farmers, food & biodiversity

winning hearts & minds

and the need for new farming systems

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global biodiversity hotspots
crisis ecoregions disturbed by unsustainable pastoralism and agriculture

...despite a small population

Hoekstra et al. 2005
Ecology Letters 8, 23–29

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OCBIL
Old
Climatically-Buffered Infertile Landscapes

YODFL
Young Often Disturbed Fertile Landscapes
it’s a way of life
Mick Hayden connecting back on country, Kokerbin Rock

traditional owner connections
corporate caring
for country
one third perennial systems

one third innovation

one third native vegetation
alternative production

carbon

sandalwood

oil mallee
A day in the life of a log

- Western brush-tail wallaby
- Painted buttonquail
- Red-tailed phascogale