

Using ecological integrity to broaden property rights across the community

Need to resolve tension
between private property
rights and common good
environmental needs

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**Property law – private control
over things and resources**

**Environmental law – across everything,
and for the collective good**

**Need new connections and collaboration among
the many interests and disciplines involved**

Evolving situation

A photograph of a forest floor covered in moss and green plants, with a small stream or path visible in the center. The scene is dense with vegetation and trees in the background.

Ecological integrity - function, composition and structure

Environment first – holistic - a linking concept

Integrates
Transform

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Flexible

Basis for common vision

A dynamic concept



Rethink foundation of property to encompass connection of ecology, communities and people with the environment (Galloway)

Conservation property rights – relationship, not ‘thing’ – many different relationships – education, amenity, ecosystem services, tourism, culture (Ubilla)

Right to conserve

Object of the right – defining property, eg, koala habitat

Define the rightholder

Landholder’s obligation, eg, management plan

Rightholder’s obligation, eg, contribution to plan administration

Ecological integrity + conservation property rights can transform while meeting economic, social and environmental needs

Registers, blockchain
Exercise traditional rights with regard for
new rights
Determine 'common visions'
Willingness to collaborate

A trust as conservation
rightholder for young
people with an object of
intergenerational
equity?

