

26. Do we need better questions?

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Abstract

This paper examines historical roles of government and non-government sectors in Malleefowl conservation in Western Australia from the early 1990s including recent moves to again consider state-wide strategy. It suggests that legacy effects may have left us in Western Australia tending a resource-intensive survey and monitoring system which may nevertheless be inadequate to differentiate signals from the noise in WA's ecosystems which are highly variable across time and space.

Do we know what the key management questions are for Malleefowl in Western Australia? Can our processes, institutions and governance change the inflection of current trajectories? Can they cope with climate change? Are we working on the stool but taking insufficient notice of the piano?

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