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ABSTRACT

How the planning system experience in NSW might help predict how offset models could work

The NSW planning system has been using biodiversity offset models for many years, to allow State-significant developments to proceed. This has included developments having a significant impact on Matters of National Environmental Significance, which NSW assesses the predicted biodiversity impact on behalf of the Australian Government and determines offset requirements. We will present the biodiversity offsets-related outcomes of the recent 5-year review of the NSW-AG Assessment Bilateral, providing an understanding of how the planning experience may relate to predictions of how offset models might work.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Tim Kirby and Maylynn Nunn both work for NSW Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure, implementing the agreement between NSW and the Australian Government that relates to the assessment of potential impacts on matters of national environmental significance, including biodiversity impacts.