

Petition in relation to Protecting the South West Black Cockatoos

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled,

We the undersigned are concerned that the ongoing destruction and degradation of feeding, roosting and nesting habitat, and other threatening processes, are pushing the three species of South West Black Cockatoos towards extinction, and recommendations for their protection, including Habitat Protection Plans and Recovery Plans, are not being sufficiently implemented. If this continues, it will lead to the extinction of the Ngolyenok / Carnaby's Cockatoo; the Ngolak / Baudin's Cockatoo; and the Karak / Forest Red-tail Black Cockatoo.

We therefore call on the Legislative Council to recommend that the Government initiate an immediate moratorium on the clearing of habitat, including clearing of the Jarrah Forests for mining bauxite and other minerals; and the clearing of the Gnangara pines which the Ngolyenok / Carnaby's Cockatoo depend on, until such time as their natural food habitat can be restored; and conduct an inquiry into the population decline for all three species which will consider:

1. The need for an emergency plan to save the South West Black Cockatoos by stopping the clearing of habitat; increasing restoration; improving fire management to reduce health and habitat impacts; and intervening to stop the shooting of Ngolak / Baudin's Cockatoo, particularly by orchardists.
2. An assessment of the efficacy of current plans to deal with threats to the South West Black Cockatoos.
3. An assessment of the obstacles which have prevented progress in implementing critical recommendations in Habitat Protection Plans and Recovery Plans.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray

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