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We are alarmed at the news that the Shooters and Fishers Party intend to introduce legislation to repeal the *Native Vegetation Act 2003*. We are disappointed that again a small group of people who do not have the interests of the environment at heart are playing politics with the precious resource which is our native vegetation.

As a body representing the people of New South Wales, you have the responsibility to protect the bio-diversity of our state and our country. Landowners must work hand-in-hand with National Parks and other bodies such as Landcare and Bushcare to protect the remnant habitat in New South Wales on farms, and private land holdings from the predatory practices that have decimated our forests and grasslands in the past. This is crucial to the survival of species as well as our human survival. With climate change, we need wildlife corridors for species adaptation as well as revegetation across degraded areas.

Our state's native vegetation provides essential environmental, social and economic benefits, including protecting water quality, maintaining soil health and providing wildlife habitat for threatened species.

We are strongly opposed to the government's proposal to allow clearing, thinning and burning of large areas of native vegetation without assessment and approval by a Catchment Management Authority. These activities will have a serious impact on the environment, and should not be classified as 'routine agricultural management activities'.


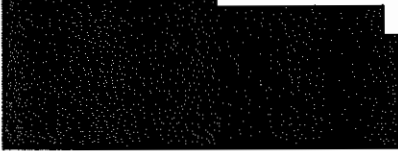
The changes proposed in the draft *Native Vegetation Regulation* will place large areas of native vegetation at risk. The proposal to allow clearing of invasive native species and thinning of native vegetation without advice and approval from a CMA has the potential to result in the loss of hundreds of thousands of hectares of native vegetation. We are also opposed to proposals to weaken offset rules and facilitate clearing of paddock trees and small patches in cultivation.

We need stronger laws to protect for our wildlife and native vegetation, not weaker ones. We urge you to maintain the environmental protections in our native vegetation regulations, and to vigorously oppose any move to repeal the *Native Vegetation Act 2003*. Too many people have

worked too hard for too long to protect our precious and unique remnant native vegetation. We do not need the weak excuse that the Shooters and Fishers are concerned about invasive species. That is a smoke screen for a different agenda and we all know it.

Yours Faithfully

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