

NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee

Exhibition period: 09/11/18 – 25/01/19

Proposed Listing date: 09/11/18

Notice of and reasons for the Final Determination

The NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee, established under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (the Act), has made a Final Determination to REJECT the 22nd April 2016 proposal to list Lower Hunter Spotted Gum Ironbark Forest in the Sydney Basin and NSW North Coast Bioregions as an Endangered Ecological Community in Part 2 of Schedule 2 of the Act. Rejection of nominations is provided for by Part 4 of the Act.

The NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee has found that:

1. The NSW Scientific Committee made a Preliminary Determination under Section 22 of the *Threatened Species Conservation Act* (TSC Act) to support a proposal to list Lower Hunter Spotted Gum Ironbark Forest in the Sydney Basin and NSW North Coast Bioregions as an Endangered Ecological Community in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the TSC Act in April 2016.
2. Since the Preliminary Determination was placed on public exhibition, new data have become available relevant to assessing the composition of the community, its distribution and conservation status.
3. On the basis of these data and of submissions received, the Committee has determined that the Preliminary Determination was not an accurate representation of the distribution of the Community and its associated assemblage of species.
4. The Committee intends to prepare a revised Preliminary Determination.

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NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee