



## NSW Young Lawyers

### Protection of Protected Species including whaling in the Antarctic

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# Public interest lawyering

- Protect the environment
- Make decision-makers more accountable
- Run test cases
- Provide expert advice to government
- Build the capacity of the community to engage
- Contribute to the professional development of other lawyers, including in the Pacific

# The case for protecting species

- Megadiverse – Unique
- Internationally Important
- Biodiversity Loss is significant
- Climate Change
  
- Extinction – is forever

*Myers - the planet will continue to lose around 50 species per day compared to the natural extinction rate of one species every five years*

# Extinction is forever





# How do we protect protected species?



- International Treaties
- Commonwealth Laws
- State Laws
- Local Laws

# Species Model



Image: Chris Tzaros

- A species approach to biodiversity conservation fails to protect habitat until it is too late
- The cumulative impact of small-scale habitat destruction on biodiversity is catastrophic



# Habitat Model



Image: Rob

- Clearance of vegetation is prohibited until its biodiversity value is assessed



# Reservation Model

- Relies on the setting aside of protected areas in which threatened and protected species can continue to breed and live



Image: Anne-Line Brink

# Now for whales



Image: Natalie Lucier