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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications
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Correspondence via online submission

Re: Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2020

Dear Committee Secretary,

Australian Wildlife Society, formed in 1909, is dedicated to the conservation of Australian wildlife (flora and fauna) through national environmental education, advocacy, and involvement of the community. We are writing to express our support for an amendment to the act. We are continually disheartened by the large-scale and ongoing land clearing projects across Australia, that are potentially contributing to and accelerating the rate of environmental collapse and climate change. Assessing the emissions of fossil fuel projects and tree-destroying developments is one of the achievable steps the Australian Government could take to save the planet. We believe that it is vital to reduce our impact on nature and preserve the environment for future generations. One strategy to mitigate climate change and the frequency and intensity of Australia's extreme weather events is to step away from fossil fuels and move towards renewable forms of energy. Furthermore, while we work to reduce carbon emissions, we must stop making pollution worse. We would like to see action from the government towards developing a comprehensive plan to get to zero emissions as soon as possible. The Australian Government has the power to fundamentally change how we safeguard nature and our climate, and it must take urgent action. We need increased actions to limit greenhouse gas emissions and significantly reduce the global rise in temperature. We need to ensure the conservation of Australia's native wildlife for future generations of young Australians. Australian Wildlife Society would appreciate your strong support for this action and your urgent reply.

Yours sincerely

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