

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Approved Wildlife Trade Operation (Victoria—Queen Ants) Declaration 2019

I, John Gibbs, Assistant Secretary, Wildlife Trade and Biosecurity, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Energy under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, am satisfied that an operation to harvest and export Australian native queen ants by the Victoria – Queen Ants - WTO, is a small-scale operation as defined by regulation 9A.20(2) under subsection 303FN(10)(b). I declare under subsection 303FN(2) that the Victoria – Queen Ants - WTO is an approved wildlife trade operation.

This declaration has effect subject to the following conditions applied under S303FT:

1. The operation is undertaken in accordance with the proposal for the harvest of queen ants in Victoria on 15 April 2019.
2. Harvest is restricted to taxa specified in the schedule supplied by Victoria – Queen Ants - WTO as part of their proposal. Additional taxa can be exported only on application and after approval from the Department of the Environment and Energy.
3. Only specimens from taxa that have been named and described in a scientific publication can be exported.
4. This declaration is valid for three years from the date of registration on the Federal Register of Legislation.
5. Accurate records must be kept up-to-date and include all information necessary for the reporting outlined in condition 5.
6. An annual report must be provided to the Department of the Environment and Energy as per Section 8 of the proposal.

Dated this 16th day of July 2019

John Gibbs

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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Energy

A person whose interests are affected by this declaration may, within 28 days, make an application in writing to the Department of the Environment and Energy for the reasons for the decision. An application for independent review of the decision (under section 303GJ(1) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*) may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT), on payment of the relevant fee (currently \$884 or reduced fee where applicable due to financial hardship) by the applicant, either within 28 days of receipt of the reasons for the decision, or within 28 days of this declaration if reasons for the decision are not sought. Applications should be made to the Deputy Registrar, AAT in your capital city. Please visit the AAT's website at <http://www.aat.gov.au/> for further information. You may make an application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) to access documents relevant to this decision. For further information, please visit <http://www.environment.gov.au/foi/index.html>. Further inquiries should be directed to the Director, Wildlife Trade Assessments Section, Department of the Environment and Energy by email wta@environment.gov.au or telephone (02) 6274 1900 (option 2).

Note: The name of this instrument was amended on registration as the instrument as lodged did not have a unique name (see subsection 10(2), *Legislation Rule 2016*).