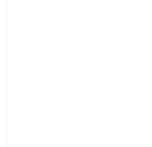


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**1.6 Any other matters**

Opportunity to investigate use of flood prone land for conservation e.g. a biodiversity stewardship agreement (BSA) or other form of

legally binding agreement with the Biodiversity Conservation Trust.

Given the recent floods, there is a renewed opportunity to link adjoining flood prone land parcels which are under multiple ownerships for reuse as private or public land for conservation outcomes. In the past this existing option hasn't been taken up given lack of awareness and 'value' of riverfront land for views and potential development. If this riverfront land is to be sterilised for future development given a new policy approach to the flood risk, it could be used for passive recreation which could also facilitate conservation opportunities and potentially an income. If adjoining landholders agree to combine their flood prone land (or if it was acquisitioned by the Government) a large enough habitat corridor could be created and turned into BSA. BSAs do not restrict public access and can be used for walking tracks, viewing platforms etc. Biodiversity credits can be generated from these areas to offset environmental impacts of future development at other sites and an income can be derived off the land to fund wages and consumables needed to appropriately manage the land (e.g. fencing, baiting programs etc). This may be desirable alternate use of flood prone land which has social, economic and environmental benefits and can help reduce the impact of future flooding in the surrounding area.

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### **Supporting documents or images**

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