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Dear Ms Petrusma

Thank you for raising a question on behalf of your constituents in Parliament on 17 September 2024. I appreciate their interest in Forty-spotted pardalotes which as you have indicated are a highly specialised and endemic species to Tasmania, found only in forests where white gums are present.

As you may be aware, historically, the species was widely distributed across the eastern half of Tasmania and also on King Island however, it is now largely confined to a few islands off the coast of Tasmania, and headlands and peninsulas in south and south-eastern Tasmania. Its population decline has meant the species is listed as endangered both under Tasmania's Threatened Species Protection Act and the Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

As a result, the Tasmanian Government has jointly made the national Recovery Plan for the Forty-spotted Pardalote with the Commonwealth Government under section 269A(3) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. A copy can be found here [National Recovery Plan for the Forty-Spotted Pardalote \(Pardalotus quadragintus\) - DCCEEW](#)

Under the plan it is our goal to demonstrably reduce the severity of identified threats across the species' range within ten years and to increase the number of viable subpopulations of the forty-spotted pardalote across its current and historical range. Furthermore, the plan looks to maintain and improve the extent, condition and connectivity of habitat of the forty-spotted pardalote. A range of strategies will be implemented to achieve these goals including reducing threats to the species and its habitat, increasing subpopulations through translocation, improving knowledge around the species and increasing stakeholder participation in forty-spotted pardalote conservation and management.

The Tasmanian Government remains committed to the protection of the forty-spotted pardalote. The recovery Plan is an important part of our collaborative approach to protect and support the long-term recovery of this endemic species.

Once again thank you for your interest in the vital work being done for our threatened species in Tasmania.

Yours sincerely



Hon Nick Duigan MLC
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