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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed biodiversity legislation.

Second Nature Conservancy, an environmental NGO operating in the eastern Mt Lofty Ranges and Lower Lakes regions of SA, welcomes the intent of the legislation and the progress made to date in drafting it.

We raise the following points for consideration:

- the proposed broadening of scope to include planted vegetation may create conflicts with respect to non-local native species that can become environmental weeds. The legislation needs to be effective in achieving its goal of protecting novel ecosystems / habitat provided by non-local vegetation without hindering the necessary control of environmental weeds
- it appears that there will be a significant number of committees or other delegated members required to deliberate on matters pertaining to the operation of the Act. We are concerned that this will create considerable complexity and may suffer from a lack of overall capacity with regard to suitably qualified and willing members.

Thanks again for the opportunity to provide input.

Best regards,

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