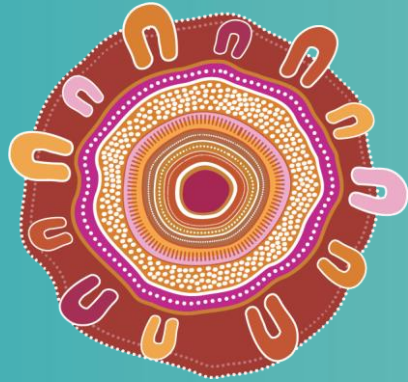




Australia's new

Nature Positive laws





Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their elders past and present.

Agenda for today's webinar

- Nature Positive Plan
- Overview of staging
- Environment Protection Australia
- Updated regulatory powers
- Environment Information Australia
- Next steps
- Live question and answer session



Nature Positive Plan



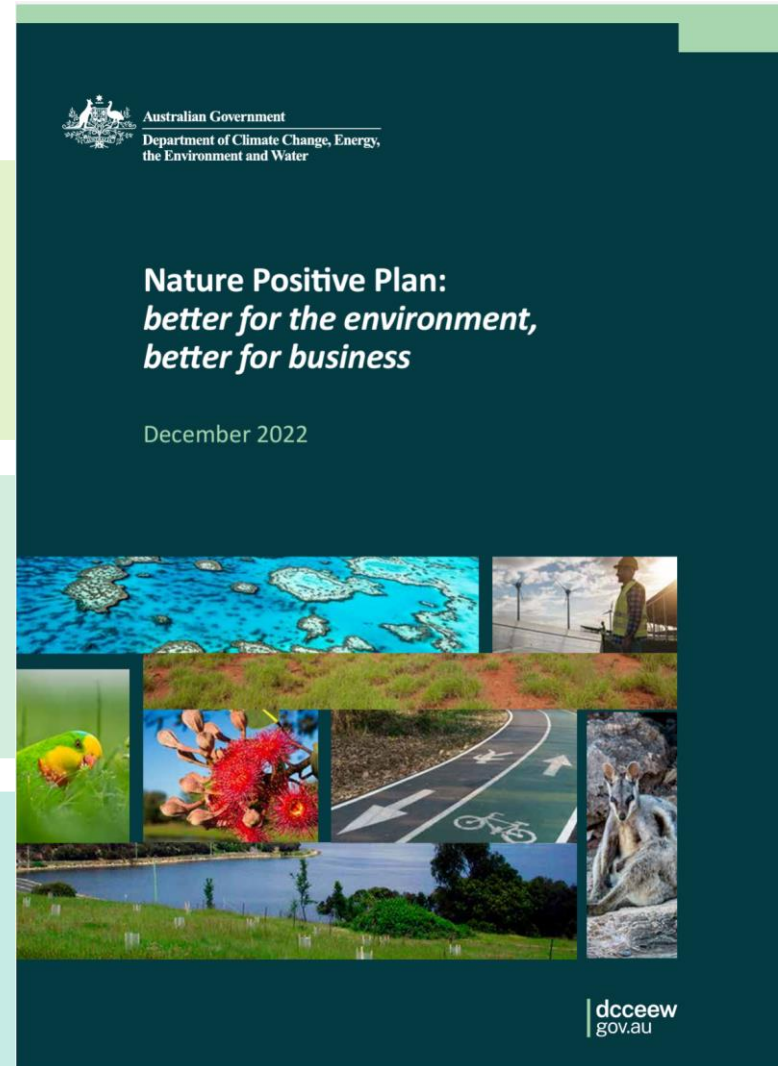
Better environmental outcomes



Faster, better decision-making and clear priorities



More accountability and trust



<https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc/publications/nature-positive-plan>

Overview of Nature Positive Reform staging

1

- Nature Repair market.
- Expanding the water trigger to include unconventional gas.

2

- Establishment of Environment Protection Australia
- Establishment of Environment Information Australia.

3

- The rest of the Nature Positive Plan, including:
 - National environmental standards
 - Environment approvals
 - Conservation planning.

New funding commitment

Speeding up Environment Approvals - NEW funding <ul style="list-style-type: none">• more staff to assess proposals• threatened species research, and• working with states and territories in seven priority regions	\$96.6 million
Setting up Environment Protection Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none">• establish an independent and transparent environmental regulator• includes \$16 million to strengthen compliance and enforcement.	\$121 million
Setting up Environment Information Australia	\$51.5 million
TOTAL	\$269.1 million

Environment Protection Australia

- New independent national agency to protect the environment.
- Enforce national environmental laws
- Transparency and accountability



Responsibilities of EPA

- Regulatory functions under 7 environmental laws, to protect nature and make faster, better decisions.
- Compliance and enforcement
- Education about national environment laws



New regulatory powers

Environment
protection
orders



Expanded
environmental
audit powers



Increased civil
penalties



Increased
criminal
pecuniary
penalties



Changes to
the 'stop the
clock'
provisions



Environment Information Australia

- Statutory Head
- Improve data and evidence base for decision making.
- Regular independent reporting:
 - State of the Environment
 - National environmental goals
 - Progress towards Nature Positive in Australia.



Next Steps

- Laws for Stage 2 introduced to Parliament
 - Establish EPA & EIA
- Continuing consultations on Stage 3 reforms
- Public release of an exposure draft of Stage 3 laws



Questions and answers



Thank you

Please visit our EPBC Reform Webpage
for more information on the reforms

<https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc/epbc-act-reform>

