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**EV402****ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986****REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (WESTERN SWAMP TORTOISE HABITAT)  
POLICY 2011**

In accordance with section 36(1)(b) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, the Minister for Environment directs the Environmental Protection Authority to defer the completion of the review of the *Environmental Protection (Western Swamp Tortoise Habitat) Policy 2011* until 30 June 2026. This is due to delays in drafting of the new draft *Environmental Protection (Western Swamp Tortoise Habitat) Policy* under Part III of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, to allow sufficient time for consultation on the draft, and to allow alignment with the review of the Western Swamp Tortoise (*Pseudemydura umbrina*) Recovery Plan.

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Dated 17 June 2025.

Hon. MATTHEW SWINBOURN BA LLB MLC,  
Minister for the Environment; Community Services; Homelessness.