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Dr Scamps launches petition and campaign to *Save the Aussie Bush*

Today I am launching a petition to save our precious native forests and the unique animals that live there from further destruction.

I want every Australian who bushwalks, camps or just enjoys a moment in nature to fight to save our Aussie bush.

The Australian bush, with all its incredible creatures, is for so many of us the embodiment of Australia. The sights, the sounds, the smells, the animals and the insects it houses are uniquely Australian, to be found nowhere else on this planet.

But Australia leads the world when it comes to extinctions. Many of our unique species like the iconic koala, black glossy cockatoo, and the greater glider are now listed as endangered. Scientists say urgent action is required to reverse the decline.

But even yet, the Albanese Government allows 500,000 hectares of native Aussie bushland to be logged or cleared every single year. These are the homes and food of our threatened wildlife.

Most of the timber taken from our native state forests ends up as woodchips or low value products like pallets and tomato stakes. The building industry prefers plantation timbers for construction.

Worse still, you and I subsidise this destructive practice, and despite this, state-owned forestry corporations have been losing millions on their native forest operations for years.

One of the most important solutions is to end native forest logging.

Victoria and Western Australia have already done this. Laggard states like NSW and Tasmania should do the same.

We need our federal government to lead. It should immediately reverse the exemption for state-owned forestry operations from the national environmental law - the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

The Albanese government promised stronger environment laws, it signed treaties to tackle climate change and reverse extinctions. It's even hosting an international "Nature Positive" summit in October.

But we don't just want promises and discussions. Let's see some real action. Join me and sign the petition to save the Aussie Bush.

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