

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Instrument under section 184(1)(c)

(Issued under the Authority of the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities)

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

The purpose of this instrument is to amend the list of threatened species under the Act in accordance with s184(1)(c) of the Act by:

- Transferring *Euphrasia arguta* from the **extinct** to the **critically endangered** category of the list of threatened species.

Consultation on the nomination to amend the list of threatened species under the Act to include this species was undertaken before this legislative instrument was made, in accordance with the process outlined in Part 13, Division 1, Subdivision AA of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. The nomination was placed on public exhibition, and public comments were sought. Parties with relevant expertise were directly consulted regarding their views. The assessment and advice of the Threatened Species Scientific Committee were considered in relation to the above item.

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

The instrument commenced on the day after it was registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.