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To whom it may concern,

I am gravely concerned, and have been for a number of decades, about loss of biodiversity and habitat that I have witnessed in Australia during my lifetime. I will speak to three issues only (there are many, many more....)
In Gippsland, where I grew up there were mobs of kangaroos grazing in the paddocks. By the time I was 10 years old the kangaroos had vanished for ever - probably due to loss of habitat and the increasing human population in that area.

Now I live on the edge of the Grampians and I am seeing a rapid decline in kangaroo numbers around the township of Dunkeld.

Commercial shooting has significantly destroyed the healthy population of kangaroos that many residents and tourists love.

Also the commercial shooting has impacted on local people's sense of security. Shooting has occurred on several occasions within meters of residential and commercial tourist facilities. When one considers that the range of a high powered rifle bullet designed to kill kangaroos up to 2km it's no wonder that residents are feeling unsafe. I propose that a two kilometer buffer zone be created around the township off Dunkeld where shooting is prohibited.

Also that commercial kangaroo and wallaby shooting be banned in Australia.

Secondly, Brown Creek, which flows out of the Grampians National Park and into farm land has been damned near it's source in the park and is only a seasonal creek now. The water is diverted 45km away to the township of Hamilton where it is used to water grass, flush toilets and provide as many showers a day as our modern resource hungry population would like. I propose that creeks and rivers which originate in National Parks are not damned, that toilets Australia wide are composting toilets only (ie not requiring water) and that every dwelling in Australia must harvest it's own water from the roof and shower in accordance with that stored water.

Thirdly, the sale of Australian water and land to international companies should become a criminal offence. We are a dry continent and we need our water for food production. Only Australian citizens should be allowed to purchase land and water rights.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues. Please implement legislation to make my proposals a reality for the health of Australian people and our wonderful flora and fauna.

Thank you
Yours sincerely,
Suzan Muir

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