

- Native vegetation laws have saved tens of thousands of hectares of bush and an estimated 260,000 animals. Ten years ago NSW had the unenviable reputation on land clearing. The last thing the state needs is a return to those days and the environmental damage that comes with it.

- Land clearing is the biggest threat to our native wildlife and plants, with more than over 240 species at risk of extinction because of clearing in NSW alone and is a major cause of salinity and land degradation.

- - The application of important land clearing laws should be extended so that all development (including extractive industry, forestry, urban development and agriculture) subscribes to the same policy of “improving or maintaining” environmental outcomes.

- Decisions must be based on objective science-based decision making criteria (e.g. Environment Outcomes Assessment Methodology under the NV Act), and discretionary decision making should be very limited.