

Lions Club of Clarence Environmental

A Lions Club to highlight the importance of biodiversity in the Clarence and work toward protecting threatened species.

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Re: Local Land Services – Statutory Review of NSW Native Vegetation Clearing Rules (Part 5A of the Local Land Services Act 2013)

We welcome the opportunity to respond to the review.

Our Lions Club Clarence Environment is the only one if its kind in NSW. Lions International now includes Environment issues as one of the key areas of concern for Lions world-wide.

Our Club has been successful in putting in place and paying for an action plan to help to save the threatened Coastal Emus of the Clarence. Through co-operation with State and Clarence Valley Council we have raised awareness of their plight, had the road speed reduced at Emu Crossing areas on Brooms Head Road and erected and paid for warning road patches and signage.

WE don't just talk we act.

Our Clarence Valley is a special biodiversity zone where Northerly ecosystems, flora, and fauna crosses over with southern species. Saving and protecting native forest areas is vital to saving this biodiversity. The current system of legislation does not help or guarantee this.

To this end we totally support the comments and recommendation of the Clarence Valley Environment Centre which are attached.

We trust your Committee takes these concerns into account and suggestions for re-framing the legislation to properly protect Native Forest.

Barbara Linley President

