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Appealing to common sense on this matter appears to have been futile.

The call for retaining areas of appropriate vegetation to support the various Koala colonies in the Redlands and adjacent corridors has all but failed and we are now witnessing a miserable few remaining animals struggling to survive.

On a wider perspective, the knock-on effects of this are many – animal diversification is key to a healthy environment, not my words but by many a scientist and expert in this subject. My plea is centred on the mental wellbeing of our human population and in particular our children and grandchildren. There are many contributing factors to why a human being feels good about themselves and others, one of which is the ability to believe in a positive future. Constantly we hear of the world running out of food, fish depletion in the oceans, crops failing due to soil degradation and climate change effecting rainfall – too much, too little or none, the melting of ice in the Arctic, Antarctic and Greenland, air pollution, water pollution, and so it goes, on and on.

This news has a negative effect on me because I can reflect back over 70 years and remember the time when I had the joy of playing in a healthy bushland, swimming in unpolluted creeks and catching fish in the ocean in abundance with my grandfather. My grandchildren can only listen to my stories with somewhat disbelief. After having told them such stories I feel irresponsible because they will never experience such a life. My stories may just add to a level of hopelessness which I know a lot of young people feel.

Are you our politicians, primarily responsible our well-being, across Local, State, National and Global boundaries saying to Mother Earth - Nunc Lento Sonitu Dicunt, Morieris. You may remember in the words of John Donne - **P**erchance, he for whom this bell tolls may be so ill, as that he knows not it tolls for him. I can only trust that in your heart of hearts you must have the same wants and needs as the majority of us – a safe, healthy environment and a secure (as is possible) future for our children and grandchildren – you owe them that.

Please re-think your land care (land abuse) policies and give our animals a chance, including us human animals.

Most importantly give our future generations hope – it will be your only legacy which prevails.

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