

Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988
NOTICE OF DECISION UNDER SECTION 16

In accordance with section 16G of the **Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988**, Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, and Mary-Anne Thomas, Minister for Agriculture have:

- (i) considered the recommendation of the Scientific Advisory Committee regarding *Ornithorhynchus anatinus* (Platypus) as published on the Internet at <https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/conserving-threatened-species/threatened-list> and in the Government Gazette on 12 November 2020; and
- (ii) considered the recommendation of the Scientific Advisory Committee regarding *Hieraaetus morphnoides* (Little Eagle) as published on the Internet at <https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/conserving-threatened-species/threatened-list> and in the Government Gazette on 3 December 2020; and
- (iii) decided to recommend to the Governor in Council that the taxa described in Column 1 of Table 1 in the Schedule to this Notice be specified in the Threatened List for the reasons that each taxon meets the criterion and sub-criteria shown in Column 2 of that Table.

SCHEDULE

In Table 1 in this Schedule—

5.1 means **Primary criterion 5.1 of the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Regulations 2020** and that the taxon of flora or fauna is vulnerable.

5.1.1 means **Sub-criterion 5.1.1 of the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Regulations 2020** and that the taxon has undergone, is suspected to have undergone or is likely to undergo in the immediate future a substantial reduction in population size.

5.1.2 means **Sub-criterion 5.1.2 of the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Regulations 2020** and that the taxon's geographic distribution is restricted and at least 2 of the following circumstances apply—

- (a) the distribution of the population or habitat of the taxon is severely fragmented or restricted to a limited number of threat-based locations;
- (b) there is a continuing decline or reduction in any one of the following—
 - (i) extent of occurrence;
 - (ii) area of occupancy;
 - (iii) area, extent or quality of habitat;
 - (iv) number of locations or subpopulations;
- (c) there are extreme fluctuations in any one of the following—
 - (i) extent of occurrence;
 - (ii) area of occupancy;
 - (iii) area, extent or quality of habitat;
 - (iv) number of locations or subpopulations;
 - (v) number of mature individuals.

Table 1

Column 1 Taxa	Column 2 Criteria and Sub-Criteria
<i>Ornithorhynchus anatinus</i> (Platypus) as having an extinction risk of being vulnerable, in the category of threat of Victoria.	5.1; 5.1.1; 5.1.2 (a), (b)(i,ii,iii,iv)
<i>Hieraaetus morphnoides</i> (Little Eagle) as having an extinction risk of being vulnerable, in the category of threat of Victoria.	5.1; 5.1.1

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Dated: 05/01/2021

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