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Amendment to the Priorities Action Statement
Office of Environment and Heritage
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Dear Sir/Madam

Amendments to the Threatened Species Priorities Action Statement

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the amendments to the Threatened Species Priorities Action Statement. Please find comments from Council staff outlined below according to relevant species.

Matted Bush-pea (*Pultenaea pedunculata*)

A key management site for this species has been identified at Appin (Gilead). Council staff have a number of concerns with the location of this management site:

- The information in the Statement for this management site indicates that the land on which the site occurs is publically owned, however according to Council's information the site is privately owned.
- The management site and adjoining land is currently the subject of a planning proposal. This proposal is seeking to rezone the area for residential development purposes. The proposal is still in the preliminary stage and background investigations are yet to commence. However, pending the outcome of this process, it could be difficult to restrict access to bushland in this area should residential development proceed. Should this proposed development occur, the threats and corresponding management actions to this population would need to be reviewed.

Sydney Plains Greenhood (*Pterostylis saxicola*)

A key management site for this species has been identified at Simmo's Beach, Macquarie Fields. The following comments and points of concern are provided for this site:

- The name of the management site is very specific. The name Simmo's Beach has the potential to direct members of the public straight to Simmo's Beach Reserve, this attention may impact on the long-term viability of the species at this site. Council staff are of the view that the 'Upper Georges River Corridor' would be a more appropriate title for the management site.
- The area is a public reserve with formal walking tracks. It is therefore difficult to restrict public access to certain parts of the reserve. However, Council is currently undertaking a number of initiatives to close informal and excess walking tracks within

the Reserve to restrict public access/illegal trail bike riding and will continue to do so if sufficient funding is available.

- Council is seeking further clarification in relation to its potential role in monitoring the Sydney Plains Greenhood population within Simmo's Beach Reserve.

Small-flower Grevillea (*Grevillea parviflora* subsp. *parviflora*)

No key management sites for this species were identified within the Campbelltown LGA. However, it should be noted a large population of this species is known to be found in the Wedderburn area, which includes over 476 individuals. The population is predominately located within existing roadside reserves and the Dharawal National Park. Council is therefore seeking clarification as to whether this area was considered as part of the prioritisation process for this species.

If you require any further information please contact Angela Taylor, Council's Senior Environmental Officer on 4645 4547.

Yours sincerely



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