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Dear Research Director,

I wish to urge you to support this bill in part or whole where it offers greater protection to all forms of vegetation in particular where this vegetation is part of the home ranges of the many animals whose survival is threatened by habitat loss.

I am actively involved in restoration of riparian vegetation on the banks of the Mary River and don't want to see the work we have achieved as a small concerned group negated by careless actions elsewhere.

As carbon emission steadily rise the role of vegetation particularly new or regenerated vegetation is increasingly important. I recently read how a series of wet years in central Australia with resultant massive increase in desert vegetation was demonstrated to have had a very significant lowering impact on atmospheric CO₂. The effect however was only temporary, and was reversed in the more normal periods of dry years. To me this demonstrated how important it was to maintain or improve vegetation growth at all levels.

I believe for our very survival we need to reverse the huge losses in CO₂ storage that has occurred with deforestation such as that we have seen in the Amazon and with the much closer horrific deliberate Indonesian fires.

We have to trust inquiries such as yours to produce the right outcomes without influence from governments which so often tragically do not reflect the wishes of those they are supposed to represent.

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