

Ecological community nominations for public consultation

Comment period open until 16 January 2025

The *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act) allows for ecological communities at risk of collapse to be listed as threatened ecological communities under the categories critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable. The BC Act also allows for the listing of ecological communities as collapsed if there is no reasonable doubt that the last occurrence of the ecological community has collapsed, or if the ecological community has been so extensively modified throughout its range that no occurrence of it is likely to recover its species composition and/or structure.

A public consultation period is now open for nominations of one critically endangered and three collapsed ecological communities listed in the table below. Members of the community are invited to submit scientific information concerning the nominated ecological communities that might assist in the assessment of their conservation status or management. For example, this could include information about potentially undocumented areas of the ecological community.

Please email your submissions to tecsc@dbca.wa.gov.au or by post to:

Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Species and Communities Program
Attn: Conservation Ecologist
Locked Bag 104
Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983

Copies of nominations can be requested by emailing tecsc@dbca.wa.gov.au.

Information on the nomination and listing process can be found on the website at:
dbca.wa.gov.au/management/threatened-species-and-communities/nominations-listing.

Community name	Current threat category as environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs, declared under the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i>)	Proposed threat category under Ministerial Guideline Number 4 (threatened) or section 32 of the BC Act (collapsed)
<i>Reedia spathacea</i> - <i>Empodisma gracillimum</i> – <i>Sporadanthus rivularis</i> dominated floodplains and paluslopes of the Blackwood River catchment	Not listed as an ESA but listed as Priority 1 on the DBCA Priority Ecological Communities List	Critically endangered CR B1a(ii),b, B2a(ii),b
<i>Acacia rostelifera</i> low forest with scattered <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (river gum) on Greenough Alluvial Flats	Presumed totally destroyed	Collapsed

Clay flats assemblages of the Irwin River as originally described in Beard (1976)	Presumed totally destroyed	Collapsed
Perched freshwater wetlands of the northern Wheatbelt dominated by extensive stands of living <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (river gum) across the lake floor	Presumed totally destroyed	Collapsed