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I have great concern to learn of the situation of yet another Australian endangered species, Platypus. Our record in this country is shameful. Loss of habitat is a major factor across the board, in this instance exacerbated by the runoff into water systems from the horrific fire season.

This brings into focus several issues.

1. The state of the water systems in Eastern Australia. We have heard much about over allocation of water rights to large and/or foreign companies.

Our first responsibility must be to the country and the unique species which we have stewardship over.

Our rivers and creeks are a vital part of the ecosystem and their value goes far beyond company profits.

2. Bushfires increase. Unless we deal with CO2 emissions-which have risen from 180 ppm to 400 ppm we will continue on the present trajectory to a hotter climate with associated loss of species.

3. Decisive action is imperative and past due to address these issues.

Thank you,

Lorraine and Neville D'A. Forrester.

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