

I had a problem with your survey form design, and have an email submission instead. The scope of the survey I believe was too narrow and limiting.

These videos reflect our biodiversity showing only a small sample of the unique and rare biodiversity conserved on our tiny heritage property.

I also have videos showing some of the diverse fungi photographed over the last 35 years. <https://youtu.be/XXXXXXXXXXXX>

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Many other videos are at YouTube@ [REDACTED]

We purchased the property more than 30 years ago specifically to preserve this pristine and rare environment. During the entire time we have owned the property we have received no financial or practical assistance with the conservation and even access to Fox bait or the newer injector trap was not received. We were told a cattrap was elsewhere, the sprayer stations "do not work" and no further follow up to arrange the baits as promised - not once but on two separate occasions. These circumstances have not dampened our families passion, for conservation, education and protection of the whole South Australian environment and especially our pristine area. We effectively have two heritage agreements over this property - an agreement with minister Hopgood (the first of its kind in the state) and we added a new heritage agreement (to ensure we received all the "benefits"). The assessor did tell us she had never seen the number of orchid species combined with huge quantity of each species anywhere else. We have always been aware of the unique status of our property and that of our neighbours who we encouraged to a new agreement. These properties have never been grazed nor cleared and will continue to do whatever it takes to conserve it. All the biodiverse properties are irreplaceable due to their fragility and can never be replaced.

Why did I opt not to complete the survey?

We totally support toughening up the protection of the entire biosphere.

However, is this going to help conservation? I hope so! But have huge reservations. These points need to be addressed:

Must come with an educational information component so the ill informed public

No exception for ignorance

Developers will find a of loopholes to ignore the law, it must be worded ensuring the future of the State takes precedence above all exclusions.

Public buy in is essential for success. Therefore roll out, requires an information, awareness and publicity.

To increase the area under conservation consideration must be given to helping all heritage land holders. While the larger ones benefit from Grants and other opportunities, the standard small holdings should include assistance with rates and consideration of other financial help eg assistance removing ferals. Perhaps even an advice /identification line and assistance finding nocturnal animals, or fungi or loan camera traps, Professional Educational Development for property owners, and access to research students to better understand and research biodiversity.

Thank you for reading this far.

Please try to ensure that the acts intent is achieved.

Your Respectfully

