

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Chisholm, Anthony asked:**

Has the Department provided any advice, as to the impact of Queensland's extensive tree clearing on Australia's biodiversity?

**Answer:**

The Department considers impacts of land clearing in circumstances where clearing will have, or is likely to have, a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Management of land clearing which does not impact on matters of national environmental significance is the responsibility of the state government.