

**INQUIRY INTO INTEGRITY OF THE NSW
BIODIVERSITY OFFSETS SCHEME**

Name: Name suppressed

Date Received: 31 August 2021

Partially
Confidential

The whole Biodiversity Act and associated methodology has created a new super industry where companies are competing for technical skills and the shortfall in credits. The whole system is currently slow with poor turnaround times at all levels providing uncertainty for developers, assessor and the community. Environmental outcomes are unclear and the process is only likely to become more erratic and dysfunctional in the near future. Many of the issues are around moving away from the initial intent of the. Original methodology to make the process smoother. The move to small government is also a telling factor with everything from the consultant certification to critical review of submitted applications being questionable. I can't say I have a ready solution the previous system was adhoc and court heavy, but this system currently provides minimal joy to anyone expect the certified consultants who can't keep up with demand.