

## RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT AND CLEARING REGULATIONS

1. In the year 2020, the state of the Environment in any part of the world, is so changed due to the lack of protection from current acts and policies, that there is little sense in further tinkering at the edges of that same Act.  
  
Surely it should be recognised in 2020, there should be NO more clearing done, so there is none to be regulated. There IS much revegetation and restoration to be done and the way in which that is done could be the subject of guidance on best practice and therefore “regulation”.
2. Rather a new Environmental RESTORATION Act should be written with regulations on how is that is coordinated across Australia and in particular across the divides of state-based capital city, regional and rural area mindsets.  
  
The regulations should outline an initial standard of recovery to a specified new datum to be achieved, and then benchmarks of sustainability for that new datum.
3. This flips the regulation from being of punitive measures which have clearly failed in the past, to being incentive-focused and changing the nature of the game for “business” and “development”.
4. The discussion paper prefaces (item 1.2) that the process of changing the Act should align with a driver of “strengthening leadership across government - applying stewardship and continuous improvement to get the best performance out of agency heads and central agencies”.  
  
Another pedagogical driver nominated is “reshaping and strengthening the public-sector workforce - embedding better workforce practices to support a more agile and innovative sector”.
5. A primary tenet of leadership is surely the identification of the appropriate goal for a safe, potentially prosperous future for the people who have entrusted Government. That goal is Environmental RESTORATION.  
  
Better workforce practices are those that are incentive-driven and transparently directed toward the recognised and shared goal, one which is good for All.  
  
Agility and innovation is required to change mindsets to be collaborative toward the shared goal which benefits the state and Australia.
6. I would be happy to contribute more if there were an opportunity.

