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With the terrible bushfires of 2019-2020, the devastation caused by native forest logging has been magnified perilously.

Our Traditional Owners, the First People of the land, used to manage forest and fire responsibly without destroying ecosystems, but their wisdom and knowledge is being ignored.

Now the world and Australia is included in that, faces catastrophic global heating, and native forest logging makes a major malign contribution to that terrifying prospect. We need our forests to store carbon. Don't destroy them! Protect them and all the innocent creatures that inhabit our native forests. The fires killed approximately 3 billion animals, a holocaust of unprecedented proportions.

What can we do?

Begin by stopping the damage immediately. Stop logging native forests and swiftly create secure and non-destructive jobs by re-skilling and redirecting those workers into protection of forests and wildlife.

Engage proper academic botanists, zoologists and ecologists in the restructure of the management of our forest heritage, and end the stranglehold of unscientific industry-driven policies.

The logging of the forests that have managed to survive the bushfire tragedy is more than wrong: it is a strategic and calculated encroachment into protected areas to degrade its natural values. Stop this rort. It is a disgrace to our state and to your government.

Restore the damaged areas, not by sowing monocultures but by scientifically regrowing forest. It is being done successfully overseas and can be done here.

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