

# Strong New Nature Law

## Volunteer Calling Script

The Australian Government is in a once-in-a-generation process of overhauling our national nature law, the Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act). Together we can make sure the new law halts nature destruction and ends the extinction crisis.

It's critical that MPs hear from their constituents (You!) in order to ensure reforms have the ambition needed to halt the rapid decline of our wildlife and natural places. We have the solutions, if the government acts swiftly and with ambition it can ensure a safe, liveable environment for our wildlife and for all Australians. Now is crunch time, nature can't wait!

### Getting started

1. Find your electorate and MP: <https://electorate.aec.gov.au/>
2. Search on your web browser for your MP office phone number

### Tips

- Stay polite, friendly, and respectful.
- If staff ask for details, be sure to provide your name and postcode so they know you're a local constituent.
- You will likely be speaking with one of the MP's staff, ask to leave a message for your MP
- If your call goes to voicemail leave a message
- Calling politicians always feels a little nerve racking but remember that your MP's job is to listen to your concerns and ensure that our government is acting in accordance with the Australian peoples wishes.
- The script is provided as a guide, no need to follow it word for word

# Long Call Script

## Introduction

- Hi, my name is **(your name)**, and I live in **(electorate/suburb)**
- I know the Government is currently reforming the EPBC Act
- I'm calling as a constituent to ask **(MP's name)** to support a strong new nature law that properly protects Australia's forests, can you please pass on my message

## Key Message

*This is background information that doesn't need to be included*

- Right now, Australia's forests are under serious pressure. Our national environment law has loopholes that still allow deforestation and land clearing to go ahead.
- This weakens protections for threatened species including the koala and quoll, and destroys vital habitat.
- I'm asking you to make sure the government's new reforms close those loopholes and actually stop deforestation.

## Specific Ask

- Will **(MP's name)** commit to supporting a strong nature law that ends deforestation in Australia by closing the exemptions that allow native forest destruction to slip through the cracks.

Specifically by:

1. Fully regulating the agricultural industry, especially bulldozing of our forests for beef production
2. Removing the exemption for native forest logging under the Act

## Closing

- Please pass on my message to **(MP's name)** that we need a strong new nature law that closes the deforestation loopholes and actually protects our forests.
- Thank you for your time today.

## Short Call Script

### Opening

Hi, my name is **(your name)**, and I'm a constituent in **(electorate/suburb)**.

### Ask

- I'm asking **(MP's name)** to support a strong new EPBC Act, our national nature law, that closes the deforestation loopholes so our forests and threatened species are properly protected.
- Please make sure the new law actually stops deforestation and gives our forests and animals like the swift parrot and quoll the protection they urgently need.

### Closing

- Please pass on my message to **(MP's name)** that we need a strong new nature law that closes the deforestation loopholes and actually protects our forests.
- Thank you for your time today.

## Leave a message on the answering machine

### Opening

Hi, my name is **(your name)**, and I'm a constituent in **(electorate/suburb)**.

### Ask

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### Closing

- Please pass on my message to **(MP's name)** that we need a strong new nature law that closes the deforestation loopholes and actually protects our forests.
- Thank you for your time today.

Well done, you're a champion!