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Dear committee

Since the time of invasion of this country, some farmers and miners have treated the land with little more than contempt.

Somewhere in the bible, there are words that state that a conveniently white god, gives 'dominion' over the earth, to man...no doubt a conveniently white man. Apparently that has translated into seeing the land as no more than a resource, there to be used and abused, little more than a quarry, a human plaything.

The farming practices, indiscriminate land clearing, ignorant use of pesticides and fertilizers, have poisoned the land, wiped out untold animal and plant species...the land and its' waters are now decimated.

The results of the wanton environmental vandalism have reached the oceans...eco systems like the reef are now on the verge of extinction.

**As long as you continue to prioritize the 'wants' of humans, above the 'needs' of a healthy environment, the destruction will continue.** Floods, drought, fires...decimated waterways.

A man with a lump of coal in one hand, his credit card and bible in the other, respite with the smirk of priveledge.....so called leadership. Old, outdated, arrogant thinking.

Those charged with responsibility to protect the land and the waters, are expected to find genuine solutions and answers to solve the problems at hand, not simply continue the failed practices that have brought us to here. Those seeking those solutions are also expected to be strong, bold and independent...not simply a mouth piece for the status quo, or for those with vested financial and political interests.

sincerely

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