

Tasmanian Azure Kingfisher – Conservation

Dr WOODRUFF question to MINISTER for ENVIRONMENT

This question is from my constituent Fiona in Crabtree. The Tasmanian azure kingfisher is one of 14 endangered birds without a state or federal threatened species recovery plan. With less than 400 of these incredibly beautiful birds left in the wild, the government is not doing everything it can to halt the decline of this iconic species, or of the more than 680 species on Tasmania's threatened species list. Despite calls from conservationists and tourism operators and recommendations from your own department's threatened species section, there has been no progress for more than a decade. The azure kingfisher continues to decline in numbers. Will you commit to developing a recovery plan for the azure kingfisher before it is too late?