

Priorities Action Statement

Emu population in the New South Wales North Coast Bioregion and Port Stephens local government area (*Dromaius novaehollandiae* - endangered population)

Action Title	Priority
Prepare a recovery plan due to high local cultural significance and icon status.	1
Incorporate information provided through Aboriginal community consultation.	1
Protect areas of known habitat from clearing or development.	1
Discuss options with landholders for mitigating crop damage by emus.	1
Protect emu habitat on private land.	1
Provide map of known occurrences to Rural Fire Service and seek inclusion of mitigative measures on Bush Fire Risk Management Plan(s), risk register and/or operation map(s).	1
Seek advice from local Aboriginal community elders on appropriate site management regimes based on indigenous knowledge.	1
Control feral predators where predation has been identified as a problem and encourage the restraint of domestic dogs in areas supporting emus.	2
Increase road signage and reduce speed limits in areas where emus routinely cross roads.	2
Involve local Aboriginal communities in on-ground management activities.	1
Report any instances of illegal killing of emus to DEC.	1
Maintain annual emu surveys.	1
Investigate the causal relationship between identified threats and emu decline and identify mitigation measures.	1
Involve local Aboriginal communities in surveys and monitoring programs.	1
Determine whether emus are still located in the Port Stephens LGA through targeted surveys.	1
Report to DEC NEB any records of nesting emus or emus with chicks to DEC.	1
Report any sightings of emus outside the area between Evans Head and Red Rock and the Bungawalbin area to DEC.	1
In the event of an emu sub-population being identified at Port Stephens, implement relevant management actions.	2
Research genetic variation of these populations from other populations of the Emu.	3
Conduct public awareness campaigns to increase community participation in reporting and protection of Emu population.	2