

To whom this may concern,

My name is Laura Searle [REDACTED] and i am writing in accordance to the upcoming extinction inquiry. I am a 20 year old student who speak on behalf of my entire peer group, and I am pleading with you to make the right decision about implementing a framework of legislations which will protect our critically endangered flora and fauna.

As I am a part of the generation who will be expected to live and survive in this country in 70 years, as well as my children, I hope that the right decision is made in regards to ensuring Australia remains a liveable habitat for humans and species of all kinds.

Following the 2019/2020 destructive bushfires, over 1.4 million hectares of land was decimated creating 50% of the 185 already threatened flora and fauna to be at the brink of extinction. The tragedy provides the perfect time, for you as a government, to rebuild my generations future and give us a chance of providing our children a life which you have already experienced. Tree planting workforces, weed and invasive pest eradication, and ending the logging of native forests are the first and most immediate steps in tackling the climate crisis.

Forests are some of the biggest absorbers of CO2, therefore eliminating them from the environment will remove water from the soil and create a more arid environment. With dry soil and an arid environment, the bushfires which occurred earlier this year have an even higher change of reoccurring in the near future.

Please do the right thing for the future generations to come, who aren't given the opportunity to prevent destroying the native forests we are so lucky to experience.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Laura Searle
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