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Senator Waters asked:

What percentage of projects that would normally trigger the EPBC Act will be covered by approval bilateral agreements in NSW and Queensland once approval bilateral agreements are in place? Please answer by reference to average numbers of projects of the last five years.

Answer:

NSW: 75 per cent, based on the proposed scope of the draft approval bilateral agreement.

Queensland: 40 per cent, based on the proposed scope of the draft approval bilateral agreement. Note: this percentage is for Stage 1 of the proposed accreditation, and is limited to projects approved since 18 June 2009. When considering all controlled actions over the same period, the estimated coverage is 55 per cent.