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Senator Waters asked:

Can the department outline what analysis it has done of the various state and territory policies for the protection of matters of national environmental significance - in particular it would be useful to understand if Department has done any analysis on state approaches to offsets given the recent senate inquiry?

Answer:

The relevant aspects of state and territory environmental assessment and approval processes have been analysed, including environmental offsets for matters of national environmental significance. State environmental offsets policies and/or methodologies for calculating offsets have been analysed for consistency with the EPBC Act Environmental Offsets Policy.