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Good evening,

My name is Pilar Garcia and I am writing to you because I love the outdoors. What I most love about the outdoors are its creatures, as I think we can all agree how special it is to see animals during your bushwalks - it reminds me that I am a guest in their home.

When I read that 120 Victorian animals, birds, plants, insects and fish are close to being extinct my heart dropped. I haven't even met them yet and they will be gone forever?! Think about it - we will never ever be able to see those species in the history of humanity. **Species that took nature thousands of years to get just right.** Species like the Orange-bellied parrot that has the coolest colours with the blue unibrow across its forehead - we don't want to lose that, do we?

With last summer's bushfires we are really pushing our species to the brink. Critically endangered species like the greater glider, smoky mouse, mountain ash eucalyptus are close to being on the list of "we will never see you again".

We cannot let that happen on our watch - you need to do everything humanely possible to stop creatures from disappearing.

You have the opportunity to do the right thing. Here are some suggestions:

1. Tree planting!!!! We need to restore our damaged habitats
2. Get rid of weeds and invasive species - we don't need them to take over already vulnerable environments
3. Emulate NSW's Save the Species program which includes breeding for critically endangered species.
4. [Stop logging! Victoria is still logging old growth forests](#) - this is absolutely unacceptable! Think about how long it takes for that ecosystem to grow and thrive - no use for that timer is worth it.

Let's be good guests to these creatures and protect them accordingly. We still have time to heal.

Thank you,

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