



TO BE OR NOT TO BE:

Climate Change & the Loss of Species

Presented by Professor Lesley Hughes

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All welcome
No cost

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Professor Lesley Hughes is a Distinguished Professor of Biology and former Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Integrity & Development) and Interim Executive Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering at Macquarie University. Her research has mainly focused on the impacts of climate change on species and ecosystems.

She is a former federal Climate Commissioner and former Lead Author in the IPCC's 4th and 5th Assessment Report. She is a founding Councillor with the Climate Council of Australia, a former Director for WWF Australia, and a member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists. She has recently been appointed as a member of the Climate Change Authority.

In this election year the Climate Council is calling on the Albanese Government to pause all polluting project approvals until the Parliament can fix the EPBC Act. Then, we need to get on with this reform, because every day we wait is another day our precious natural environment remains at risk.

The climate crisis has intensified this year, underscoring the urgent need to slash emissions right now - there is no time to waste. We've once again seen countries in all corners of the globe endure extreme weather events. From ferocious wildfires to devastating floods and scorching heatwaves, the toll of climate change is all around us.

Climate change, caused by the burning of fossil fuels, is the biggest threat Australia's natural environment faces. It puts at risk the complex ecosystems we depend on for healthy and prosperous lives, damages the habitats of important animal, insect and plant species, and threatens iconic natural places like the Great Barrier Reef.

