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Good afternoon all,

I would strongly suggest that we keep the NSW Native Vegetation Laws in their current form for the following reasons of healthy ecosystems and healthy well being. Please do not revert back to the 1950s, please please.

- We need to learn from the decades of unsustainable land clearing, when millions of hectares of endangered ecological communities, threatened species habitat and wetlands were bulldozed and burned. The government should uphold strong native vegetation laws so that we don't return to the bad practices of the past.
- I am disappointed that the New South Wales Government is proposing major changes to native vegetation laws that will allow for an increase in land clearing in large parts of the state.
- Native vegetation provides essential environmental, social and economic benefits, including protecting water quality, maintaining soil health and providing wildlife habitat. Our threatened birds, mammals, reptiles and plants are dependent on the important remnant vegetation dotted across heavily cleared landscapes. We can't afford to lose more critical areas of bushland.
- The Native Vegetation Act 2003 has played a critical role in stabilising the extent of native vegetation in New South Wales. The integrity of the legislative scheme is underpinned by the application of detailed regulations and a robust methodology for the assessment of environmental outcomes.
- 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 environment protections and inevitably lead to ongoing destruction and fragmentation of habitat.
- Savings in administration costs and reductions in "green tape" should not be achieved at the expense of the essential environmental, social and economic benefits provided by native vegetation

Please consider that we have already cleared 90pc of existing vegetation communities and must keep some viable habitat for species other than humans.

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