemented by a range of organisations including government agencies, universities, environmental NGO's and community groups.



**Major Mitchell's Cockatoo**

### How are Action Statements Developed?

Action Statements are developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders, such as:

- government departments and agencies
- land managers (e.g. Catchment Management Authorities, local councils, VicRoads)
- scientific experts
- environmental non-government organisations
- community groups
- private landholders
- the FFG Act Scientific Advisory Committee and Victorian Catchment Management Council

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## How are Action Statements implemented?

DEPI invests directly, and through its partners, in the protection and recovery of threatened species. The actions defined in Action Statements provide a range of opportunities for investment; and because of the robust process for preparation of Action Statements, investment can be confidently targeted to well informed, efficient and effective projects.

DEPI has developed the Actions for Biodiversity Conservation (ABC) system, in which the actions in Action Statements are stored. The ABC system is used to help identify priorities for action across multiple locations, species and regions.

This system also allows DEPI to monitor the implementation of Action Statements and assist in their periodic revision.

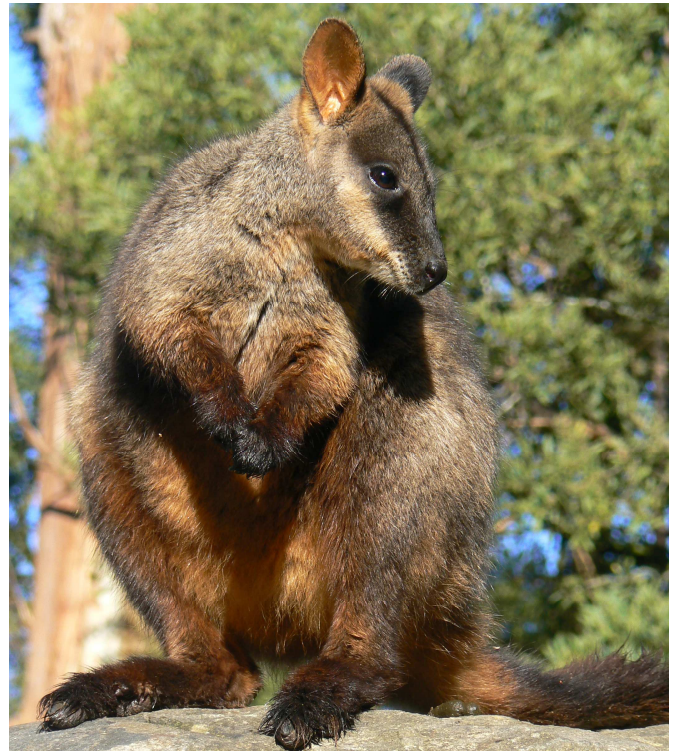
## What are DEPI's future plans for Action Statements?

An *Action Statement Three Year Plan* has recently been developed to guide the preparation of Action Statements. The current plan provides DEPI with clear direction to support its work from 2013 until 2016.

The plan describes:

- The process for developing and updating Action Statements.
- Roles and responsibilities for DEPI's staff and others.
- The criteria that DEPI uses to decide which Action Statement to do next.

Developing the Plan has enabled DEPI staff to better coordinate and plan their work within DEPI and with its partners.



**Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby**

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