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Submission to Inquiry into public good conservation – Impact of measures imposed on landholders

Dear Secretary,

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) welcomes the *Inquiry into public good conservation – impact of measures imposed on landholders* as a timely assessment one aspect of the broader issue of Natural Resource Management.

Local Government is committed to conservation values and recognises the need for all stakeholders to play a role in determining the future management of Australia's natural resources.

The ALGA acknowledges the need for an examination of market and non-market based incentives to encourage private landowners to practise conservation measures for the public good. Further to this, Local Government should be intimately involved in all phases of developing incentives which, are applicable at the local/regional level. Incentives need to be tailored to suit the needs of the community and private landholders as a way of encouraging the long-term adoption of sustainable land management practices. The ALGA is an advocate of this type of activity, and is committed to work with State/Territory Governments, the Federal Government and community stakeholders to improve conservation activity.

Again, thank-you for the opportunity to provide comments.