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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Re: Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2010-2020 Consultation Draft**

KBCS is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on this very important document. We support a National Biodiversity Strategy with a long-term approach to biodiversity conservation. However, we have several concerns with the current draft of this document.

We see no clear link between the main threats identified and the "priorities for change". We would like to see the reasoning and logic that identified the proposed priority actions and an explicit description of how these actions address the main threats. We also believe the actions should be more detailed and prescriptive. For example, invasive species need comprehensive and determined action such as stopping their introduction using strong legislation with expensive penalties for those who ignore the rules; effective funding for eradication area by area; obligation backed up by fines, on every landowner, urban or rural, to deal with weeds and feral animals every year.

Indicators of success need to be identified so as to enable monitoring of the implementation of the strategy. Finally, strong leadership is needed, but the document fails to identify the groups, departments or organizations that will lead each action.

We are disappointed with the current draft document considering the efforts the community is putting in through Landcare, Bushcare, Parkcare, Streetcare, Dunecare etc. and hope that subsequent versions incorporate the extent of detail necessary to enable the implementation of the strategy in order to achieve the stated vision – "Australia's biodiversity is healthy, resilient to climate change and valued for its essential contribution to our existence".

Yours faithfully

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Honorary Secretary