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# NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY OFFSETS CONFERENCE 3.0

*From offsetting to nature positive*

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## ABSTRACT

### NSW biodiversity offsets reform

The NSW government is reforming its world-leading framework for biodiversity offsets and will be continuing engagement with stakeholders. NSW has the strongest biodiversity market in Australia, with demand emerging from transport infrastructure, renewable energy projects and housing. The proposed reforms from the BC Act review and the government's election commitment will address key issues that have emerged. The objectives of these reforms are to improve biodiversity outcomes, support the functioning of the biodiversity credit market, increase transparency and accountability, and reduce unnecessary regulatory burden. This is increasingly important as we make the vital transition to renewable energy in NSW and across Australia. In addition to challenges, there are significant opportunities, including in relation to biodiversity offsets. Co-ordinating this investment is an opportunity to improve conservation outcomes and bring together proponents. This will require working with landholders and local communities, linking in with other government programs, and potentially other markets such as the carbon market and the nature repair market.

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Anthony Lean is the Secretary of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW). Anthony oversees a diverse portfolio to protect the state's natural resources, environment and heritage as well as leading the way on climate change, driving the sustainable transition to a net zero economy and powering affordable, reliable, and clean energy.

Anthony is a highly respected public sector leader with almost 20 years of senior executive experience across multiple portfolios. He has an exemplary track record of overseeing complex organisations and programs, setting strategic vision and delivering results.

Most recently, Anthony was the Deputy Chief Executive at The Law Society of NSW. He has an extensive career in leadership and legal positions within the NSW public sector, including at the Office of Environment and Heritage, State Insurance Regulatory Authority and the former NSW Department of Finance, Services and Innovation.