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Hello

A few comments on biodiversity restoration in suburbia around South Australia a new Biodiversity Act could address :

Most urban residents spend most of their time in city and suburbs in streets lacking much greenery.

Biodiversity begins at home,, I say. Let's give local government more resources to encourage residents and businesses to plant more native vegetation on private land and verges.Ecological services like pollination, rainwater capture and nutrient recycling are not possible on concrete.

Permeable surfaces on drives and streets should be the norm,, but it's not happening. Artificial plastic lawns should be banned.

There is no insect life on streets because councils spray chemicals that destroys them.

Think global, act local .....legislative regulations need to apply everywhere.

DEW partnering with stakeholders must include controlling actions of Department of Transport which has ruthlessly destroyed countless old growth trees in road works.The Act should prevent such wilful destruction continuing. Have a look at the Urban Tree Canopy report with submissions to understand citizen outrage at attacks on precious trees.

Local government should have final say on tree protection, not developers and Environment Development Court.

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