

Attention: Ms Allison Treweek

Senior Team leader, Planning  
Regional operations Group  
Office of Environment and Heritage

**RE: Taronga Conservation Society Australia (TCSA) – Development Application for an  
“Australian Habitat and Taronga Wildlife Retreat” (AHTWR)**

Dear Ms Treweek,

I write to you regarding my concerns for the endangered Red-crowned Toadlet, specifically the Taronga Conservation Society Australia’s (TCSA) plan to build an Australian Habitat and Taronga Retreat (AHTWR) in an area I believe contains a population of this endangered frog. The TCSA’s proposal is currently on Public Exhibition at NSW Planning and Environment, and I encourage your Department to lodge its requirements in relation to the protection of the Red-crowned Toadlet, before submissions close on the 23 May 2016.

A population of Red-crowned Toadlets has been recorded in Sydney Harbour National Park and immediately adjacent to the Taronga Centre and Eastern most part of the Zoo wall along Bradley’s Head Road. Overland stormwater passes through the Taronga Centre Gate and stormwater pipes which has resulted in Red-crowned Toadlets within the Zoo’s property. A number of Zoo keepers have identified the mating calls of the endangered frog adjacent and within the Australian Blue Mountains Bushwalk Exhibit which provides an idyllic environment for the Toadlet. Prior to development in this area the TCSA must determine the number and extent of Red-crowned Toadlets within the zoo grounds and provide a strategy to protect them.

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedSpeciesApp/profile.aspx?id=10692>

Responses by your Department can be made at the following Department of Planning & Environment Web Page. The State Significant Development Application number is SSD15\_7419. The planning officer in charge of the assessment is Mr Alexander Scott who can be contacted on Ph. 02 9228 2096 and Email [alexander.scott@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:alexander.scott@planning.nsw.gov.au)  
[http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view\\_job&job\\_id=7419](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=7419)

Yours Sincerely

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