

# Section 91 Licence

Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995



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## Licence to undertake actions that are likely to harm threatened species, populations or ecological community or damage habitat

**Licence No.:** C0002763  
**Date Issued:** 22 August 2017  
**Date of Expiry:** 21 August 2020

### Issued To:

Andrew Walsh  
Lord Howe Island Board  
PO Box 5  
LORD HOWE ISLAND, NSW 2898  
Australia

I authorise the actions set out in the Species Impact Statement, the associated Masked Owl Eradication Plan, and the Captive Management Strategy (as referenced below) that are likely to harm threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or damage their habitats, including:

- a. Lord Howe Woodhen (*Hypotaenidia sylvestris*) listed as Endangered under the TSC Act;
- b. Pied Currawong (Lord Howe Island Subspecies) (*Strepera graculina crissalis*) listed as Vulnerable under the TSC Act; and
- c. Masked Owl (*Tyto novaehollandiae*) listed as Vulnerable under the TSC Act.

This licence also authorises the Lord Howe Island Board (LHIB), and any employees of the board, or contractors engaged by the board, to carry out the actions authorised by this licence.

### This licence is subject to the following conditions:

1. All actions which may harm threatened species, populations or ecological communities or damage their habitats must be undertaken as specified in the following documents
  - a. Lord Howe Island Board, (2017). Lord Howe Island Rodent Eradication Project – NSW Species Impact Statement, Lord Howe Island Board, Lord Howe Island.
  - b. Taronga, (2017). Lord Howe Island Rodent Eradication Project Captive Management Strategy Final dated 27/07/2017, Taronga Conservation Society.

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2. Any changes to the activities set out in the Species Impact Statement or the Captive Management Strategy which have the potential to harm threatened species, populations or ecological communities or damage their habitats must be authorised by the OEH prior to occurring.
3. LHIB must notify OEH at least seven days prior to the commencement of the Rodent Eradication Project and the associated Masked Owl Eradication Plan.
4. LHIB must notify OEH within 48 hours of any deaths to the Lord Howe Woodhen, the Pied Currawong (Lord Howe Island Subspecies) or any other threatened species listed under the NSW *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* arising from the Rodent Eradication Project, except for the Masked Owl.
5. LHIB must prepare or cause to be prepared, a report documenting the impacts of the Rodent Eradication Project on the Lord Howe Woodhen and the Pied Currawong (Lord Howe Island Subspecies) and the impacts of the associated Masked Owl Eradication Plan on the Masked Owl. The report must detail the effectiveness of the Rodent Eradication Project and the associated Masked Owl Eradication Plan against the anticipated outcomes specified in the documents identified in condition 1 above. The report must also detail any ongoing actions to ensure the long-term survival of the Lord Howe Woodhen and the Pied Currawong (Lord Howe Island Subspecies) and the eradication of the Masked Owl on the Lord Howe Island Group. The report must be submitted to the OEH Senior Team Leader Planning, North East Branch, Locked Bag 914 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450, within three months of the completion of the Rodent Eradication Project and Masked Owl Eradication Plan, or as otherwise agreed to by the OEH.

This licence is a defence against prosecution under sections 118A-D of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* provided the actions resulting in harm are carried out in accordance with your licence application and the conditions above.

It is an offence under section 133(4) of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* to contravene or fail to comply with any condition or restriction attached to this licence.

**DIMITRI YOUNG**

**Senior Team Leader Planning, North East Branch**

**Regional Operations Division**

(by Delegation)

22 August 2017