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In view of the 2019/20 bushfires it is appropriate that logging cease in Victorian native forests and the transitional program be brought forward.

The Great Forest National Park should be established.

Action Plans for threatened plants and animals must be completed and implemented.

Thousands of koalas have perished in the bushfires and the status of the species needs to be upgraded.

The Strzelecki koala is genetically pure, and action must be taken to preserve it - including a prohibition on logging in the Mirboo North Area.

The actual number of Strzelecki koalas is unknown, and needs to be confirmed.

There is an urgent need for an independent watchdog to ensure industry compliance with environmental laws.

Patricia Hunt, President Friends of the Koalas Inc.

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