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To Biodiversity Act drafting team

It is really important that you actually get the scientific terminology right when drafting any Act, but this is particularly important when it relates to DEW who should know better.

I draw your attention to the section of the draft Biodiversity Act relating to the Kangaroo Management Program.

Part 5 protected animals

Section 66 part 30

This includes the common and scientific names of all species covered by the kangaroo management plan for the State.

Please ensure that all generic names are capitalised as is the standard scientific convention. ie: *macropus rufus* should be *Macropus rufus*

I am not sure whether you shouldn't also, at this stage in the process, update these names to reflect the currently accepted taxonomic nomenclature for these species. This would mean:

- (a) red kangaroo—*macropus rufus*; [Should be *Osphranter rufus*]
- (b) western grey kangaroo—*macropus fuliginosus melanops*; [OK]
- (c) euro (wallaroo) (hill kangaroo)—*macropus robustus*; [Should be *Osphranter robustus robustus*]
- (d) eastern grey kangaroo—*macropus giganteus*; [OK]
- (e) tammar wallaby—*macropus eugenii*; [Should be *Notamacropus eugenii eugenii*]
- (f) western grey kangaroo—*macropus fuliginosus*; [OK]

These updated scientific names come from

https://australianmammals.org.au/files/1564_amtc_australian_mammal_species_list_version_42.pdf

I trust this is of some use to you.

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