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**INQUIRY INTO BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION
AMENDMENT (BIODIVERSITY OFFSETS SCHEME) BILL
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Thanks for the opportunity to present a brief submission for consideration when amending this very important bill. The consideration of using offsets to enable the continuous destruction of our natural capital and therefore the loss of biodiversity which in the short and medium term has no place to live is deeply flawed.

Having been involved with the campaign to save the Leard Forest for over a decade I believe the process whereby like for like offsets are chosen and managed is in need of major review and reform.

There has been parliamentary inquiries into offsets before with many recommendations put forward very few if any have been implemented.

To quote David Suzuki

The economic assumption that endless growth is not only necessary but possible is suicidal for any species that lives in a finite world.

Offsets should be an absolute last choice to compensate any further loss of biodiversity .

We need to be able to thrive without endless growth. We need jobs that don't cost the earth. The solutions are already available the choice to embrace them is ours .

Great abundance

John Simpson 🌍