

# Strategic Assessments

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# Recommendations for strategic assessments

1. Make the process truly strategic
2. Provide a stronger focus on conservation planning
3. Make the process faster

# 1. Make the process truly strategic

- They should not be scaled up versions of site by site assessment
- They should be strategic and deal with the spatial and temporal scale of the projects
- For example they should:
  - Properly consider development alternatives
  - Understand past and future environmental trends
  - Provide for flexibility in implementation

## 2. Provide a stronger focus on conservation planning

- The process should look at the hard question of what is the best conservation outcome
- The process of conservation planning should be improved and formalised
- For example conservation planning should:
  - Use the best available tools
  - Engage better with experts
  - Engage better with the community

### 3. Make the process faster

- Strategic assessments take too long
- There is too much effort on low risk issues and not enough on the issues that really matter
- The Act should provide for processes and timeframes to get them really focused and speed them up
- The capacity of regulators should be improved

# Questions

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