

Theory of Change

The Corvus Centre for Conservation Policy is built on the following theory of change:

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- Conservation of biodiversity is directly and materially affected by the kinds of land use, resource management, planning, and financial decisions we collectively make;
- Public policy – of many kinds – guides how those decisions are made;
- Deft incorporation of science and evidence into decision making is critical for its success in addressing biodiversity conservation issues;
- Numerous perspectives must be amalgamated – including biological, ecological, planning, governance, economic, and well-being – for policy to effectively support the maintenance of biodiversity;
- Few people speak all of these ‘languages’;
- Decision makers of all types and at all levels face the struggle of accessing the capacity and expertise needed to make decisions of this type; and
- The practical connections between policy, science, and conservation are sometimes apparent, but sometimes not.

THEN

- Facilitating the connection between the diverse stakeholders in the conservation policy process;
- Providing targeted support for decision makers in the development and delivery of programs that affect biodiversity;
- Proactively identifying gaps, weak spots, and capacity limitations in the conservation policy and research realms;
- Actively working to apply science and evidence to real-world conservation dilemmas;
- Maintaining an on-going dialogue around conservation policy and the application of research to the biodiversity crisis; and
- Proactively gathering conservation policy intelligence to support improved decision making.

WILL

- Improve the efficacy of policy (of all levels of government, environmental NGOs, and others) in promoting and maintaining biodiversity.