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I think there should be a lot more education done in schools, about these issues.

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A reminder that the Department for Environment and Water's public consultation on the draft Biodiversity Bill is underway, and closes on 18 February. Thank you to those who have already provided feedback.

We want to understand what you think about the draft Bill, which proposes:

- a modern and nationally consistent process to assess and recognise threatened native species and ecological communities, aligned with international best-practice
- better recognition and protection for native plants that provide critical habitat for threatened species and ecological communities.
- tougher penalties for wildlife crime and harm to biodiversity
- additional enforcement tools that provide more avenues to address environmental harm, including requiring individuals to repair damage rather than simply paying a fine, and also allowing third parties to take legal action

- a general biodiversity duty that would require individuals, businesses, and government agencies to take reasonable steps to prevent or minimise harm to biodiversity.

Biodiversity touches all our lives; you don't need to be an expert to provide your feedback.

Have your say!

Consultation open until **18 February 2025**.

Visit YourSAy and complete the online survey: <https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/draft-biodiversity-bill> The survey is designed to measure your support for key elements of the Bill and will take between 10 – 30 minutes to complete.

An [explanatory guide](#) has been developed to help guide you through the [draft Bill](#), highlighting its intent and rationale, and some [Frequently Asked Questions](#) have been prepared to answer the most common questions.

You are also welcome to email or post a written submission. Details on how to do this can be found on [YourSAy](#).

We look forward to hearing from you.

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