



## Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988

The *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* is the main biodiversity legislation in Victoria. The Act enables members of the public to nominate species, ecological communities and potentially threatening processes for listing. Nominations under the Act are considered by an Independent Scientific Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations to the Minister.

The Committee has made the following preliminary and final recommendations. Recommendation Reports have been prepared for each recommendation. Copies of the reports can be obtained from the Head Office (<http://www.dse.vic.gov.au>) and major country offices of the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE). The *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* and the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Regulations 2001 can be viewed at these offices or on the internet.

### FINAL RECOMMENDATION OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Scientific Advisory Committee has made a final recommendation on the evidence available, in accordance with Section 15 of the Act, that the nomination for listing of the following item be supported in accordance with Section 11 of the Act.

Item supported for listing	Criteria satisfied
811 <i>Callagrlion billinghamursti</i> Large Riverdamself	1.1.1, 1.2.1

The reason that the nomination is supported is that the item satisfies at least one primary criterion of the set of criteria maintained under Section 11 of the Act and stated in Schedule 1 of the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Regulations 2001.

### PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Scientific Advisory Committee has made preliminary recommendations on the evidence available, in accordance with Section 14 of the Act, that the nominations for listing of the following items be supported or not supported in accordance with Section 11 of the Act.

Item supported for listing	Criteria satisfied
812 <i>Livlstona australis</i> Cabbage Fan-palm	1.2.1, 1.2.2

The reason that the nomination is supported is that the item satisfies at least one primary criterion of the set of criteria maintained under Section 11 of the Act and stated in Schedule 1 of the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Regulations 2001.

Items not supported for listing	Criteria satisfied
806 Agricultural fence entanglements of wildlife (potentially threatening process)	None
808 Overfishing for bait of the Common Yabby ( <i>Cherax</i> sp) and localised endemic crayfish species under Fisheries Victoria Regulations (potentially threatening process)	None
809 Overfishing of native shrimp ( <i>Paratya australiensis</i> ) under Fisheries (Shrimp) Notice No. 11/2009 (potentially threatening process)	None

The reason that the nominations for listing are not supported is that the items do not adequately satisfy any of the set of criteria prepared and maintained under Section 11 of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*, and stated in Schedule 1 of the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Regulations 2001.

### SUBMISSIONS INVITED ON PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Electronic (by email) or written submissions (in envelopes marked **CONFIDENTIAL**) supplying evidence that supports or contradicts the preliminary recommendations will be accepted until **Friday 10 September 2010**. Submissions must be signed and provide a full postal address and daytime telephone number of the person or group making the submission. Emailed submissions should include a postal address so that those making a submission can be advised of developments by letter. Please note that the Scientific Advisory Committee considers only nature conservation issues.

Submissions should be sent to:

Martin O'Brien, Executive Officer, Scientific Advisory Committee, c/o Dept. Sustainability & Environment, 2/8 Nicholson St. (PO Box 500), EAST MELBOURNE 3002.

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For inquiries regarding the Act please contact Martin O'Brien (03) 9637 9869. For information on specific items please contact Martin O'Brien or flora and fauna staff at DSE offices.

**MARTIN O'BRIEN** Executive Officer, Scientific Advisory Committee, August 2010

The Scientific Advisory Committee is committed to protecting information provided in accordance with the principles of the *Information Privacy Act 2000*. Information contained in any submissions, nominations or other correspondence is stored and used by the Committee for the purpose of advising the Minister for Environment and Climate Change on nature conservation matters related to the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*. This information may be disclosed to other relevant government agencies, or if required by law. Those people making submissions can access their contact details held by the Committee by contacting the Executive Officer at the address above.

### Preparation of Action Statements

Under Section 19 of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*, the Secretary to the Department of Sustainability and Environment is required to prepare an Action Statement (or management plan) for each listed item. Action Statements set out what has been done and what is intended to be done to conserve or manage that item.

Groups or individuals wishing to comment on a particular action statement at the draft stage, if and when the above items are listed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister, should express their interest to:

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