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When trees are bulldozed with koalas still in them and vast tracts of land are denuded for decades, the impact is felt everywhere and for centuries to come.

We respond with horror when someone nails a koala to a post yet industries are supported that maim and destroy millions of native animals every year. Bulldozers regularly knock down trees with koalas still in them. This is a crime of much greater gravity.

It makes long term economic sense to foster a thriving eco-system rather than use a resource to death and simply hope the ecosystems can cope without collapse.

Very strong legislation is needed to ensure that our farming and land use practices are sustainable and actually add value to the environment for everyone and not simply line a few pockets for a decade.

I would also ask the committee to ensure that traditional owners have a right to self-determination in relation to activities taking place on their country.

Yours sincerely,

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