

Dear Standing Committee,

may i just briefly say that the EPBC Act is far too weak, and hence is failing in it's aims, as seen in the ever increasing number of species under threat, and the severity of those threats.

- Australia needs the EPBC Act to be strongly bolstered to reverse this trend.

- It is totally unacceptable for the Act to ignore logging activities, as the RFA's are even worse in their failings to protect our flora and fauna.

- The burden of proof must be shifted to the perpetrators of environmental disturbances to show their actions will do no significant harm prior to any approval.

Please fortify this most important document so it becomes the overarching, watertight and effective legislation so urgently needed to preserve our incredible and unique natural environment.

Thank-you in Advance,
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