

House of Representatives  
Supplementary Order Paper

Thursday, 16 August 2012

Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf  
(Environmental Effects) Bill

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*Proposed amendments*

Eugenie Sage, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

*Clause 4:*

In *clause 4(1)* replace the definition of **threatened species** (lines 16 to 21 on page 16) with:

**threatened species** includes any species that falls within the definition of threatened species in any 1 or more of—

- (a) section 2(1) of the Biosecurity Act 1993; or
- (b) the New Zealand Threat Classification System lists; or
- (c) the Red List of Threatened Species of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

In *clause 4(1)* insert the following definition in the appropriate alphabetical order:

**New Zealand Threat Classification System** means the system maintained by the Department of Conservation for assessing the risk of extinction of New Zealand species and classifying the species according to that risk

*Clause 26A:*

Delete *clause 26A* (line 6 to line 18 on page 29).

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### **Explanatory note**

This Supplementary Order Paper clarifies the definition of threatened species by specifically naming the scientifically recognised New Zealand and international lists of threatened species. It makes it clear that a determination of whether or not a species is threatened is a scientific one based on independent, credible scientific evidence rather than a political one. Accordingly the requirement for the Minister of Conservation to have to declared a species to be threatened for it to have this status is deleted.

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