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Senator Urquhart asked:

Concerning the response to Question on Notice 39, the Department states that the Government remains committed to connectivity, however it has ceased implementing the National Wildlife Corridors Plan. Does the Government have any specific connectivity strategy left that would support its apparent commitment to connectivity?

Answer:

Although funding for the implementation of the National Wildlife Corridors Plan has ceased, the principles and objectives within the Plan will continue to be applied to through a number of new and existing programmes and policies.

The \$1 billion announced through the National Landcare Programme, including the 20 Million Trees Programme and the \$525 million through the Green Army Programme will help ensure that connectivity conservation objectives continue to be funded across Australia.