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Dear Parliamentarians voted into office by people like me.

Along with many other voters I want the protection of high conservation value vegetation and river edges reinstated to what it was in 2012 before laws were passed to downgrade the protection status. There are many reasons for this, some being to protect our Great Barrier Reef from runoff, to reduce greenhouse gas caused global warming which threatens us all, to protect our wildlife and flora, to stop land degradation, to maintain essential eco-systems and retain our beautiful and unique bushland. All the marvellous efforts of our bush-carers and Landcare groups are undermined with the current situation.

While I have your eyeballs on my email - Please!!!! can we catch up with most of the rest of the developed world and get cracking on moving towards 100% renewable energy. Other countries are well on their way, Germany has some states already running on 100% renewable, Scotland, Nordic countries and others have grand plans and last time I looked we here in Australia have a damn lot more sunshine than Northern Europe. Solar Citizens and Getup just released a well researched and documented report on how we can transition to renewables and save money. This study was crowd funded by guess who? Voters. Yep that's right it was funded by people who care enough to take the lead themselves while our Government gives subsidies to dirty coal.

I was in the Environmental Department offices at Griffith University this week talking to Professors about how 97% of the GB Reef is bleached with 50% dead or dying. Global warming and land clearing play a huge part in this - and it is all happening on your watch. Are you going to be proud of the legacy you leave behind? How are you going to be remembered? As the Government who showed strong initiative in guiding us through the transition to a sustainable way of living or the Government who new better, but did nothing to correct the problem and right the wrongs???

Please hear what we are saying. On this day being earth day please remember earth does not need humans, however we are 100% dependent on the natural systems of earth for our survival and they need to be protected.

Kind regards
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