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**From:** Alexandra Seddon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 January 2023 4:13 PM  
**To:** LLS Policy Mailbox  
**Subject:** Please no more destruction of native species

Dear Penny,

I know you will remember your visit to Potoroo Palace some years ago when Djingo Dingo was a puppy. He climbed all over you and licked your face, I think!

At Potoroo Palace we do educational talks twice a day because we feel that education may be the only way to halt the appalling destruction of habitats which is going on constantly.

You will know that I am totally committed to caring for native animals and plants and the habitats which support them. We have now set up 4 sanctuaries (one is Panboola Wetlands) in the Bega Valley.

But what we are doing is a tiny drop in the ocean. I think as long as there is self assessment by land holders wanting to clear their land and using offsets, this will continue.

The land clearing rules introduced in 2016 have resulted in a thirteen fold increase in the rate of habitat loss. It used to be 2703 hectares per year. Since 2016 it has been 37754 hectares per year.

This combined with floods and bushfires has meant a horrific loss of native species, both plants and animals.

And on a slightly different note, Michael Holland met with us and has suggested that we contact you about supporting Potoroo Palace, especially since we have been threatened by DPI, our licensing body, with being closed for two months as a "punishment".

Please please can we begin to value and protect Australia's precious places.

Kindly,

Alexandra Seddon

On behalf of the staff and volunteers at Potoroo Palace, Native Animal Education Sanctuary.

Sent from my iPad