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The purpose of this brief communication is to explain why the surveys for *Thersites mitchellae* (Mitchells Rainforest Snail) have been delayed.

The extended dry period that New South Wales and Queensland have been experiencing this year, has resulted in below average rainfall falling over large portions of both states. Given that the purpose of conducting targeted surveys under optimal conditions is to maximise the chances of finding the snail it stands to reason that if the conditions are less than optimal, then it would be better to wait until conditions are much more conducive to finding the snail.

Therefore, it is considered better to wait until the area has received decent rainfall, which hopefully will happen in the next couple of months.

Yours Sincerely

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