



positive change. I can see that the development of approved revegetation/restoration projects (with the potential for financial support) will appeal to conservation organisations set up for that purpose. However, on balance I believe the mechanisms proposed are likely to be of limited appeal to commercial agricultural businesses. To do so, in my view, it must recognize the potential for multiple use outcomes on previously cleared land.

I would like to see effort go into assessing, quantifying and realizing the positive value of providing habitat on land so that more people are motivated to establish or restore it. Today we recognize that the remaining habitat in our land and water-scapes is more valuable than most alternative uses and yet on private land it is largely left to individual landholders and volunteers to look after remaining bush or establish new vegetation. Why is the community not willing to assist more?

The establishment of the Biodiversity Restoration Fund is commendable but given its funding largely arises from offsets and fines etc it is hard to see how such a fund will tangibly assist at the landscape scale.

Perhaps the Council should include a function that involves investigating new approaches achieving results at the landscape scale.

Thank you for your time

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