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Senator Singh asked:

Labor, when in Government released the Wildlife Corridors Strategy. Are you able to advise of the status of this strategy in the context of the Government's current funding programs?

Answer:

The Australian Government remains committed to connectivity conservation and restoration of ecosystem function. The Government recognises the importance of protecting and restoring Australia's natural assets, as they provide environmental services that are highly valued, such as agricultural productivity, clean air, clean land and clean water.

While the specific implementation of the National Wildlife Corridors Plan has ceased, the principles and objectives of the Plan continue to be applied to through a number of new and existing programmes and policies:

- The National Landcare Programme (including 20 Million Trees), the Green Army Programme and other initiatives, such as the Cumberland Conservation Corridor Project, which aim to conserve and restore functioning landscapes at all levels including local, regional and national; and
- Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2010-2030, which includes targets aimed at achieving improvements in connectivity and fragmented landscapes and create collaborative and continental scale linkages.