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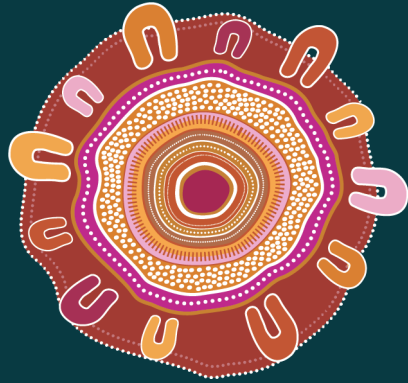
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# Environment Information Australia

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Standards & Framework Panel Discussion





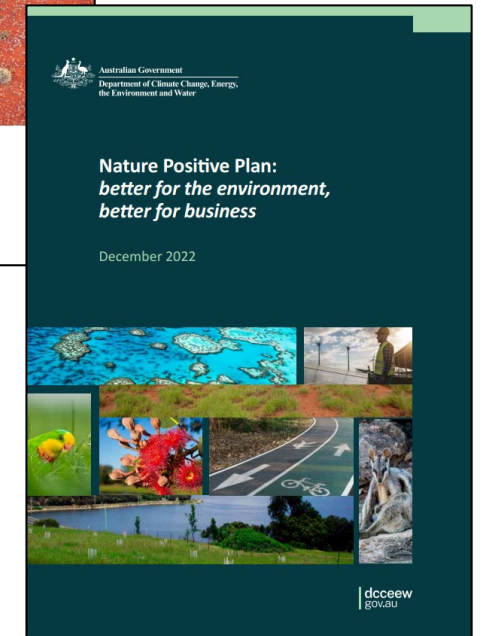
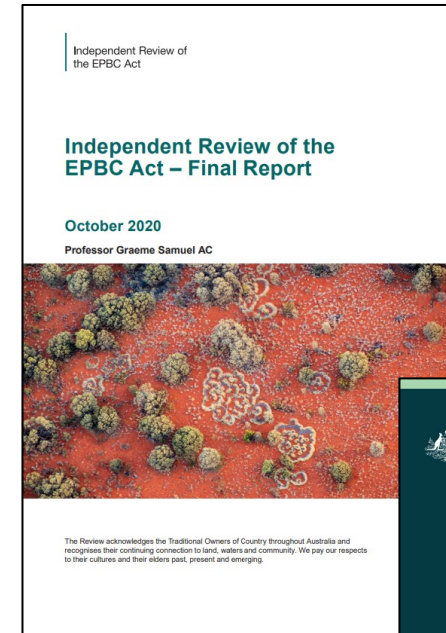
We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

# Overview

- Nature Positive Plan
- Environment Information Australia
- Environmental reporting framework
- National Environmental Standard for Data & Information

# Nature Positive Plan

- Environment law reforms are progressing in 3 stages:
  - Stage 1 - Nature Repair market, expanded the water trigger
  - Stage 2 – Establishment of Environment Protection Australia (EPA) and Environment Information Australia (EIA)
  - Stage 3 – The rest of the Nature Positive Plan including national environmental standards, environmental approvals and conservation planning.





# EIA legislation

- The Nature Positive (Environment Information Australia) Bill 2024 was introduced to the House of Representatives on 29 May 2024, and passed on 4 July.
- EIA is a Division within the department, but the Head of EIA will be a statutory office holder with functions, powers and obligations.
- The Head will have legislated responsibilities to provide the Minister, the EPA and the public with high quality data and information.

2022-2023-2024

The Parliament of the  
Commonwealth of Australia

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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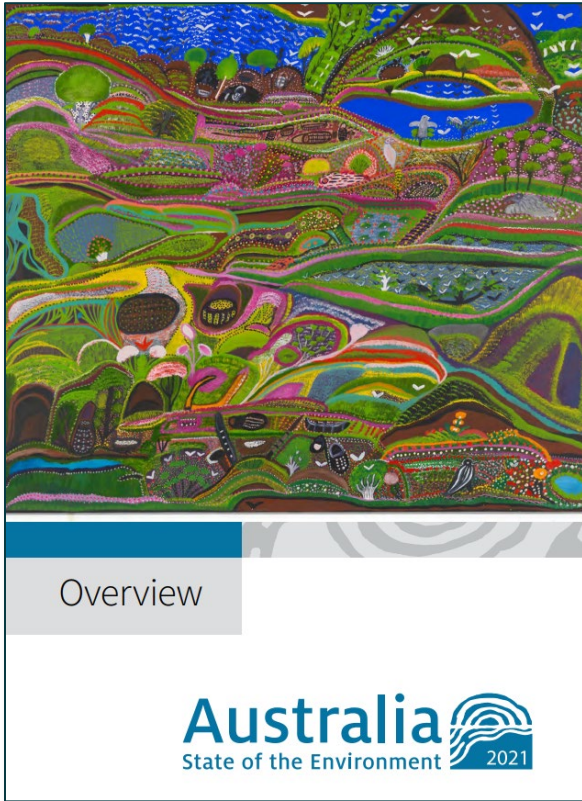
**Nature Positive (Environment  
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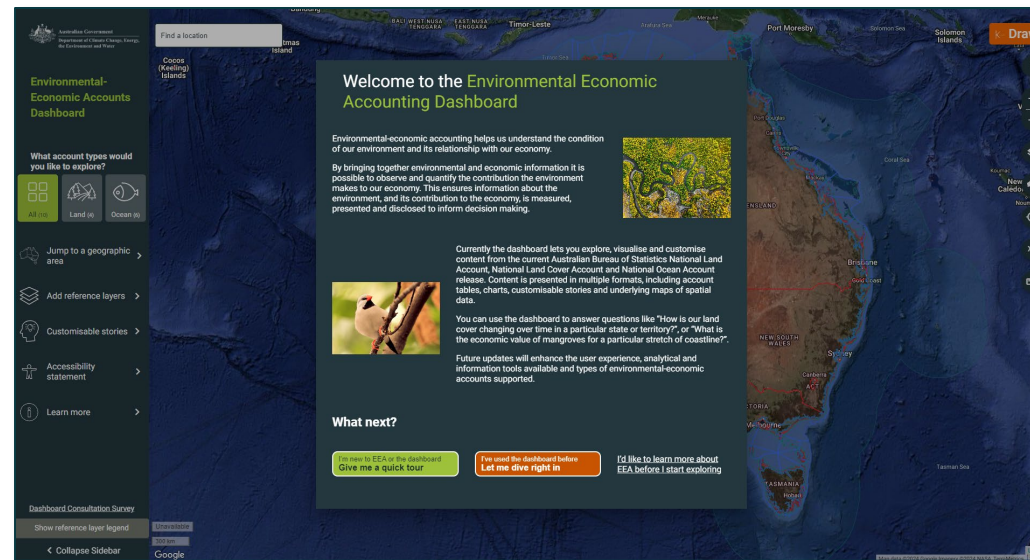
*(Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water)*

**A Bill for an Act to establish the Head of  
Environment Information Australia, and for  
related purposes**

# Environmental reporting



- The Head will be required to prepare regular independent reports:
  - State of the Environment Reports will be delivered every two years, incorporate science and Indigenous knowledge and analyse progress on national environmental goals
  - Annual statement of environmental economic accounts
  - A monitoring, evaluation and reporting framework



# National Environmental Standard for Data and Information

EIA is developing the National Environmental Standard for Data and Information (Data Standard), which will support decisions under the Nature Positive regulatory framework.

As currently drafted, the Data Standard:

- Sets clear requirements for environmental data and information to be appropriate and suitable for decision-making
- will be supported by technical guidance issued by the Head of EIA
- Includes the internationally agreed “CARE” principles for Indigenous Data governance.

Proposed principles representing best practice:

- Fit for purpose
- Ethical and equitable
- Reliable
- Reuseable
- Interoperable
- Accessible
- Discoverable

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