

Our native flora and fauna is under attack. Highways, development, drought, evasive deer and pig and people. We haven't seen a koala in the area for over 30 years. We need more wildlife corridors and to extend the parameters of the state forests and parks.

Aggressive clearing of areas of forest in the past has left areas of spindly, uniform regrowth, all too close together with very little species diversity. There is scientific evidence now indicating that large canopy trees and trees of mixed size and spaced out reduces chance of bushfire.

If you view the region from above – in the scheme of things, taking changing climate conditions into account – we really have very little forest to work with. We need to nurture and protect these remaining forest clusters in the region. These forests are detrimental to our rainfall patterns. We need to PROTECT and EXPAND these zones. These forests are responsible for stabilizing our weather patterns, this vegetation and land-cover is detrimental to preventing temperature increases, forests detrimental to reducing carbon dioxide levels and imperative to our river systems. We have no choice but to take action NOW to protect what little is left of this precious and important areas. We need to do what we can to ensure the health and longevity of our forests, waterways and wildlife.