

NOW IS OUR CHANCE TO END ANIMAL EXTINCTION

Let's End Australia's Extinction Crisis

The future of Australia's native wildlife is on the brink, and this year's bushfires have only made it much worse. We estimate 1.25 billion animals have been killed by the blazes. This might just be the last straw for some of our most threatened wildlife already at risk of being lost forever.

Australia has the worst mammal extinction rate of any country in the world. In the last decade, three of Australia's native species have gone extinct and hundreds more are on the verge of extinction.

But, we have a rare opportunity to change the course of history. Right now, the Australian Government is running a once in a 10-year review of Australia's Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation laws (EPBC Act 1999). We all have a chance to have our say. But we only have until **17 April, 2020** to make our voices heard.

Here's just one reason why it's so important. The EPBC Act is supposed to protect the homes and habitats of our most threatened species, but in the 20 years since the laws were passed more than 7.6 million hectares of threatened species habitat has been destroyed – that's an area bigger than the whole of Tasmania.

It's clear the Government needs to do more – much more - to protect our wildlife and the places we love before we lose more of our precious animals forever.

Our environmental laws are failing to protect our wildlife and the places we love. Without urgent change we're guaranteed to lose more of our precious animals forever. Together, we can stop Australia's extinction crisis.

Tell our decision-makers how important Australian wildlife is to you by sending a submission asking them to take a stand for wildlife and end our extinction crisis now.

27,697

people want to save our Aussie wildlife

Australians want better protections for Aussie wildlife. Send a submission to the Review Panel

HERE'S THE MESSAGE WE'RE SENDING

First name

Last name

Email

State

Message

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Do you give permission for your submission to be published on the EPBC Act Review website?

- Yes – with my name
- Yes – anonymously
- No – please keep my submission confidential

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SUBMIT

There's more to this story

Read more about Australia's precious wildlife and how we're working towards zero wildlife extinction.



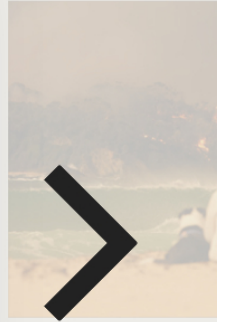
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Australia's unique wildlife

Australia is home to an incredible diversity of wildlife that is found nowhere else on the planet. Over 30 million years of geographical isolation has created fascinating animals that are unique to our vast continent.

But now, more than 1,700 species of plants, animals and ecological communities are officially listed as threatened. This includes nearly 500 species of wildlife.

Our iconic animals like the koala, black-flanked rock wallaby and hairy-nosed wombat are currently under threat. And it's not just our mammals and unique marsupials at risk.

Countless rare birds, like the regent honeyeater and swift parrot, are also on the brink. And some of our most fascinating reptiles and frogs, like the beautiful green and golden bell frog, could soon be gone forever if we don't act now.

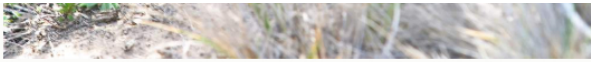
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Impact of bushfires on threatened species

From ancient rainforests, towering coastal forests, to the Australian alps and beyond, our wild places are home to our most threatened wildlife. But tragically, over 300 threatened species have been affected by the worst bushfire season in living memory, with their habitats in the fire zones severely impacted.

We now know that as many as 8,400 koalas may have perished in the NSW fires. And more than half the population of the long-footed potoroo, rufous scrub-bird and southern barred frog have been put at risk from this one



bushfire season.

On Kangaroo Island alone, up to 80% of the Island's glossy black cockatoo, echidna and dunnart populations have felt the force of the fires. Even before the bushfires, the dunnart was already at risk of disappearing in the next decade.

Now more than ever, our threatened wildlife urgently needs our help to survive.

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