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Hello.

I have lived for the greater part of my life in Australia. In the times that I have lived overseas - my deepest sorrow was missing the land itself. The bush, the unique animals, the pristine beaches and the variety of wonderful plants.

Now that I live here full time - I've taken up a role with my local 'Friends Of' group - working to restore our local creek. It has been ravaged by European settlement, industry, development and pollution. We have a group of deeply dedicated volunteers and supporters who work extremely hard to improve our environment for future generations and for indigenous flora and fauna. Since we started our small works - we have noticed an increase in animal life.

While we work hard to preserve this small corner - it is distressing to see the damage done elsewhere in the state and country as a whole. The damage being done by development, land clearing, logging and by inaction on the Climate Emergency.

How can we continue to destroy what precious little natural wonder we have left? How can we continue to put profit before ecosystems? What kind of a world are we leaving our children?

Our environmental laws need to be strengthened. Major investment is needed in environmental jobs and Indigenous land care. We need serious action on the Climate Emergency, We need action on the grassland reserve in Victoria's Western plains. We need to protect the reef. Say no to Adani and other environment wrecking fossil fuel projects. We need to keep oil exploration out of our waters. We need to invest heavily in renewables and science. We need to stop logging our native forests and move towards plantation timber. (Has no-one ever read The Lorax to their kids?!)

My child is heartbroken at the loss of wildlife in the recent fires - I know many children who feel a great sorrow because of it. They are worried about the future. Every person who has been given the responsibility of being in power should think of them when they make decisions.

We need to be better stewards of our land - we must make sure Australia's wonderful bio-diversity survives and thrives. We simply cannot continue down the same old path - taking and destroying whatever we want because there is money to be made.

These words may sound dramatic and emotional but they are sincere. It hurts to watch the destruction of paradise.

Please do all in your power to make the world a better place.

In hope,
Jessica Gerger

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