

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Approved Wildlife Trade Operation (Queen Ant Harvesting) Declaration 2020

I, Louise Vickery, Assistant Secretary, Environment Approvals and Wildlife Trade Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, am satisfied that the Queen Ant Harvesting Wildlife Trade Operation is a small-scale operation as defined by Regulation 9A.20 under subsection 303FN (10). I declare under subsection 303FN (2) that the Queen Ant Harvesting Wildlife Trade Operation, is an approved Wildlife Trade Operation.

This declaration has effect subject to the following conditions applied under S303FT:

1. The operation is undertaken in accordance with the proposal submitted on 12 December 2019.
2. Harvest is restricted to the native ant taxa specified in the schedule supplied by the Queen Ant Harvesting Wildlife Trade Operation as part of the proposal. Additional taxa can be exported only after approval from the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.
3. This declaration is valid for three years from the date of registration on the Federal Register of Legislation.
4. Accurate up-to-date records must be maintained and include all information necessary for the reporting outlined in Condition 5. If requested, records will be made available to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.
5. An annual report that includes harvest details for each taxon must be provided to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, as per section 8 of the proposal by 30 June each year.

Dated this6.... day ofMarch.....2020

[Signed]

.....Louise Vickery.....

Delegate of the Minister for the Environment

A person whose interests are affected by this declaration may, within 28 days, make an application in writing to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment for the reasons for the decision. An application for independent review of the decision (under section 303GJ(1) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*) may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT), on payment of the relevant fee (currently \$884 or reduced fee where applicable due to financial hardship) by the applicant, either within 28 days of receipt of the reasons for the decision, or within 28 days of this declaration if reasons for the decision are not sought. Applications should be made to the Deputy Registrar, AAT in your Capital City. Please visit the AAT's website at <http://www.aat.gov.au/> for further information. You may make an application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) to access documents relevant to this decision. For further information, please visit <http://www.environment.gov.au/foi/index.html>. Further enquiries should be directed to the Director, Wildlife Trade Assessments Section, Department of the Agriculture, Water and the Environment, Email: wta@awe.gov.au, Telephone: (02) 6274 1900 (option 2).

Note: The name of this instrument was amended on registration as the instrument as lodged did not have a unique name (see subsection 10(2), *Legislation Rule 2016*).