



*Perspectives from afar:*  
context and balance in environment protection

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# *DPE Legal Services Division*

## **Vision**

"Value our people, provide support services & deliver benefits"

Our vision is to achieve the best outcomes, according to law and with the highest ethical standards, for the State of New South Wales. Working across a diverse cluster the Legal Services Division makes a positive difference to the natural and built environments, the social and economic outcomes and the quality of life of people living in and visiting the State.

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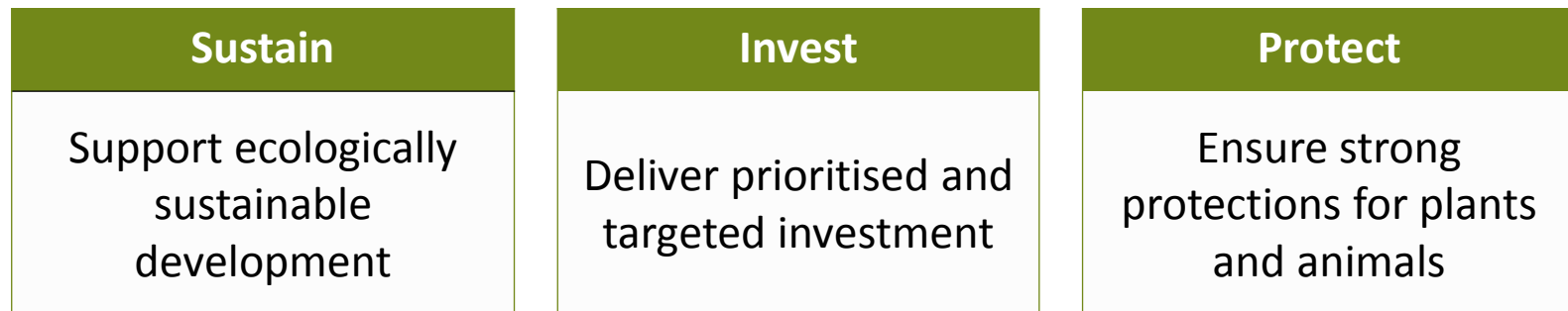
- James Hebron, Deputy Secretary
- Teams
  - Litigation
  - Policy & Legislation
  - Development & Resources
  - Commercial & Property
  - Environment, Operations & Energy

## *Environment, Operations and Energy Team*

- The Environment, Operations & Energy Team provides legal advice and support across the DPE Cluster for:
  - Heritage;
  - Management of national parks;
  - Biodiversity;
  - Environment and energy licensing and regulation;
  - Environment and energy efficiency grants;
  - Energy emergency management and summer readiness;
  - Energy Rebates and Climate Change Fund energy projects;
  - Local Government, State Archive & Records and Arts;
  - Governance, Procurement and Cabinet; and
  - Access to Information and Privacy.

# *Land management and biodiversity conservation framework*

- Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016
- Local Land Services Amendment Act 2016
- State Environment Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017

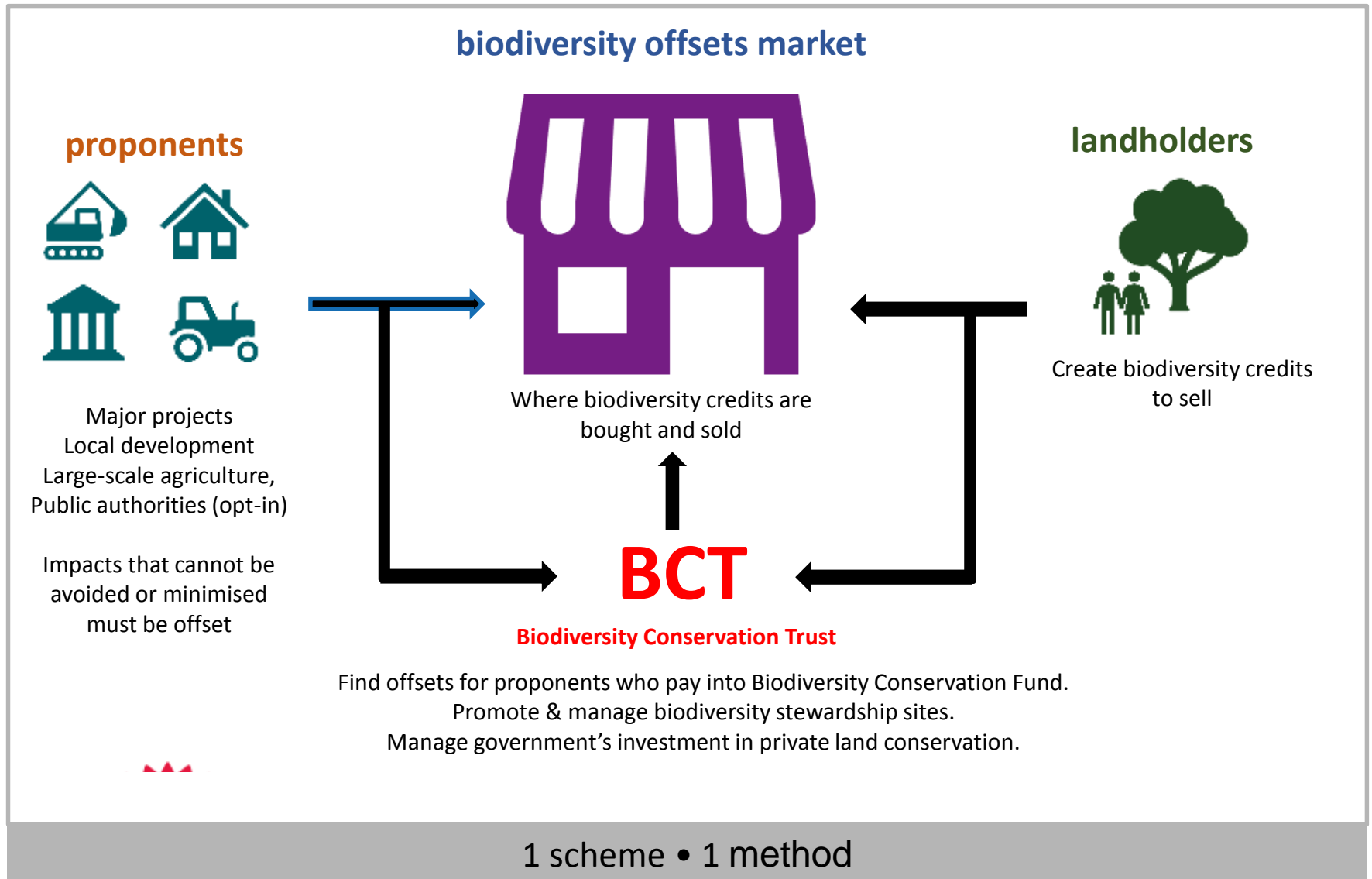


# *LMBC Reforms - key elements*

- Plants and animals [Parts 2 – 4, BC Act]
  - Offences / defences / licences
  - Areas of outstanding biodiversity value
  - Threatened species and threatened ecological communities
- Private land conservation [Parts 5, 10, BC Act]
  - Investment strategy and agreements
  - Biodiversity Conservation Trust
- Biodiversity offsets scheme [Parts 6, 7, BC Act]
  - Offsets scheme
  - Biodiversity assessment method
- Land management framework [LLS Act]



# Biodiversity offsets scheme *Part 6, BC Act*



## *Resources*

- <https://www.landmanagement.nsw.gov.au/>
- <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences-and-permits/wildlife-licences/wildlife-licensing-reforms>
- <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/threatened-species>
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