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To The enviroment and planning committee

This is a reflection on the biodiversity of fauna at our home.

We have lived here since 1976. Our roughly 1 hectare block is 4.2 kilometres from Beaufort. It was cleared in the 1800's, and is surrounded by remnant bush vegetation. We were pleased with the diversity of animals and insects when we first came here, and have been conscious of the decline in numbers and varieties since we have been here. The following is a brief list of some of that decline

I have noticed a decline in the following:

### **Mammals –**

Kolas not seen for at least 15 years

Phasgogales

Ring tailed Possums

### **Reptiles-**

Mountain Dragons, not seen for at least 10years

Shingle Back and Blue Tongue lizards seen in far fewer numbers

Little Skink numbrs greatly declined

Copperhead snakes not seen for at least 20 years

**Amphibians.** Frog numbers greatly decreased. Seldom seen or heard.

**Insects-** Greatly declined.

Long horned grasshoppers

Emperor Gum Moths

Christmas Beetles

**Birds** not seen this winter

Red and Yellow Robins

Willy Wagtails

Various Honey Eaters.

**Plants-**

I have not listed the decline of the plants in the bushland surrounding our home, but it has been considerable.

Yours sincerely

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