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Environmental Protection Act 1986

Environmental Protection (Western Swamp Tortoise Habitat) Policy Approval Order 2011

Made by the Minister under sections 31(d) and 33 of the Act.

Background to the approval of the *Environmental Protection (Western Swamp Tortoise Habitat) Policy 2011*

The Government of Western Australia —

- (a) *is conscious of the intrinsic value of biological diversity and of the ecological, genetic, social, economic, scientific, educational, cultural, recreational, aesthetic and natural values of biological diversity and its components; and*
- (b) *recognises its obligations under the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Environment made between the Commonwealth, the States and Territories, and the Australian Local Government Association on 1 May 1992 to establish “ground rules” under which these parties will interact on the environment, especially in relation to land-use decisions, biological diversity and nature conservation; and*
- (c) *is cognisant of Australia’s assent to the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) International Convention on Biological Diversity, 5 June 1992, namely to conserve biological diversity in situ, use its*