

Assessing Commonwealth Work Plan Actions against NVF Desired Outcomes

Commonwealth Jurisdiction

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	4.2 Planning and Assessment	4.3 Reserves	4.4 Communication and Capacity Building	4.5 Incentives	4.6 Regulatory	4.7 M&E
Biodiversity	<p>High impact through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing information for decision makers; • High level of Program financing; • CAR framework; • Improving Regional planning through Action Plans 	<p>High impact through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonwealth funding through the States 	<p>High impact through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant funding through NHT programs; • Providing information for decision makers; • Significant urban projects and urban extension networks through NHT • Skilled staff available at Regional levels 	<p>Low to Moderate impact through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant funding to providing incentives for Best Management Practice; • Limited change on NHT indicators; • Market based measures in initial stages; 	<p>Moderate to High impact through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Act has a strong influence on threatened species through recovery plans and assessment of proposals, though setting key thresholds is proving difficult; 	<p>Moderate impact through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonwealth has had a key influence in the development of key reports and invested significant funding; • NVIS has a significant positive impact; • Reduction in pests will have a positive impact

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Natural & cultural heritage		Moderate influence through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • high impact on natural heritage • limited impact on cultural heritage 	Moderate influence through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • significant funding in media and in education for facilitators (e.g. web site hits raising awareness about vegetation); • limited R&D funding but does lead to a better understanding 	Moderate to High influence through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • significant funding in trust for nature, Land for Wildlife and other conservation funding; • only early development of market based measures to facilitate land use change; • Firewood Code of Practice still being developed 	Moderate influence through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act prevents inappropriate development activities; • Influence limited in land clearing; • Standards in environmental management in early stages 	Moderate influence through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influence Commonwealth has on reports, decision making and funding for Heritage

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Climate change	<p>Medium influence through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information from vegetation inventory: scale is appropriate for climate change planning; CAR planning will have a lower impact due to smaller areas involved 	<p>Low influence through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relatively small part of the landscape being affected 	<p>Moderate medium term influence through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High potential to influence behaviour through improved public knowledge of greenhouse; Improved technologies will improve management of large scale vegetation programs 	<p>Moderate medium term influence through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing grant programs; Taxation measures as a relatively important influence on forest industry 	<p>Low influence through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Threatened species affecting a relatively small part of the landscape; Low influence on land clearing regulations, though trying to remedy that; <p>Moderate potential influence through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulatory mechanisms in the agricultural sector 	<p>Moderate influence through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate considered in the development of M&E systems