



The Hon Greg Hunt MP

Minister for the Environment

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Dear Mr Quatermain

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I am writing to thank you for your nomination and advise you that I have decided to list the 'Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt' as a critically endangered ecological community under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The intent of listing is that the species and ecosystem functions within the most threatened ecological communities in Australia are taken into account during major new developments and that they receive priority support for conservation efforts.

In making the listing decision, I considered advice provided to me by the Threatened Species Scientific Committee. The Committee and I also considered the submissions and advice received from public and expert consultation on the potential listing. The Conservation Advice for this ecological community is available at:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/sprat/public/publiclookupcommunities.pl>.

The Conservation Advice provides detailed information about the description and assessment of the ecological community, its threats and priority actions for research and recovery. This will help inform environmental decision making around the ecological community, particularly land-use planning and regulatory approvals. Listing should also encourage further conservation efforts by all levels of government and the community, including potential opportunities for funding under Australian Government initiatives such as the Green Army, National Landcare and 20 Million Trees programmes.

If you have any queries about this ecological community listing, the contact in the Department of the Environment is Mr Matthew White, Director of the Ecological Communities Section (phone 02 6274 2317 or email: matthew.white@environment.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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Greg Hunt