

To the Committee:

Australia is waging a war on our wildlife. Federal & State governments massacre in the name of management. Companies kill for profit, poisoning and shooting inconvenient animals. Hunting, road accidents, netting, human encroachment into habitat, introduced species, farmers, psycho-hoons – these are just a few of the killers of millions of native animals every year. What would it take to get Australians and in particular the gutless government, to value and protect our precious and unique wildlife?

I think this is a critical situation and one which continually amazes foreign visitors and shames the Australians who are trying to protect animals, save species and warn everyone of the inevitable doom facing our wildlife under present conditions.

I hope the committee can act urgently to change attitudes from the top. I believe that if government leads by example, most of the public will follow in the regeneration of respect for all life and the kind and careful management of our land for the benefit of all Australians, non-human and human.

Best regards
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