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1. **p.60 – Richard Welch

Question: Richard WELCH**: So it is not adequately covered by environmental assessments or anything like that?

**Response:**

While not our area of expertise, we believe that environmental assessments are not currently adequate in considering impacts of roads at a landscape level. This is apparent through a lack of mitigation options being included when building new roads and infrastructure across the state.

Where threatened species are present, consideration of avoiding or minimising impact to these species is required, however, mitigations for common species that are impacted by roadstrike does not seem to be adequately addressed through these assessments and affiliated requirements for developers.

We reiterate that the Fauna Sensitive Road Design Guidelines should be updated and mechanisms introduced to ensure they are followed. Additionally, this highlights where a cross-sectoral reference group would be beneficial to bring together those involved in planning, road development, local government, wildlife ecologists etc. in order to better mitigate wildlife roadstrike.