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Natural Resources Commission  
GPO Box 4206  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Review of the proposed amendments to assessment methodology.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Environmental Outcomes Assessment methodology (EOAM). The amendments as proposed have been reviewed by Namoi CMA Property Vegetation Plan assessment staff familiar with the current assessment methodology.

The changes as proposed will provide much needed clarity and changes to the assessment methodology, particularly in the assessment of connectivity and the definition of local population of threatened species where assessing temporary loss. The proposed changes to Site Value, Landscape Value, and Regional Value provide more flexibility to the assessment, removing perverse red lights.

Based on our experience using the assessment methodology we feel the changes to the methodology as proposed are overwhelmingly positive. The changes will make the assessment process clearer and more flexible without losing any scientific rigour.

If you have any questions please call me.

Yours sincerely

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