



# Threatened Species Impact Assessment

## LEGISLATION

Section 5A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), section 94 of the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* (TSC Act) and Section 2200ZZ of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* (FM Act).

## QUALIFIER

This *Threatened Species Impact Assessment* has been produced to assist applicants identify whether an action, development or activity is likely to significantly affect threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats either directly or indirectly.

The template is suitable for rural dwellings. It may be necessary for Council to request additional information depending on the nature and impacts of a proposal. Larger scale developments should be accompanied by a detailed *Species Impact Statement*.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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For further information in completing this form, please see the Threatened Species Assessment Guidelines - The Assessment of Significance from the Department of Environment & Climate Change NSW at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/threatenedspecies/tsaguide07393.pdf>.

These guidelines have been prepared to help applicants/proponents of a development or activity with interpreting and applying the factors of assessment. The aim of the guidelines is to help ensure that a consistent and systematic approach is taken when determining whether an action, development or activity is likely to significantly affect threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats either directly or indirectly.

**(a)** In the case of a threatened species, whether the action proposes is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be places at risk of extinction.

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This factor refers only to those species listed on Part 1 and Part 4 of Schedule 1, Part 1 of Schedule 1A and Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the TSC Act, and Part 1 and Part 4 of Schedule 4 and Schedule 5 of the FM Act.

**(b)** In the case of an endangered population, whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species that constitutes the endangered population such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction .

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This factor is essentially identical to factor (a) except that it refers only to endangered populations listed in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the TSC Act and Part 2 of Schedule 4 of the FM Act, whereas factor (a) refers to species.

**(c)** In the case of an endangered ecological community or critically endangered ecological community, whether the action proposed:

- (i) is likely to have an adverse effect on the extent of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction, or
- (ii) is likely to substantially and adversely modify the composition of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction

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This factor applies to endangered ecological communities listed under Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the TSC Act and Part 3 of Schedule 4 of the FM Act, and critically endangered ecological communities listed under Part 2 of Schedule 1A of the TSC Act and Part 2 of Schedule 4A of the FM Act. Endangered and critically endangered ecological communities are defined in determinations made by the respective Scientific Committees.

**(d)** in relation to the habitat of a threatened species, population or ecological community:

- (i) the extent to which habitat is likely to be removed or modified as a result of the action proposed, and
- (ii) whether an area of habitat is likely to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat as a result of the proposed action, and
- (iii) the importance of the habitat to be removed, modified, fragmented or isolated to the long-term survival of the species, population or ecological community in the locality

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**(e)** Whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on critical habitat (either directly or indirectly).

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**(f)** Whether the action proposed is consistent with the objectives or actions of a recovery plan or threat abatement plan

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**(g)** Whether the action proposed constitutes or is part of a key threatening process or is likely to result in the operation of, or increase the impact of, a key threatening process

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This factor refers only to those key threatening processes (KTPs) listed in Schedule 3 of the TSC Act and Schedule 6 of the FM Act. The NSW legislation website [[www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au)] provides the most up-to-date information on what is listed in the schedules.

## Declaration

Signature

Name *(please print)*

Date

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