

ADDENDUM

Hon Melissa Price

Minister for the Environment

Dear Minister

Further to my letter and report of 28 September 2018, two additional issues have emerged.

Firstly, I would like to add to my recommendation concerning the acceptance of the offer of the Hon Niall Blair NSW Minister for Primary Industries to provide Local Land Services staff to work with DOEE staff in two pilot studies in Monaro and Walgett to determine what biodiversity needs protecting under both the NSW and EPBC Acts and how to achieve that. I would like to further recommend that an independent person be appointed to oversee and facilitate the trial and report on its outcomes.

In addition. It has been suggested that appointing an "ombudsman-like" individual who farmers having difficulties negotiating the EPBC Act could approach to help them navigate the process. This person would not deal with legal issues overlapping with AAT or ADJR issues but process issues. I think this suggestion has considerable merit.

Thank you for the opportunity to undertake this work

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Wendy Craik AM

17 October 2018