

**ONLINE SUBMISSION DETAILS**

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<b>Organisation</b>	Latrobe City Council
<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>How do you think we should improve the FFG Act?</b>	<p>Two areas that could benefit further are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community education and communication –To aid in the protection and enhancement of biodiversity on private land the purpose of the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act should be well communicated to the general public. The following types of questions should be answered in a straight forward, easily comprehensible manner:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>☐ Why we have the Act?</li><li>☐ What is covered by it?</li><li>☐ How do we protect and manage biodiversity?</li><li>☐ Who administers the Act?</li><li>☐ How can potential infringements be reported and to who?</li><li>☐ What penalties exist?</li><li>☐ Is there assistance available for protection and management of biodiversity and how is it accessed?</li></ul></li><li>• Incentivisation of private land owners to protect native vegetation communities/habitats.</li></ul> <p>Following on from the point above, the protection and enhancement of biodiversity would benefit from an incentive system applicable to private landholders. The incentives could be tiered according to the classification of the species/communities being protected and must help to achieve the goals of the Act. Appropriate incentives can act as levers for enhanced and cost effective biodiversity protection and management outcomes.</p>