

'Australia is estimated to be home to more than 500,000 animal and plant species, many of which are found nowhere else in the world. Over the last 200 years, more than 100 animal and plant species have become extinct. In fact, more mammals have died out in Australia than in any other continent. In NSW, there are more than 850 animal and plant species at risk of extinction, including the [koala](#). Our ecological systems and some populations of plants and animals are also threatened.

There are numerous threats to our native plants and animals in NSW and more broadly across Australia. Loss of habitat, weeds and feral animals, pollution, disease and climate change all play a role.'

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspecies>

The New South Wales native animal volunteer rescue organisation, WIRES (Wildlife, Information, Rescue and Education Service), has listed in its Avian care training manual the 141 native birds that are currently labelled as vulnerable, endangered or critically endangered in NSW. (attached) This number does not include the reptiles and mammals that are also in serious trouble.

It is obvious that the one of the leading reasons we are losing our native animals at rapid rate is their loss of habitat. This has been proven over and over.

Why the logging for woodchips of our native forests is allowed to be continued is beyond my comprehension. The unsold wood chip pile at the Eden Chip Mill in the SE of NSW grows bigger by the day. The native wood chip market is collapsing. Yet, the New South Government continues to underwrite this ailing industry with taxpayer's money rather than put money into new, sustainable industries that would create jobs with a future.

I am asking the Federal government to please help save the homes of our native animals. The Australian Federal Government must take responsibility for the preservation of our native forests. Healthy forests makes for healthy people. We must save our carbon storing, native animal housing, water retaining and soil protecting native forests. That is the key to helping our planet survive.

Attached are four files naming 141 native birds that are either endangered, critically endangered or vulnerable in New South Wales alone. Also attached is a report on the critically endangered Smoky Mouse situation at Nullica State Forest in New South Wales.