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The Committee Manager  
Standing Committee on Environment and Planning  
Parliament House, Spring Street  
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Christine Whalan  
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Dear The Committee Manager

If you follow me, you will no doubt remember the story of the koalas massacred at Cape Bridgewater (near Portland) earlier this year.

But what you might not know is these koalas were victims of animal agriculture.

They were exploited by having the trees they call home abused, disregarded and wiped out.

Their wooded eucalyptus tree community was completely destroyed for animal agriculture - making way for farm animals, which are non-native to the land, to graze.

Exploitation just like this also plays a major part in the climate emergency. Knocking down trees, resulting in less shade, and making way for more animal agriculture is a recipe for disaster.

We must learn to co-exist with our native wildlife and their habitats, and importantly, recognise the impact animal agriculture has on our environment.

Please make a submission to the upcoming parliamentary inquiry into extinction and the biodiversity emergency so the major parties can't ignore it: <https://andymeddick.com.au/inquiries/extinction-inquiry/>

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This inquiry could make a huge difference to many animals and their habitats.

Australian Wildlife has been subjected to Bush fires, culling, poisoning, shooting to name a few of the hardship of our native wildlife must endure, we are the Australian Native Wildlife with such beautiful forests, we have the Koalas on our Emblem. Wild Brumbies, Kangaroos, Native Birds, lizards, snakes, so many wild native Animals that represent Australia. The Government seems to be more interested in Clearing forests, culling our native wildlife to clear land for selling for profit. The Native Wild life are part of our culture, work towards keeping our trees and forests alive with vegetation to keep a balance for feeding the Wildlife and keeping nature going for many years, deforestation, continues without any notification to the People.

We the Australian People, I for one, loves our Native Wildlife, and there are many farm land that are available to feed the cattle, The Government need to work with the farmers, to keep our produce for our Nation, first and foremost. STOP FOREIGN INVESTMENT and look after our own Nation first.

Bringing non native onto the cleared land is not a well planned exercise and the Parliament Members dealing with the issues at hand, actually require to use their expert knowledge or put the Parliament member in the place equipt with the knowledge of how their role needs to be professionally activated.

SAFE OUR WILDLIFE. They are precious alive and worth their value which is more than a Dollar Value. You cannot bring a deceased Koala back to life, so look after them in the first instance thank you.

Closing date of the submission 31August 2020.

Your sincerely

Christine Whalan