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Hello

I am writing to this submission for the parliamentary enquiry into extinction in Australia, and to express my concern around the extinction of Australian native species. Stopping extinction is a government responsibility, and one I want them to take seriously.

I was alarmed to recently find out That Victoria is the most cleared state in Australia - 66% of our land has been cleared of native trees, shrubs and plants - the habitat that supports our native wildlife.
Post bush Fires this year, our native flora and fauna need our support more than ever. The natural Australian landscape is very important and unique. I love to go bush walking and see species flourishing. And I have noticed that less and less as the years go on.

I would like to see the government dedicate time and resources to managing this issue, through -

-stronger restrictions on native forest logging and transitioning to a plantation based timber industry.

- a move AWAY from burning fossil fuels for our power- we have so many natural RENEWABLE resources at our disposal that don't contribute to greenhouse gas emissions, (emissions which put more pressure on the ever fragile environment And make things like flood and bushfires more extreme year on year)

- Reforestation programs to replant lost habitat- there are an ENORMOUS number of people on jobseeker due to corona virus- why not put this workforce to use in land reforestation. It can be done With social distancing and precautions- it is a perfect use of these workers who are now unemployed and struggling to find work.

I believe that climate change and natural habitat clearing are the biggest issues facing us today, and are more pressing that an our economy, or the money to be made from letting big coal And gas companies destroy our country!

Thankyou
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I am happy for my submission to be made public, minus my contact details.