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To the Parliament of Victoria

Victoria is the most cleared state in Australia - 66% of your land has been cleared of native trees, shrubs and plants - the habitat that supports your native wildlife. Over 700 native plants, animals, insects and beautiful ecosystems are under threat, and the number is growing every day. 120 Victorian animals, birds, plants, insects and fish are now at the brink of extinction – they do not exist any other places in the world, and when you lose them, they are lost forever. More than 70 threatened species make their home in forests that are still being logged. The fires have dramatically worsened the outlook for the places and creatures that make Victoria such an amazing place.

The fires burned 1.4 million hectares, just in Victoria. Destroyed more than 50% of the habitat for 185 rare and threatened Victorian animals, plants and other creatures. Pushed already critically endangered species like the greater glider, smoky mouse, mountain ash eucalyptus and many others perilously close to extinction. It is a disgrace.

Your nature and wildlife is amazing and important, and matters to many people around the world. I ask you please to protect your wonderful nature and wildlife now.

Kind regards,  
Bente Jørgensen,

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