

Appendix four – Comparison of statutory provisions for the conservation of threatened species

Legislative provisions	Biodiversity Conservation Program (Saving our Species)	Areas of Outstanding Biodiversity Value	Assets of Intergenerational Significance
Objective	<p>The program's objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to maximise the long-term security of threatened species and threatened ecological communities in nature to minimise the impacts of key threatening processes on biodiversity and ecological integrity. 	<p>An area may be declared if the Minister is of the opinion that the area is important at a state, national or global scale and makes a significant contribution to multiple species or at least one threatened species or ecological community, irreplaceable biological distinctiveness, ecological processes or ecological integrity, outstanding ecological value for education or scientific research.</p>	<p>The Minister may declare land that is reserved as an environmental or cultural asset of intergenerational significance.</p>
Conservation requirements	<p>The program is to consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> strategies to achieve the objectives of the program in relation to each threatened species and threatened ecological community a process for monitoring and reporting on overall outcomes and effectiveness of the program strategies to minimise the impacts of key threatening processes may be included but are not required. 	<p>The Minister to take reasonable steps to enter into a private land conservation agreement.</p>	<p>The Secretary must prepare a conservation action plan for declared land, which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the values of the land and the key risks to the environmental and cultural values conservation actions required to control, abate or mitigate the key risks and maintain, remediate or restore the values of the land the requirements for measuring and reporting on the health and condition of the values of the land.

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Enforcement	None specified.	Fines apply for prohibited activities.	<p>A person must not interfere with, harm or disturb an environmental or cultural value of land that is declared land.</p> <p>The Secretary must ensure the conservation activities for declared land are carried out in accordance with the conservation action plan.</p>

Source: Audit Office of New South Wales analysis of *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.