

APPENDIX 1. Part of script for symposium ‘Linking Policy, Research and Practice: Getting nature back into productive landscapes’. (Author: David Curtis).

BARRY, FAY and WARREN enter

WARREN: Look mum and dad – nary a bird to be heard.

FAY: No Warren – I think they’ve all gone off to the ornithologist’s conference.

BARRY: Was that the ornithologist joke Fay?

FAY: Yes Barry.

BARRY: I’ve got a better one – wanna hear it? ‘What’s that large flightless Australian bird?’ ‘e mused.

FAY: ‘You don’t mean the one from Northern Queensland and New Guinea?’ said Caso warily.

GROAN sign

WARREN: It’s dreadful mum and dad – all those lovely native plants and animals gone – right down to the coprophagous moths.

BARRY: Streuth, what on earth are they Warren?

WARREN: Well dad, coprophagous moths lay their eggs in the dung of koalas. When they hatch out they devour the digested eucalyptus leaves in the dung - the ultimate adaptation - eaters of ...

BARRY: That's enough of that kind of language around here boy! This is a

scientific conference! (*hits WARREN*)

WARREN: (*On the ground studying something*) Not to mention all those endozoochorous grasses mum and dad.

FAY: What are they dear?

BARRY: I've got a gut feeling about this.

WARREN: Funny you should say that dad, because endozoochory is the dispersal of seeds via animal guts ...

BARRY and FAY stare blankly

WARREN: You know, in the dung. Did you know some grasses like *Lachnagrostis filiformis* are actually spread in the dung of kangaroos and sheep?

BARRY: I don't necessarily feel all that enriched with that bit of exciting information Warren ...

WARREN: Anyway they're all gone!! (*wails*)