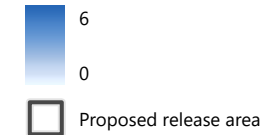


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Likely occurrence of EPBC Act listed species in the HRE Whyalla West proposed release area (heatmap)

Number of listed species likely to occur



Notes and limitations:

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This map shows the likely occurrence of *Environment Protection and Biodiversity (EPBC) Act 1999* listed species in the release area proposed by DEM for the HRE Act.

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The number of listed species should not be interpreted as an indicator of biodiversity value or risk. An area with fewer listed species can be as critical as an area with multiple listed species and have the same level of legal protection.

The number of listed species likely to occur was calculated from spatial distribution models, or habitat association models (where there was insufficient data for a distribution model), generated for each species.

For more details on DEW's modelled outputs, refer to 'Mapping of legislated biodiversity values to inform DEM HRE Whyalla West proposed release area' in DEM's consultation materials, or contact DEW at DEW.Science@sa.gov.au.

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