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To whom it may concern

I am extremely worried about species decline that continues to take place in Australia.

Our history of land clearing, deforestation and invasive pests (both weeds and animals) have taken a terrible toll on Australia environment and loss of many species.

I don't believe that governments, both present and past, have placed environment as a high priority which has led to ultimate decline of healthy ecosystems. We have cleared native forests and grasslands recklessly for the sake of development plus mismanaged rivers and water allocation. This may have been for urbanisation or farming purposes. Loss of habitat has meant extinction or threat of extinction for many plants and animals.

I would like to see government now take a strong stand on all environmental issues such as climate change and species loss, and bring about strong legislation to protect our remaining natural systems. I would also like to see a significant budget put toward rehabilitation such as regeneration and pest control.

Sustainable practices such as ceasing logging and land clearing of all remaining old growth forests are paramount. Also creating greater recycling methods, water management and allocation and whatever is required to seriously tackle climate change.

Strong laws to halt the decline and extinction of further species must be introduced as a priority for the sake of future generations.

Your assistance to bring this about would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Carol Shelton



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