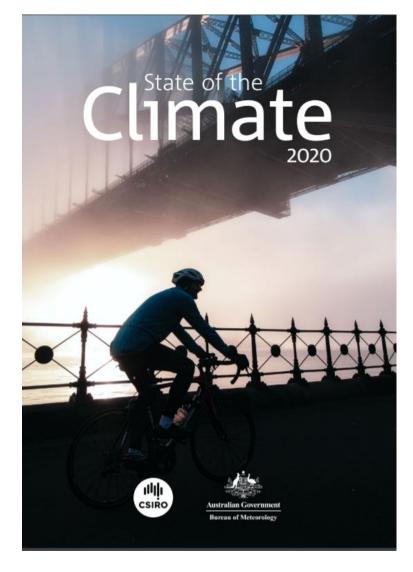
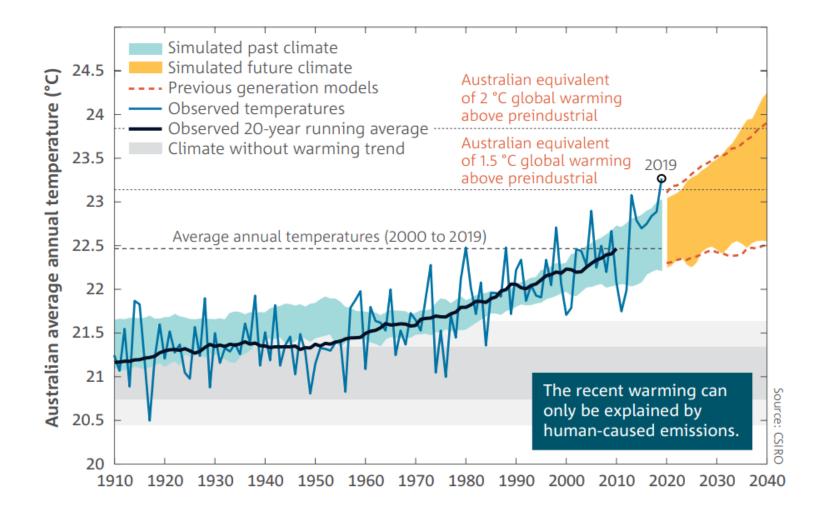


"Houston, we've got a problem"



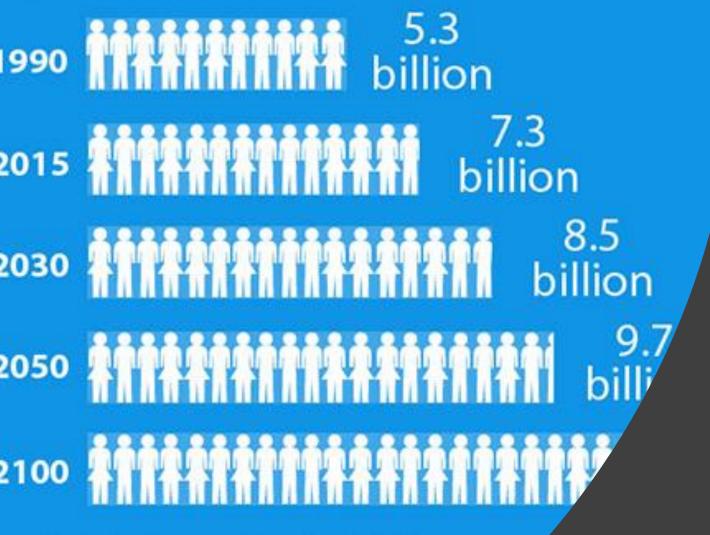
#### **Changing climate**





## **World Population**

Projected world population until 2100



Growing population pressure

urce: United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, pulation Division, World Population Prospects: The 2015 Revision oduced by: United Nations Department of Public Information





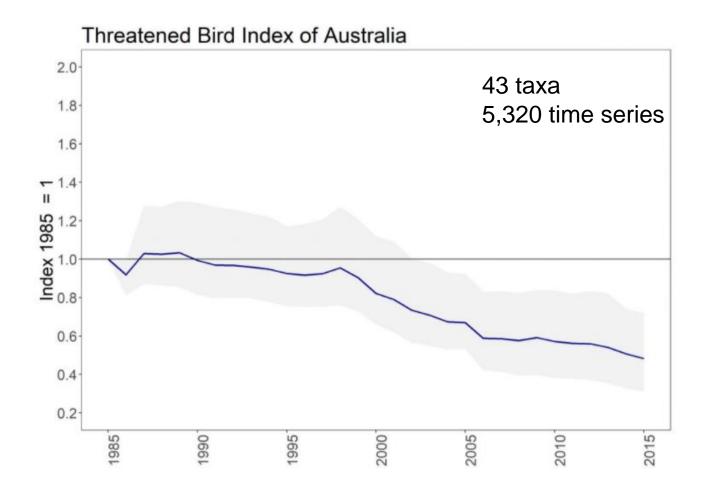
#### National Environmental Science Programme

## Media Release: Australian threatened bird populations drop by half in 30 years on average

≜ Rachel Morgain ☐ Media Release ☐ November 27, 2018 | ○ 7



#### **Threatened Species decline**



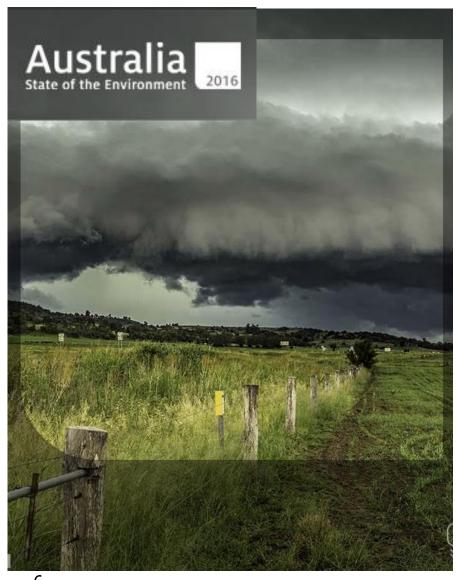
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"...very few meaningful datasets were available, and feedback from experts led to the abandonment of these assessments. As a result, endangered populations and threatened ecological communities were not assessed...





"The lack of data and information from long-term monitoring of biodiversity is universally acknowledged as a major impediment to biodiversity conservation

"Australia's biodiversity is continuing to decline..., and new approaches are needed to prevent accelerating decline in many species.

Source: <a href="https://soe.environment.gov.au/">https://soe.environment.gov.au/</a>



## A review of biodiversity legislation in NSW

**Final Report** 



#### Independent Biodiversity Legislation Review Panel

Dr Neil Byron (Chair)

Dr Wendy Craik AM

Dr John Keniry AM

Professor Hugh Possingham

#### **Changing climate**

"...no overarching strategy in place that ensures the collation and retention of information, particularly data collected in the course of undertaking regulatory impact assessment and other statutory processes..."

Recommendation 30. Better harness data collection efforts and make this data available to the public as part of open government

Source: <a href="https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/OEH/Corporate-Site/Documents/Animals-and-plants/Biodiversity/review-biodiversity-legislation-nsw-final-report-2014.pdf">https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/OEH/Corporate-Site/Documents/Animals-and-plants/Biodiversity/review-biodiversity-legislation-nsw-final-report-2014.pdf</a>



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#### Interim Report

June 2020

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#### Supply chain problem

"Decision-makers, proponents and the community do not have access to the best available data.... This results in sub-optimal decision-making, inefficiency & additional cost for business, and poor transparency to the community."

"A national 'supply chain' of information is required so that the right information is delivered at the right time to those who need it.

Source: https://epbcactreview.environment.gov.au/resources/interim-report



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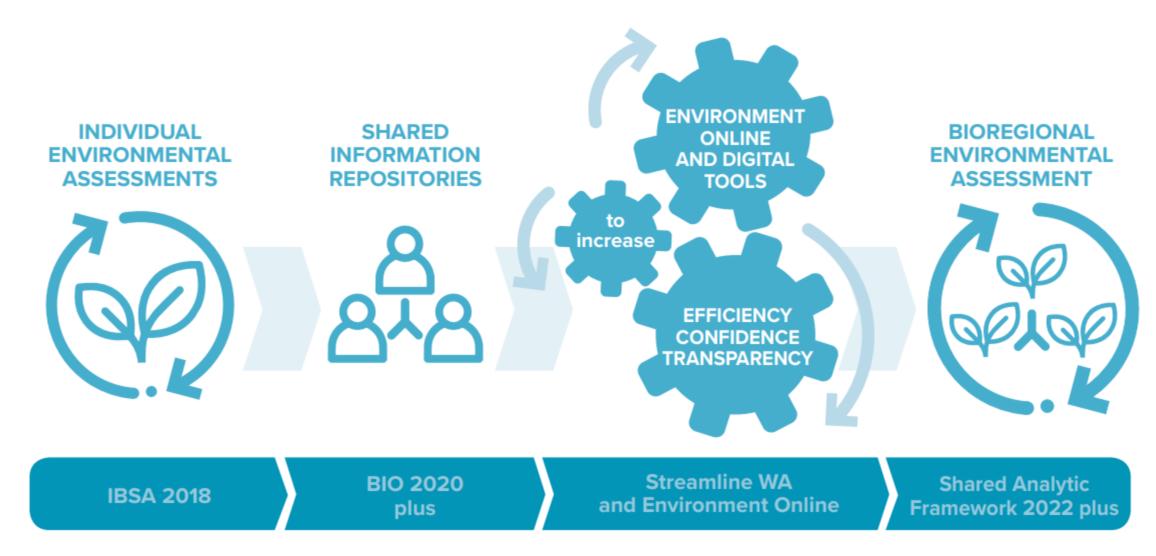
""...systems and capability that are needed to deliver the evidence base for Australia's national system of environmental management.

The recent financial commitment from the Australian Government and the Western Australian Government to the collaborative **Digital Environmental Assessment Program** is a good first step in this direction. The program will deliver a single online portal for assessments and biodiversity databases..

Source: https://epbcactreview.environment.gov.au/resources/interim-report



#### Supply chain problem



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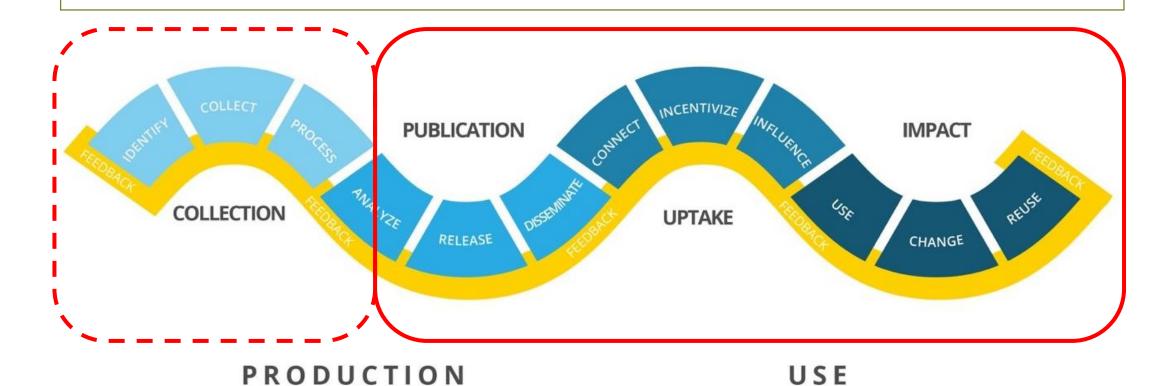
# National Collaboration Initiatives

- Digital Environmental Assessment Program (DAWE)
  - Establishing National Biodiversity Governance (standards etc)
  - Federated Biodiversity Data Repository
- EcoCommons Shared Analytics Framework
- Collaborative Species Distribution Modelling Program (CSDM)
  - Barriers to data flow (national sensitive species data framework / National species names list)
- National Ecological Data Exchange Standard
- Flora Survey
- Threatened Species time-series (NESP TSX)
- Text Mining (Data61)



#### Our response as biodiversity data managers?

## IMPROVE THE DATA VALUE SUPPLY CHAIN

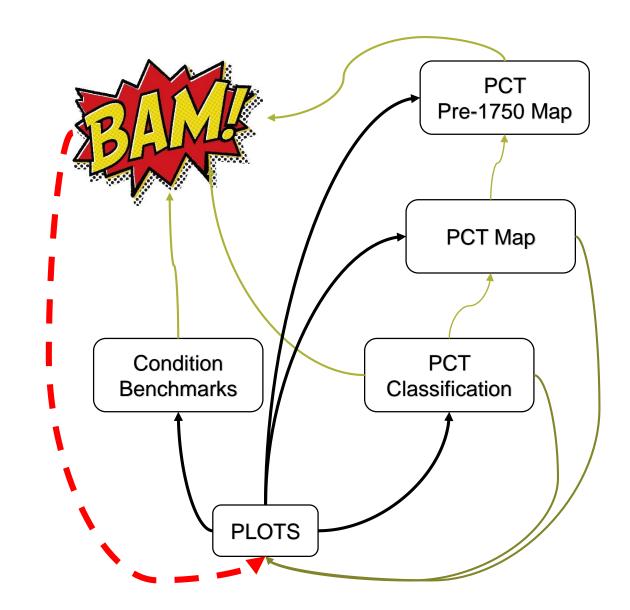




#### **Continuous Improvement Cycle**

Standard plots used to maintain many products

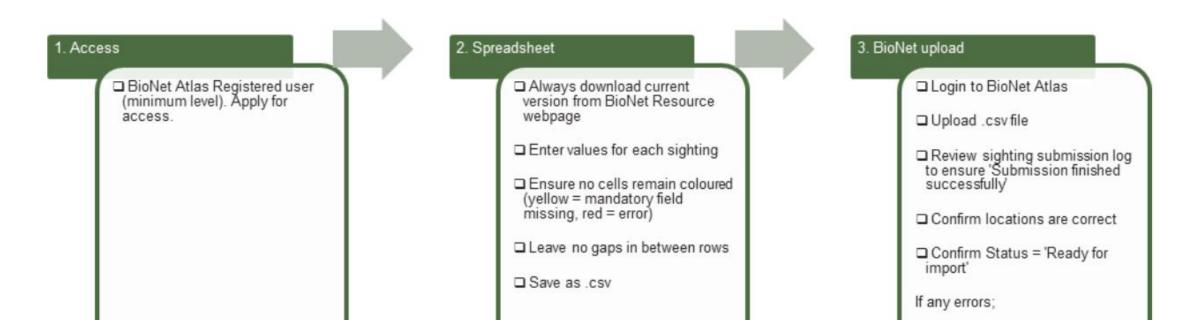
Products may be validated using standard plots





#### **Current BioNet data supply requirements**

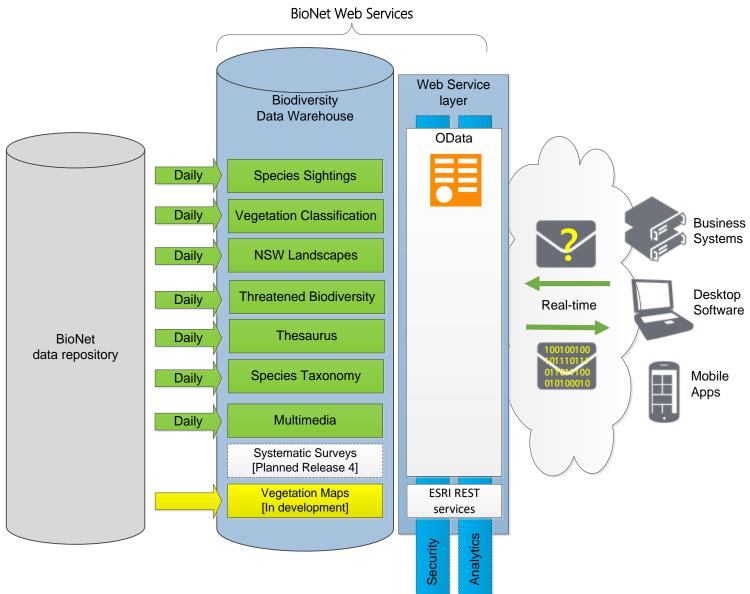
- Scientific Licence (BCAct) currently requirement to supply species sighting data to BioNet annually.
- Scientific License will be reviewed
- Current data upload of species sightings and systematic flora and fauna survey data is via CSV upload templates
- https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/wildlifeatlas/uploadsightings-bionet.htm





#### **Current State**

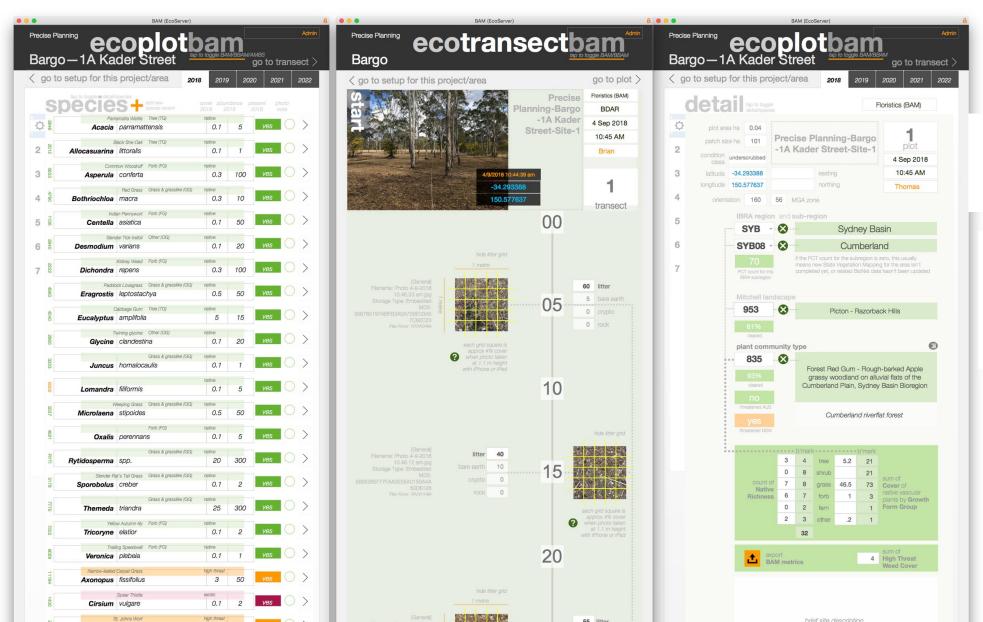
BioNet web services – open, standardised & transparent





#### Innovative and off the shelf mobile survey tools

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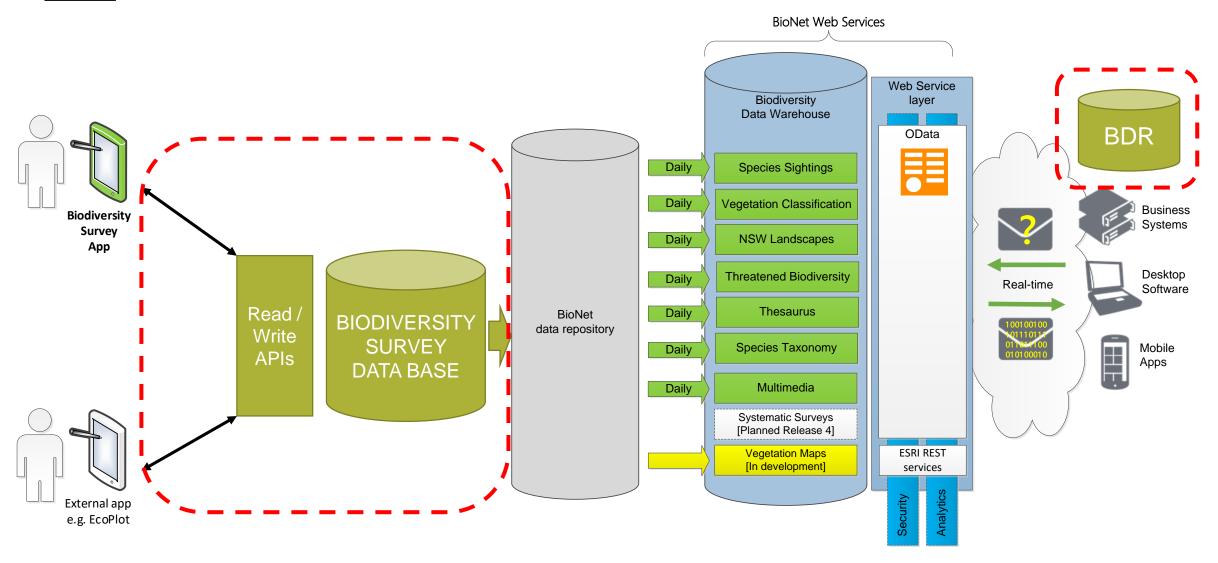




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#### **Proposed State**





### Solving the data capture problem through co-design

