



NELA – 20 years of the EPBC Act

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A new Environment Act for Australia must:

1. Effectively address the major threats to biodiversity

- Land clearing
- Climate change
- Cumulative impacts

2. Require independent objective decision-making

- Independent regulator (national EPA)
- Objective decision-making criteria (less discretion)
- Independently appointed and accredited consultants

3. Enshrine accountability mechanisms

- Resource effective compliance & enforcement
- Include review rights for third parties (including merits)
- Report on and respond to trends (environmental accounts)

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