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The Director, Migratory Species Section
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Dear Director,

SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED EPBC LISTING OF CURLEW SANDPIPER
(*Calidris ferruginea*)

The UNSW Centre for Ecosystem Science (CES) strongly supports efforts to assess Australia's migratory shorebirds for listing under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999)*. We agree that the Curlew Sandpiper is eligible for listing as *Critically Endangered*. Severe declines of populations that have been detected from count data and ongoing loss and degradation of habitats throughout the East Asian-Australasian Flyway warrant this listing.

We have made a detailed point-by-point response to the questions to stakeholders in our submission on the proposed listing of Eastern Curlew (*Numenius madagascariensis*). To avoid unnecessary repetition, please refer to our Eastern Curlew submission for comprehensive discussion of key issues related to the status of shorebirds in Australia.

Please do not hesitate to contact either Dr Murray or Professor Kingsford via telephone or email for further information on these submissions.

Yours faithfully,

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