

Theresa Miller

Good morning,

I believe there are issues with the Act where it needs clarity about conservation and protection of native species and threatened ecological communities (TECs).

In particular:

- clearing cannot proceed if it is at variance with any of the stated Clearing Principles;
- clearing in TECs disallowed entirely;
- maximum protection for Priority Species;
- more funding support for taxonomists to formally evaluate and describe the thousands of unpublished taxa;
- establish a right of appeal process to EPA determinations;
- abolish the use of offsets or strongly tighten up the use so any offsets are of equivalent ecological value.

The final point regarding offsets is of prime importance as I feel it is being exploited by the government and by developers.

Our remaining ecosystems are under a range serious threats - clearing and climate change perhaps the most aggressive.

I believe The Act must be upgraded to afford maximum protection to WA's unique species, communities and ecosystems.

Yours faithfully,

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