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Black cockatoos call on Parliament House

Save the Black Cockatoo Coalition, along with Jane Hammond, producer/director of the award-winning film *Black Cockatoo Crisis*, is holding a rally at Parliament House tomorrow - Tuesday 23rd May. Thousands of postcards signed at screenings of *Black Cockatoo Crisis* will be handed over to Environment Minister Hon Reece Whitby MLA.

Save the Black Cockatoo Coalition is calling on State and Federal governments to protect remaining habitat and strengthen laws around activities that impact on Black Cockatoo habitat. WA's black cockatoos are an 'umbrella' species - protecting their forest and woodland habitat has flow-on benefits for many other types of fauna and flora.

Scientists have shown that if we don't take urgent action to protect remaining habitat and prevent deaths of individuals, all three WA species will become extinct within the next two decades, along with other vulnerable flora and fauna relying on the same habitat.

Black Cockatoo Crisis has won multiple international awards and its success in screenings around the country indicates how strongly the community feels about the black cockatoos, an iconic and much-loved species in Western Australia.

"WA has made great progress on forest protection in the past couple of years, with native forest logging to end by 2024, and a promise to add at least a further 400,000 ha of forest habitat to the National Park estate," said Wafa director Jess Beckerling.

"This is very good news for the cockatoos, and all other wildlife who rely on these forests, but we need to ensure that the protections, both in the forests and in all other critical habitat for the cockies, is secured through a strong legal framework.

"We can protect the cockatoos, and our kids can see their numbers rebound over their lifetimes, but we have to take decisive action now to achieve this," said Ms Beckerling.

Speakers at the rally will include representatives from Wafa, The Wilderness Society WA, The Urban Bushland Council, Birdlife WA, the Conservation Council of WA and Black Cockatoo Crisis filmmaker Jane Hammond. Traditional Owner Daniel Garlett will offer a Welcome to Country,

The rally starts at 11.30 am on Tuesday, 23rd May 2023 at Parliament House, Perth.

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More Information:

Save the Black Cockatoos Emergency Plan:

<https://savetheblackcockatoos.com/emergency-plan/>

Black Cockatoo Crisis website:

<https://www.blackcockatoocrisis.com.au/>