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Subject: native vegetation

Re: Native Vegetation Act amendments

The changes currently proposed in the draft Native Vegetation Regulation 2012 will place very large areas of native vegetation at risk from unrestrained and unsustainable clearing.

They will severely weaken the integrity of these important environmental protections and lead to ongoing destruction and fragmentation of habitat.

The Native Vegetation Act 2003 has played a critical role in stabilising the extent of native vegetation in New South Wales.

Native vegetation provides essential environmental, social and economic benefits, including protecting water quality, maintaining soil fertility and stability, controlling salinity and providing habitat for native wildlife.

Land clearing is the greatest threat to Australia's biodiversity.

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