



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

Do you consider the main biodiversity threats identified in the Consultation Draft (see below) to be the most important in reversing the decline in Australia's biodiversity?

- climate change
strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure
- invasive species
strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure
- loss and fragmentation of habitats
strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure
- degradation of habitats
strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure
- unsustainable use of natural resources
strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure
- changes to the aquatic environment and water flows
strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure
- inappropriate fire regimes
strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure

Are there any other threats you think should be addressed?

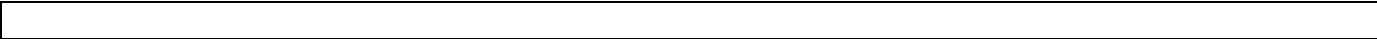
Maximum 90 words

We believe that human population pressure is another major threat to Australia's biodiversity that should be addressed. We are aware however that this could be linked to several, if not all, of the above mentioned threats. It is however a significant threat to our biodiversity and should be mentioned and addressed in it's own right.



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts





Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

2. Do you think that the proposed 'priorities for change' (outlined in the 'Making Enduring Changes' section) will be effective at delivering the Strategy's vision to ensure Australia's biodiversity 'is healthy, resilient to climate change and valued for its essential contribution to our existence'?

Maximum 90 words

We believe that these priorities for change will be a vital component of ensuring that we minimise biodiversity loss

Do you think the six 'priorities for change' identified are the most important ones? If not what others would you suggest?

Maximum 90 words

Yes we are happy with the proposed priorities for change. However we would have liked to see that one of the priority short-term actions would have been identifying how further increases in human population can be accomplished without compromising biodiversity conservation and if this can't be achieved, to develop a set of guidelines/rules to prevent further deterioration of our ecosystems

Do you have any comments on the vision?

Maximum 90 words

Australia's biodiversity is healthy, resilient to human and naturally induced pressures and incorporated in our social and economic actions as an essential contribution to our existence. Biodiversity should not just be resilient to climate change but also to our actions, where not totally destructive. Nor should it be only valued but rather incorporated in our day to day thinking and actions



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts





Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

3. Do you consider that the Consultation Draft:

- promotes a good balance between conservation on private and public lands?
strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure
- will facilitate a good mix of regulation and incentives?
strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure
- provides a good balance between marine and terrestrial issues?
strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure
- provides the necessary national framework to produce innovative conservation action?
strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure
- has a sufficient focus on institutional arrangements and change?
strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure
- provides sufficient emphasis on improving community awareness of biodiversity?
strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure
- addresses the need to implement conservation action at the appropriate scale(s)?
strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure
- is applicable to urban and rural environments
strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure
- provides a clear framework for balancing conservation, social and economic issues?
strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure
- adequately deals with the issue of climate change?
strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

Do you have any other comments on these issues?

Maximum 180 words

No



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

4. Do you think the Consultation Draft adequately covers the roles of Indigenous peoples in biodiversity management?

Maximum 270 words

Yes we are very pleased to see this finally adressed



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

5. Do you consider that the proposed arrangements for reporting on implementation will be effective in the monitoring and evaluation of the expected outcomes (results) of the Consultation Draft?

strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure

Do you have any suggestions for alternative reporting arrangements?

Maximum 270 words



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

6. To what extent is the Consultation Draft an appropriate national framework to achieve biodiversity conservation benefits, considering the different responsibilities, legislation and funding arrangements between governments.

Maximum 270 words

We believe that this is of sufficient broad scale to aid implementation by all governments



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

7. Is the Consultation Draft likely to encourage a good mix of public and private investment in biodiversity conservation?

strongly agree somewhat agree somewhat disagree strongly disagree not sure

If not how can the Consultation Draft improve in this area?

Maximum 270 words



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

8. Is the Consultation Draft sufficiently clear about its role and how it will be implemented?

Maximum 270 words

It is always doubtful that strategies will be fully implemented as intended. However, we certainly encourage this proposed strategy as it is clear to our organisation that strong action is required to maintain and improve our biodiversity estate.



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

9. Does the Consultation Draft reflect the best practice on biodiversity conservation?

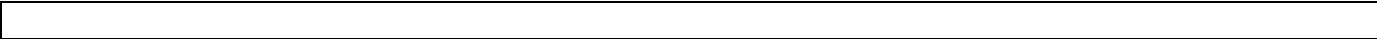
Maximum 270 words

We are a volunteer organisation and have many views on what is "Best Practice". The proposed strategy is considered sufficiently working towards best practice as known at this time and is flexible enough to allow for a change in thinking about "best practice" with increased knowledge about how our ecosystem functions and what is required to keep it functioning at a sustainable level.



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts





Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

10. Will the Consultation Draft effectively engage private sector interests in long-term biodiversity conservation?

Maximum 270 words

We are not sure if this is the case. Many individuals in the private sector have the best interests in mind for our environment but the economy is still the main driving factor in decision making.



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

Do you have any other comments you wish to make on the Consultation Draft?

Maximum 360 words

No.