

Committee Secretary
Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
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Dear Secretary

Please accept this late submission on the Inquiry into Australia's national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas.

a. the values and objectives of Australia's national parks, other conservation reserves and marine protected areas;

The values and objectives should be to protect and preserve our nations natural heritage, which includes all migrating species which are also dependent on our many and varied ecosystems.

b. whether governments are providing sufficient resources to meet those objectives and their management requirements;

No, all governments everywhere are clearly not meeting their requirements. Loss of biodiversity is common and wide spread. Take for example The Great Barrier Reef, the eighth wonder of the world is dying and will be dead in 20 years.

c. any threats to the objectives and management of our national parks, other conservation reserves and marine protected areas;

Australia needs to improve the management of its natural resources by raising the Australian conservation status. Recreational activities which pose a threat to wildlife or their habitat need to be strictly controlled. With more education on how humans, with all good intentions are a major threat to wildlife. Take for example Lake McKenzie on Fraser Island where suntan lotion, deodorants and insect repellent are polluting the lake.

d. the responsibilities of governments with regard to the creation and management of national parks, other conservation reserves and marine protected areas, with particular reference to long-term plans;

The long term planning objectives should be to prepare for the effects of climate change. Restoring all natural systems and reducing our dependency on chemicals is the governments responsibility. Progress has its cost and the bill is enhanced global warming.

Wildlife naturally service ecosystems. Government needs to increase national parks and marine parks. Protected areas are the biological reserves for future generations. The governments sacred economy has produced a surplus of eleven billion dollars. It is time to save the ecology.

e. the record of governments with regard to the creation and management of national parks, other conservation reserves and marine protected areas;

The government is allows military exercises in pristine natural heritage areas. For example the joint Australian and US military training in Shoal Water Bay Queensland.

The government is turning this country into a nuclear waste dump. The government is very arrogant.

Yours sincerely

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