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To whom it may concern

I am a 20 year old man and have lived in the bush virtually all my life. It has been one of the great privileges of my existence to live amongst so much life in such an ancient and efficient ecosystem, to observe how the environment, the landscape, and the humans within it interplay.

As a child I would cry when our local forestry commission cut down trees - instinctively, I understood the loss of life, of centuries of growth and history, to be something catastrophic, but I did not yet have the broader perspective of bushfire safety, and how when done harmoniously, we can live successfully with nature.

When I see logging of our native forests with little thought for environmental and even long-term economic futures, when I see the cutting down of 500 year old sacred trees for tarmac strips that will crack in a fraction of the time, when I see the physical and cultural environment of our continent forever scarred to keep the dying coal industry on life support, it ignites the indignity and rage I have always felt at arrogant, masculist loss of life. I believe all of us have the innate ability to understand the value of life, and of the environment. We are currently not only denying this vital instinct, but putting off issues of economy, history, culture, and environment that will plague future generations. Please do not be the government that puts off the death of coal and the transition of our energy sources into the distant future. Please do not be the hands that sign the death warrants of more natural assets and Indigenous heritage.

I hope you will do the right thing, for Victorians, for the environment, and for the future. If not, I will see you on the streets.

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