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Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 No 101

Notice of Final Determination and Amendment of Schedule 1 to Act

The Scientific Committee established under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* has, in pursuance of Division 3 of Part 2 of that Act, made a final determination as follows:

(a) to insert the following species of marine mammal in Part 1 of Schedule 1 to that Act (Endangered species):

Animals Vertebrates Marine mammals Balaenopteridae *Balaenoptera musculus (Linnaeus, 1758)

(b) as a consequence, to omit from Part 1 of Schedule 1 reference to the following species of marine mammal:

Blue Whale

*Balaenoptera musculus musculus (Linnaeus, 1758) Blue Whale

and, accordingly, that Schedule is amended as set out in Annexure "A" to this Notice.

The final determination to insert this species in Part 1 of Schedule 1 has been made because the Scientific Committee is of the opinion that the species is likely to become extinct in nature in New South Wales unless the circumstances and factors threatening its survival or evolutionary development cease to operate.

Copies of the final determination may be inspected during business hours at:

The National Parks Centre 102 George St The Rocks Sydney

and at Area Offices or Visitor Centres of the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

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Signed at Sydney, this 4th day of May 2002.

Dr Chris Dickman

Chairperson Scientific Committee

Annexure "A"

Schedule 1 to the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* is amended:

(a) by inserting in Part 1 in alphabetical order under the heading "Animals" and the sub-headings "Vertebrates", "Marine mammals" and "Balaenopteridae" the matter:

*Balaenoptera musculus (Linnaeus, 1758) Blue Whale

(b) by omitting the following matter in Part 1 under the heading "Animals" and the sub-headings "Vertebrates", "Marine mammals" and "Balaenopteridae":

*Balaenoptera musculus musculus (Linnaeus, 1758) Blue Whale

BY AUTHORITY