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Dear Committee Members

Thank you for the opportunity to make submission.  
I consider this is one of your important Inquiries.

One concern is our loss:

In my longish life I have seen the loss of many species and ecosystems.

It fills me with sorrow that our grandchildren will see an increasingly diminished Australia.

Here is a beautiful illustration of that diversity, more eloquent than words.

Around Australia with my piano: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4pIX7uWidC8>

A second concern is ethical:

Will your committee assume that other species have no right to live and they must all be sacrificed for us.

I would urge you to make the strongest possible recommendations to arrest ecosystem decline.

Yours sincerely

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