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## Submission details

I am making this submission as

A resident in a bushfire-affected area

Submission type

I am submitting on behalf of my organisation

Organisation making the submission (if applicable)

Capital to Coast Trail Inc

Your position in the organisation (if applicable)

President

Consent to make submission public

I give my consent for this submission to be made public

## Share your experience or tell your story

Your story

THE FIRES ARE A WAKE-UP CALL

This is a plea written on behalf of a community-based organization to save our natural world before it is too late. The fires that have ravaged the east of Australia this last summer have reduced once extensive flora and fauna habitats to remnant status, refuge islands. This is not sustainable. We know that we can expect more extreme global-warming induced events both in Australia and across the planet. Widespread resource

exploitation, global industrialization, mass consumerism matched with exponential human population growth, has upset the capacity of the natural world to balance and adjust. The climate has changed. The responsibility is ours now to solve.

To avoid the high risk of future massive fire catastrophes we must mitigate and adapt. This will come at significant cost to national budgets and personal lifestyle. We must expect this. However, the one positive thing that human society has developed an abundance of is knowledge and facts. The scientific world is in overwhelming agreement about the cause of climate change. The science is clear. Governments must respond to the scientific evidence and advice with similar resolve to that launched at the Covid 19 pandemic. Saving our forests and the communities living in and around them requires government and citizens to respond to the science by uniting our forces and taking action. Governments must lead the way.

This plea for action on behalf of the natural world is from the Capital to Coast Trail Incorporated Association. Our objective is to attract people to the region between Canberra and the South Coast, to enjoy its natural beauty, and to develop a strong determination to ensure its survival. To walk this journey is a life-changing experience. It enjoys a mix of National Parks, rural landscapes and country towns. Interwoven in this journey is the appreciation of the rich human and physical history of the region, representations of the cultural life of the day and support of the economic well-being of the people who live in this slice of Australia.

The Capital to Coast Trail and the people of the region depend on the survival of the forests for their own survival. We must stop logging native forests now. It is both uneconomic and an assault on the biological future of the planet. Sensitive, scientifically-based land and forest management practices must be engaged in with conviction, now. And, the interface between forest and residential dwellings must be seriously reevaluated. For the sake of future generations we must act now.

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