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I have been deeply disappointed to hear in the news in the last few months about CSIRO's plans for modernizing CSIRO by asking for the deepest cuts from the division that does some of the most difficult and necessary work for Australia's wellbeing.

CSIRO's environment division's work with biodiversity and climate has clear value - both publicly and scientifically. The climate and oceanographic data, plus the resulting models, support environmental research globally and serves long-term public interest.

Australia's environment is distinct. Geographic isolation, unusual meteorological patterns, extreme climate events, and endemic species mean we can't rely on research done elsewhere. The work needs to happen here and we are hurting ourselves, our children, and our neighbors by diminishing our support.

Reduce the scientist losses in Environment. Find savings in other areas.

Sincerely,

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