

ONLINE SUBMISSION DETAILS

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How do you think we should improve the FFG Act?	<p>Croydon Conservation Society (CCS) believes that the act should ensure that clear directions for the enhancement and protection of the biodiversity of our local areas are safe guarded through state planning acts and local government acts as well as the State Act. Reviews of the act should be undertaken to ensure that the act reflects the changing climate effects on the biodiversity of the states flora and fauna. The act should also cover the greater Melbourne area as well as rural areas of the state. The greatest loss in biodiversity is occurring within the greater Melbourne area through pressure of the planning acts and implementation of planning permits for greater subdivision by local government .</p> <p>The five themes set out in the draft biodiversity plan are good ideas but it is unclear in the review how the act will intergrate with the draft plan as it does not clearly set out who is responsible for implementation of the biodiversity plan. The protection and management of the biodiversity in the state must be defined to ensure that the state and local government are well aware of their obligations. This lack of defined roles concerns CCS as we see everyday the loss of Biodiversity under the guise of progress to meet the future population spread within greater Melbourne region as more and more properties are subdivided with increasing loss of canopy and understorey that support some unique biodiversty areas which are becoming small isolated pockets that will eventually become non sustainable.</p>