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#### PYL's Fight for a New Generation of National Environment Laws



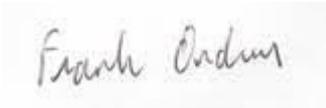
Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc. supports the Places You Love Alliance (PYL) and their crucial fight to reform Australia's environmental legislation to strengthen our environment, our democracy, and our communities.

Australia's current environmental laws shut out concerned communities, often ignore ecological science and are largely influenced by vested interests. PYL, alongside its 60 partners, are calling for a new generation of national environmental laws to be built upon the five key principles of national leadership, community involvement, trusted and independent institutions, strong environmental outcomes, and climate change resilience.

Australia has the highest number of extinct animals since European settlement, and present-day laws are insufficient in protecting the flora and fauna that are currently threatened due to habitat destruction. In Australia, over 1700 animal and plant species have been identified as being at risk of extinction and PYL is working to reform outdated environmental laws to combat and reverse the extinction crisis.

In a time when governments are reversing hard-fought environmental outcomes and are continuing to allow the exploitation of our natural resources, the work of PYL is essential. PYL's fight for the reformation of Australia's environmental laws is based on the legislative recommendations created by the Australian Panel of Experts on Environmental Law (APEEL).

For more information visit <http://www.placesyoulove.org/the-places-you-love-story/> or contact the Places You Love Alliance at [info@placesyoulove.org](mailto:info@placesyoulove.org).

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Ondrus". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

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