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To: Whom it May Concern

Re: Comments on Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy

As a leading Natural Resource Manager in the State of South Australia, ForestrySA appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on the consultation draft of *Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2010-2020*.

ForestrySA has been highly successful in recent years in attracting a number of national and state funding grants to supplement its existing biodiversity programs, resulting in the on-going establishment of an extensive network of biodiversity corridors and habitat restoration projects throughout our plantation lands.

The provision of financial resources through the Commonwealth Government greatly facilitates our biodiversity programs.

ForestrySA considers that leveraging Commonwealth funds through state agencies is an effective efficient method to deliver conservation programs.

ForestrySA is currently addressing a number of the priorities for change by:-

- **Building ecosystem resilience** – actively managing threats to biodiversity across the forest reserve estate through the implementation of our weed strategy and biodiversity corridor program.
- **Mainstreaming biodiversity** – engaging students, volunteers and local communities in on ground conservation works through our Community Programs, to assist in the understanding of biodiversity values
- **Getting results** – integrating our biodiversity conservation work with national and regional priorities, through participation in State and regional NRM initiatives.
- **Measuring success** –implementing a GIS based monitoring system for on-ground works including weed occurrences and densities and control efforts to guide decision making and monitor change, and enhance strategic weed control works.

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ForestrySA is committed to demonstrating best practice environmental stewardship through commitment to the highest standards of natural resources management across its entire estate and welcomes continued involvement in this process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Farmer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian Farmer
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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