EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Instrument under section 269A Making of Recovery Plans

(Issued under the Authority of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources)

The *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the Act) places certain obligations on the Commonwealth to protect and conserve threatened species and ecological communities.

The purpose of this instrument is to ensure the following recovery plan is in force in accordance with s269A of the Act:

• Recovery Plan for Species <u>Made</u> by the Minister:

National Recovery Plan for the South-eastern Red-tailed Black-Cockatoo *Calyptorhynchus banksii graptogyne*.

This plan has been assessed and complies with section 270 of the Act and regulation 7.11 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations* 2000.

This plan provides for the research and management actions necessary to stop the decline of, and support the recovery of, the listed threatened species so that its chances of long-term survival in nature are maximised. This plan was placed on public exhibition, as required under paragraph 277(1)(a) of the Act, and comments were invited from the public. All comments were taken into account in finalising the plan.

The information in this recovery plan enables the Threatened Species Scientific Committee to recommend the making of this plan as required under section 274 of the Act.

This recovery plan is available from the Australian Government Department of the Environment and Water Resources www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/recovery/index.html or from the Community Information Unit, Department of the Environment and Water Resources, GPO Box 787, Canberra ACT 2601 or by phoning on 1800 803 772. Further information about the Department can be found at www.environment.gov.au.

This instrument is a legislative instrument for the purposes of the Legislative Instruments Act 2003.

In accordance with subsection 273 (1A) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* 1999 this recovery plan came into force on the date specified in the instrument.

For the purposes of subsection 12(2) of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*, the rights and liabilities of a person other than the Commonwealth have not been adversely affected by the retrospective commencement of the plan.