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Dear Minister

Native vegetation provides essential environmental, social and economic benefits, including protecting water quality, maintaining soil health and providing wildlife habitat. We are threatened if the systems that support us are gone. Please do some research to learn that biodiversity is essential to our wellbeing and our very lives.

Our threatened birds, mammals, reptiles and plants are dependent on the important remnant vegetation dotted across heavily cleared landscapes. We can't afford to lose more critical areas of bushland.

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