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Notice of and reasons for Final Determination

The NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee, established under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (the Act), has made a Final Determination to REJECT a proposal to list the Tablelands Snow Gum, Candlebark and Kangaroo Grass Grassy Woodland in the NSW South Western Slopes, South East Corner, South Eastern Highlands and Sydney Basin Bioregions as a Critically Endangered Ecological Community. Rejection of nominations is provided for by Part 4 of the Act.

The NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee has found that:

1. The Scientific Committee made a Preliminary Determination to support a proposal to list Tablelands Snow Gum, Candlebark and Kangaroo Grass Grassy Woodland in the NSW South Western Slopes, South East Corner, South Eastern Highlands and Sydney Basin Bioregions as a Critically Endangered Ecological Community in May 2014.
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 submissions received as a result of the public exhibition process, 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 Preliminary Determination relating to the Werriwa Tablelands Cool Temperate Grassy Woodland in the South Eastern Highlands and South East Corner Bioregions and the Monaro Tableland Cool Temperate Grassy Woodland in the South Eastern Highlands Bioregion.

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