

To the Senate Committee

I have grave concerns that the result of this enquiry may be influenced by considerations and interest groups resulting in outcomes not in the best interest of our threatened species or Australian's as a whole. Australia's historical record with regards threatened species and specie protection indicates we have been slow to respond and the response could have been more effective.

In my opinion it is imperative that the Federal Government continue to set and lift the minimum regulations regarding threatened species and ecological communities' protection in Australia. Not only will this have the best chance of setting levels of protection at the optimal level but also do so consistency across the country. This provides better protection and greater certainty to the community and business without state and local pressures resulting in opportunistic policy and behaviour.

I ask that the Senate Committee consider the communities wishes with regard the level when formulating its report on the effectiveness of threatened species and ecological communities' protection in Australia.

Yours Sincerely
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