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This is a simple plea from a very ordinary person, with no real profile, with no real clout within my community, but with a real Heart, with real feelings, and with real concerns. I am no scientist but with my general knowledge I know there is no time to waste, to quarrel about stats, to argue about whether this is 'fake news' or not. This is about our survival as a species on our very unique and complex planet, where we know for sure we are the only living creatures in this Galaxy. How can we throw everything away for PROFIT, for living just for today, and not realise if we continue the way we are now, WE WILL NOT LAST! Maybe not in our lifetime, but a real possibility in our Grandchildren's lifetime. That is why the young, who don't have a vote, are calling it out. They know with no uncertain terms time is not on our side if we continue to behave the way we have for the last few decades. Our resources are not endless if we allow Greed to run the politics of the day. Do not shroud this by giving excuses that it is not that bad. You know in your hearts that it is that bad. I do not want to point the finger, accuse and chastise because we are all human, we all have our weaknesses, we all want our pay-day, but how much does one really need to get by. Are we, I say we as a collective now, that insecure we can't get over these hurdles for the good of the whole? I have watched Sir Richard Attenborough for decades advocating on behalf of so many species to 'take care', and prevent them becoming extinct. Will humankind too become extinct? Is this our destiny to self-destruct? Do we hate ourselves that deeply we will not want to see another day? Without fortified ecosystems we basically haven't a chance. You have the power to make that choice. You have the lives of a Nation in your palms. What are you going to decide? For or against LIFE!

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