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- 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'?

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Table 3.2 Action 2.1.1 "Teaching all primary school level children" should be extended to all levels of education.

Action 3.1.2 "Implement an ongoing national campaign that demonstrates the importance of biodiversity to the sustainability of the communities and the quality of our lives"

A very important action, this should be emphasised with the fishing community. I recently watched "Fishing in the Top End" where the presenter encountered a ghost net. He spent some time explaining to the listeners how these are a great resource in the ocean for they attract fish, ensuring some fish to catch. This could be turned around to educate the listeners how destructive ghost nets are.

Table 3.3 Action 3.2.2 "Improving communications between scientists, policy makers, resource users, land holders and managers"

There needs to be a greater emphasis on this, it has been occurring but unfortunately some levels are not taking heed of the warnings. I can only reinforce this by looking at what has happened recently in the Victorian bush fires where council ignored the warnings by fire ecologists in the dangers of allowing a build up of fuel within the forest.

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

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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?

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