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Dear Dr Woodruff,

Thank you for your constituency question about the conservation of the Tasmanian Azure Kingfisher.

The Tasmanian Azure Kingfisher is listed as endangered under both the *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995* (TSP Act) and the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). While there is no formal Recovery Plan in place, the Australian Government has determined that a Recovery Plan is not required at this time, as Conservation Advice under the EPBC Act is already available and provides sufficient guidance on priority actions for the species.

In Tasmania, the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) has published a Listing Statement under the TSP Act, which outlines the species' ecology, threats, and management needs. The primary management objective is to maintain the quality of potential habitat and protect known breeding sites.

To support this, specific management prescriptions are in place under the Tasmanian Forest Practices System to safeguard habitat and breeding areas.

The *Action Plan for Australian Birds 2020*, published by CSIRO, noted a potential improvement in the species' conservation status, suggesting it may be downlisted from 'endangered' to 'vulnerable'. Furthermore, a new research initiative is underway using passive acoustic monitoring to improve population estimates and understand the species' distribution more accurately.

While I acknowledge the concerns raised by conservationists and your constituent, the Tasmanian Government continues to implement and support targeted conservation actions.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Madeleine Ogilvie MP
Minister for Environment