

**ONLINE SUBMISSION DETAILS**

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<b>Organisation</b>	Individual
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<b>How do you think we should improve the FFG Act?</b>	<p>1. By ensuring the Act covers flora and fauna on both public AND private landholdings. As much as 50% of our remnant habitats occur on private land, including a large proportion of our threatened species. And at greatest risk are those habitat on private land. For the FFG Act to provide the greatest value, it should be applied across the board, irrespective of land tenure.</p> <p>2. By ensuring there is good data to support the Act - such as good mapping and good flora/fauna survey. This should include tapping into the wealth of information that currently exists in the form of consultant reports held by various agencies and authorities (eg. local and state government, VicRoads, Melbourne Water, Catchment Authorities, Parks Victoria etc) - this exiting data should be "uploaded" to improve our knowledge base, rather than gather cobwebs on the shelves of various authorities and agencies.</p> <p>3. By ensuring that there is adequate and effective monitoring, compliance and penalties should a breach of the Act occur. The agency undertaking these roles should be over-arching and effectively uniform in its function across the state. DELWP could be this agency.</p> <p>4. By providing increasingly strong penalties for lack of compliance.</p> <p>5. By ensuring that the Act is used for the purpose for which it was originally created - to protect our biodiversity from decline - and not be the toothless tiger it currently appears to be.</p> <p>3.</p>