

# Press Release April 2046:

## New Centre for De-extinction opens in Australia's Northern Flinders Ranges



*Illustration by Tim Schwager*

The Commonwealth E3 Department for *Environment, Ecology and Energy* has announced the newly completed **Pask Centre for De-Extinction Research** will be officially opened by the Governor General, on site, in the Northern Flinders Region of South Australia in late December.

In her recent statement to the press following the announcement of successful de-extinction of Australia's thylacine in Tasmania, Her Excellency, the Honourable Christine Smith said, 'This new centre will continue the work of stopping the extinctions of Australian fauna, following landmark research by Australia's leading scientists, in this field.'

She added: 'Australia has one of the world's worst records in the extinction of native fauna. The site for the new centre was chosen to reflect the loss of several indigenous species from inland Australia. Similarly the centre has been sited with minimal visual impact on its surroundings, the majority of the construction below ground level including parking and public areas.'

'Not everyone agrees de-extinction is the way to go, some prefer to focus on conserving our native species based on the rationale that it is less expensive to apply conservation protection policies for species on the verge of extinction.'

One journalist in the press corps interrupted, saying that an Australian author, Rodney Jensen, had referenced such issues in his 2024 novel **Thylacine**<sup>1</sup>, suggesting that the situation had worsened since that book was published, with several other species now become extinct.

Her Honour responded, 'It's not my role to venture into works of speculative fiction, or for that matter, our state politics. I prefer to stick to proven science, and I'm confident this new centre will inspire others to follow the exemplary work that our genetic research scientists have accomplished.'

[1. THYLACINE by Rodney Jensen 2024](#)



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