

These paintings are a direct response to the 2019 - 2020 Australian bushfires, unprecedented in scale and ferocity. Like many, I felt traumatised by the devastation they wrought upon wild places of immense beauty and diversity.

We know these colossal fires were magnified by anthropogenic global heating, coupled with massive vegetation clearing west of the fires. This destruction is borne of insane and outdated ideas regarding the exploitation of nature for the sake of 'progress'. Well, nature is screaming at us now. There will be no 'progress' if we kill off the natural systems that sustain us.

It no longer makes sense to smash natural systems for profit. In fact, it never did. This insanity must end.

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