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PROTECTING OUR FLORA AND FAUNA

Victorians are encouraged to have their say on the review of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* to ensure it better protects our biodiversity.

The Act has been in place for nearly thirty years, but this has coincided with a decline in Victoria’s biodiversity.

That’s why the Andrews Labor Government will review the Act to ensure it is both modern and effective.

A consultation paper has been prepared to seek the community views on the Act and how it could be improved by incorporating improvements in our knowledge of native flora and fauna.

Community feedback is vital to ensuring that changes to the Act reflect how we can work together to protect Victoria’s unique plants and animals.


Consultation closes on 13 March 2017.

The review aligns with the other major biodiversity initiatives including the draft biodiversity plan *Protecting Victoria’s Environment – Biodiversity 2036*, and the review of the native vegetation clearing regulations.

**Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D’Ambrosio**

“We’re developing a new direction for the management of biodiversity in Victoria to stop the decline of our native flora and fauna and address the impacts of climate change.”

“Together, we can ensure our laws provide strong and effective protection for our valuable biodiversity, while ensuring our economy can continue to grow and prosper.”

“We want to hear from the community during this review to ensure the Act best reflects our changing environment, I encourage all Victorians to have their say.”