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Re the South Australian Government introducing a Biodiversity Act.

The biodiversity of South Australia has been severely impacted by extensive clearing of native vegetation for agriculture. Often the only biodiversity hotspots are along road verges, which often contain the last vestiges of native vegetation in that area. However verges rarely protected and maintained, to reduce feral infestations that often overwhelm the native vegetation.

A good example of this is the Mt Compass to Victor Harbor road where there are vestiges of the bushland, that has almost totally been removed from adjacent farming properties. However weeds such as blackberry and pines have been allowed to overwhelm a lot of this remnant bush.

There are many many examples of roads through the Adelaide Hills where olives and desert ash have been allowed to take over roadside verges, to the detriment of the remnant native vegetation.

It appears that councils and road authorities take little to no responsibility for weed control - wanton neglect is rife. The rail authorities also take little to no responsibility for weed control along the rail line through the Adelaide Hills. Why not?

I think the new Act should make these authorities actively responsible for looking after our heritage, before it is irredeemably lost.

Yours sincerely

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