

Members of Ross Creek Landcare

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ToThe Standing Committee on Environment and Planning,

as Landcare members and Trust for Nature covenantors over the last twentyyears, we have witnessed with alarm, the widespread and relentless destruction of our native biodiversity. This is due to inappropriate housing development, [which largely hasn't advanced enviromentallysince the 1970s], unsustainable logging and farming practices, lack of weed control on private and public land, loss of roadside native vegetation, not to mention mining.

We have worked tirelessly to protect and restore the native environment as much as possible, only to see others, with no environmental care or knowledge, able to decimate large areas of viable habitat due to weak environmental regulation. This ongoing vandalism of our unique natural heritage is leading to increased species loss and worsening climate change. It is offensive to indigenous people to allow their natural and cultural heritage to be destroyed: all future generations are entitled to an ongoing healthy environment, their survival depends on it.

Our state, as with all of Australia, require stronger environmental protection legislation without loopholes, that can't be over ridden by other legislation. A well resourced, adequately funded independent regulation agency to oversee and prosecute where necessary would be also be needed.

Adequate funding is essential for the recovery of our depleted forests and landscapes and in the face of increasing climate change,the decline of species must be reversed for the sake of ongoing generations.The saying "there are no jobs on a dead planet" rings true; no future either.

Gas mining and fracking will further exacerbate the carbon emissions causing climate change, destroy farmland and native habitats. The result will increase species loss, more catastrophic bushfires, adding to even more loss, including jobs and human lives lost also.

All of Australia has adequate renewable energy potential and will create more employment; we don't need to increase gas consumption and it's harmful effects.

The illegal logging of old growth protcted forest, the last stands of habitat of several endangered species, must not be allowed to continue, it is a travesty of all Australian's precious natural heritage. It is scientifically proven that intact native biodiversity ameliorates carbon causing climate change. We need to protect and restore our unique environment, as many environmentally aware citerzens have been attempting, against a barrage of destruction; not continue to decimate it for short term gain for a few and long term misery for all.

Yours faithfully
Elizabeth and Barry Charleson



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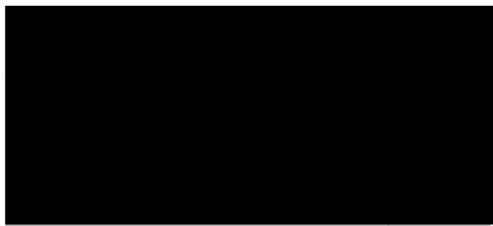
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