

I am extremely concerned and upset about how Australia continues to lose biodiversity of our environment, lose native species of fauna & flora to extinction, and resist actions to halt Climate Change. It is very frustrating how Australian governments appear to lack the will to legislate and ensure the protection of our environment, biodiversity, indigenous cultural sites and our native fauna & flora for the future. Instead I believe the growth of the economy and environmentally destructive industries (e.g. mining, logging, agriculture) are given precedence.

Alarmingly the Federal government is currently rushing through new Covid-19 recovery legislation that will cause further environment destruction and species extinctions, by giving States complete power over environmental decisions. This should not be approved. Legislation to protect the environment, native fauna & flora desperately need to be increased

I strongly believe macropod and all other native species deserve proper protection and no native species be classified as 'Controlled Species'. Australia very cruelly and unsustainably treats our precious macropods, wombats, possums, and particular bird species and this is wrong.

Australia needs to learn to live with our wildlife. Our macropod species are under increasing threats from climate (droughts, fire, flood, increasing temperatures reducing fertility, water and food), increasing land clearing and agriculture, human population rise and increasing development and roadways, increasing road trauma, disease, Phalaris grass poisoning, human abuse, fence hanging etc.

The Commercial Kangaroo Harvesting Ind. and agricultural mitigation permits are extremely cruel and unsustainable and need to be banned. Australia has been using agricultural methods adopted from the UK since Colonialisation, including the cruel and destructive attitudes of culling, killing and clearing land – this continues at an increasing rate and does not suit Australia.

Hunting of wildlife (e.g. macropods with hounds in Tasmania, ducks) needs to be banned. Euthanasiation of macropods on land marked for development (Vic) should be banned and re-location legislated instead.

Native species need to have sufficient and suitable habitat protected for their future survival. I hope land for wildlife sanctuaries will be purchased and protected; this is particularly necessary for macropods who are homeless – they are shot on agricultural land, pushed off or euthanised for development. killed on increasing roadways, shot by commercial shooters in allocated zones – where are they allowed to live? Koala species also desperately need protected sanctuaries. One option could be to return decommissioned army land/rifle ranges to wildlife, instead of this being sold for development.

All cases of abuse to native species and clearing of protected land/flora need to have severe punishment.

Road ways need infrastructure added to help save wildlife from road trauma and fatality e.g. safe crossings (above or below the road), safely signage and reduced speed, virtual fencing, public education.

Water needs to be protected and allocated for environment. Legislation should protect all Australian water and land from being sold to overseas buyers.

All Australian wildlife commercial slaughter and trading should be banned – it is cruel and wildlife trading is the cause of Zoonotic diseases worldwide, Covid-19 being the most recent example. For example Tasmania slaughters and sells native possums to China; Kangaroo & Wallaby species are sold for human and pet consumption, for leather and fur.

Public education, aimed at changing Australia's attitude of our precious native fauna and flora to respect, understanding and protection – rather than the cruel, demonising attitude that has been passed generationally since Colonialisation of Australia – I would describe this bluntly as ' if it runs shoot it, if it doesn't chop it down'!

I have made a long list, but desperately long for Australian people and governments to respect, legislate and protect our native fauna, flora, environment and biodiversity for the future.