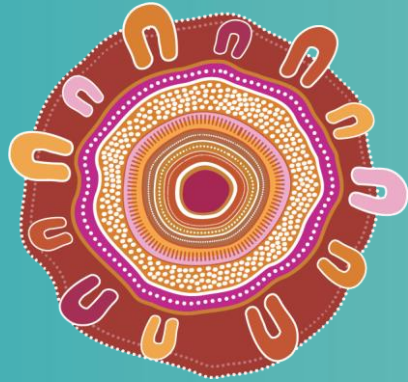




Australia's new

Nature Positive laws





Acknowledgment of Country

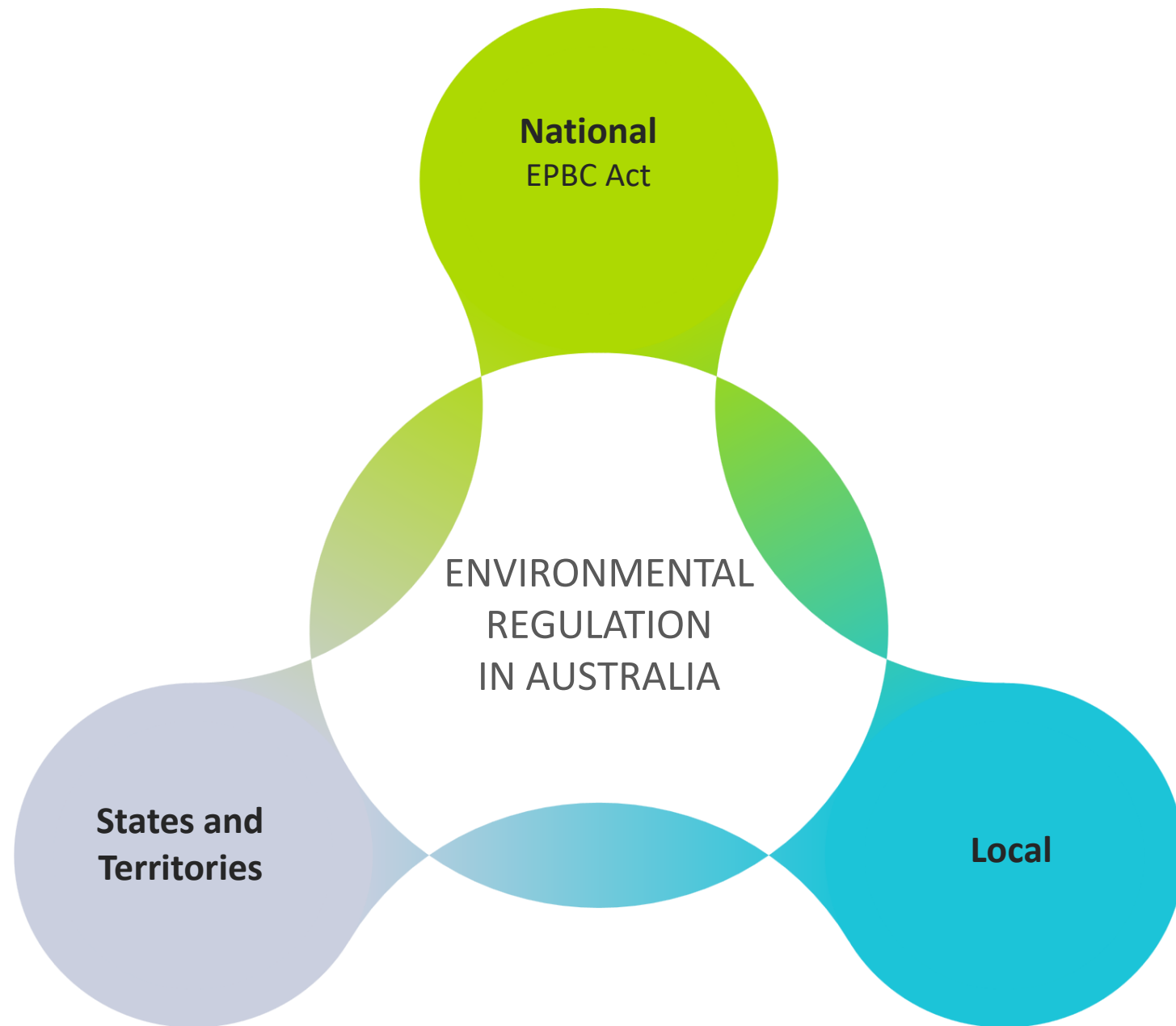
We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their elders past and present.

Agenda for today's webinar

- Nature Positive Plan
- Key elements of the reform
- Next steps
- Question and answer session



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Nature Positive Agenda



Nature Positive Plan



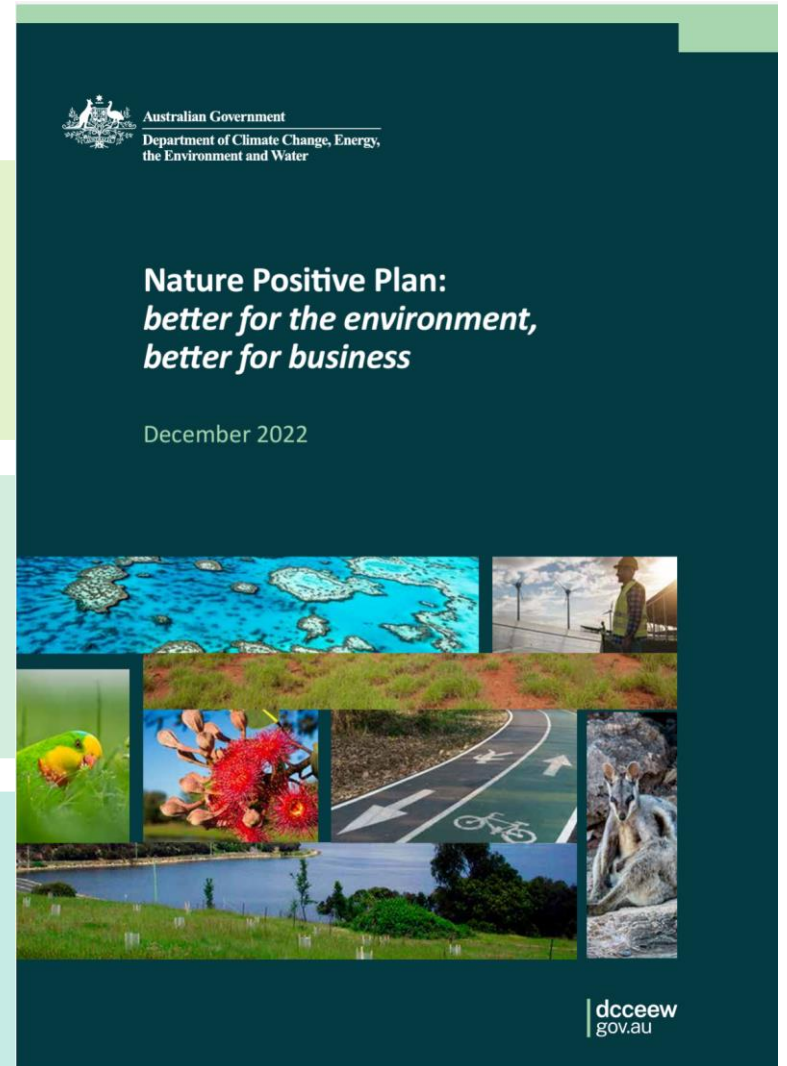
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<https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/epbc/publications/nature-positive-plan>

The 9 Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES)



Nationally
threatened species
and ecological
communities



World Heritage
properties



Great Barrier Reef
Marine Park



Migratory
species



National Heritage
places



**Nuclear actions
(to align with
ARPANSA)**



Ramsar
wetlands



Commonwealth
marine area



**Water resources:
CSG & large coal mines
(to include all forms of
unconventional gas)**

National Environmental Standards



Matters of
National
Environmental
Significance



Restoration
Actions and
Restoration
Contributions



First Nations
Engagement
and
Participation
in Decision-
making



Community
Engagement
and
Consultation



Regional
Planning



Data
and
Information



Other key changes

- Climate change
- Community engagement
- Conservation planning
- Unacceptable impacts



Environment Information Australia

- EIA's role is to ensure environmental data is:
 - Used to support decision-making
 - Accessible
 - Searchable
 - Interoperative
 - High quality
- EIA will also provide regular reporting on our national goals and the state of the environment.



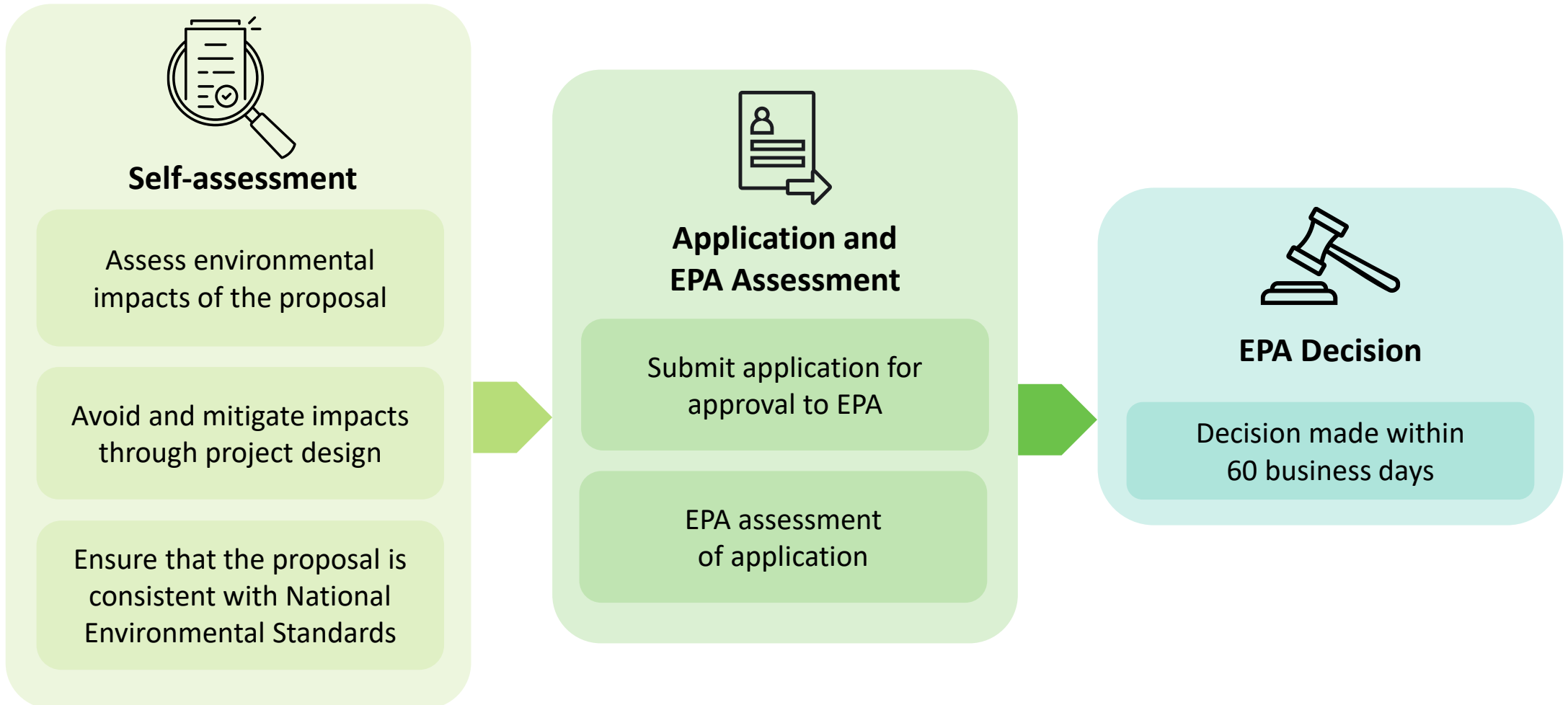
Cover illustration from the 2021 State of the Environment report

Environment Protection Australia

- New independent national Environment Protection Agency
- Enforce national environmental laws
- Transparency and accountability



What will EPA's assessment process look like?



Other decision-making streams

Decision-making streams in addition to the new assessment process will include:

- Regional Planning
- Strategic Assessments



What is staying the same?

- Australian and state/ territory/ local government responsibilities
- Protection and management of places of national and international importance
- Requirement for environmental approval
- Working with stakeholders to continually improve systems and processes



Nature Positive Plan: Key outcomes



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Next Steps

- Overview of the consultation process
- Public comments via Have Your Say



Questions and answers



Thank you

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for more information on the reform

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