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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

THE SENATE

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Presented and read a first time

(Senator Coulter)

## A BILL

FOR

**An Act to alter the Constitution to ensure that when making laws the Parliament takes into account the effect of such laws on certain aspects of the natural environment**

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

### Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Constitution Alteration (Ecology, Diversity and Sustainability) Act 1995*.

### 5 Parliament to take into account ecology, diversity and sustainability

2. Section 51 of the Constitution is altered by adding at the end the following paragraph:

“When making a law under this section each House of the Parliament must take into account the probable effects (if any) of that law on:

- 10 (i) the maintenance of ecosystems and of essential ecological processes;
- (ii) the biological diversity of Australia; and

(iii) the utilisation of living natural resources on a sustainable basis;  
for the benefit of all Australians both in the present and in the future.”.

