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Thank you for this opportunity!

I live next door to a park and each year a sign goes up regarding the laying of Pindone to poison rabbits. I have seen firsthand the suffering this causes. Then there's 1080! I attended a summit in Melbourne in 2018 regarding this insidious poison!

I was horrified that this egregiously cruel poison exists and is used extensively in Australia. Non target species and domestic animals have also fallen victim to 1080. The apex predator and uniquely Australian Dingo would maintain the balance without the need for this invasive poison, instead the Dingos are targeted and wrongly labelled "wild dogs".

Also in our garden we have planted many native plants and shrubs to encourage birds and bees. Sadly we have noticed the decline in these amazing pollinators.

This also applies to Flying Foxes (Bats) thousands have already been wiped out by fire and drought. The Grey headed Flying Fox, an endangered and protected species are being evicted from their homes by Government and other decision makers. Their contribution should be valued and they should be protected from heat events caused by the climate emergency!

The main driver of Biodiversity is the over exploitation (harvesting) pollution, non native (introduced species) habitat loss and climate damage. We must protect, respect and stop the exploitation of animals which is the major contributor of bio-diversity loss.

Australia ashamedly conducts the largest commercial land based massacre in the world.

The iconic and uniquely Australian macropod, the Kangaroo, who features on our Coat of Arms is relentlessly targeted and cruelly slaughtered. Their numbers are greatly exaggerated and they are being driven to extinction! This insanity must cease!

They are being forced to compete with developers and farmers for their ever diminishing land to call home.

Bush fires and excessive land clearing had led to the destruction of habitat for Koalas who are struggling to survive. Also the Greater Glider, Leadbeater Possum, Powerful Owl, Helmeted Honey Eater!

Water is diverted from natural waterways to facilitate animal agriculture with logging activities polluting waterways!

We have an amazing array of unique wildlife in Australia from our Wetlands with spectacular Waterbirds, to our forests with Kangaroos and Koalas etc! Whenever anyone from overseas thinks of Australia, these are the animals that come to mind.

Start saving them! Stop Duck Shooting! Kangaroo culls, habitat destruction and species extinction and build our Tourism Industry.

Re wild the land and encourage and develop plant based industries for a smarter, more evolved future Australia.

Sincerely,
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