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To: Nature Repair Committee Secretariat

Re. Proposed Nature Repair Method - biodiversity assessment instrument

Friends of Grasslands (FOG) is a community group dedicated to the conservation of natural temperate grassy ecosystems in south-eastern Australia. FOG advocates, educates and advises on matters to do with the conservation of native grassy ecosystems, and carries out surveys and other on-ground work. FOG is based in Canberra and its members include professional scientists, landowners, land managers and interested members of the public.

The Conservation Council ACT Region (Council) is the leading environmental advocacy organisation and hub for community groups in Canberra. Our mission is to protect nature and create a safe climate future in the ACT and region.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the detailed outline of the Biodiversity Assessment Instrument (BAI).

We have one comment. The second dot point in section 2.5.2 indicates the BAI would require that methods include provisions that “identify and describe reference ecosystem(s) for the project area”. We suggest replacing the word “describe” with “determine from published or expert sources”.

For any further information about our submission, please email advocacy@fog.org.au.

Yours sincerely

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