

Hidden in the Northern Territory's globally significant savanna is a shocking problem—rampant deforestation.

Recently the Wilderness Society's people-powered satellite monitoring program, Watch on Nature, uncovered over 8,127 hectares of—potentially unlawful—deforestation on three properties on the Sturt Plateau in the Northern Territory.

This drone footage exposes what deforestation loopholes in Australia's nature law look like.

This deforestation is not only confronting. It's also out of sight and out of mind for most people. Will you watch and share this drone footage to expose the Northern Territory's shocking problem?

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# This is what deforestation looks like in the Northern Territory.



These cultural landscapes are profoundly important for Traditional Owners. They are also home to a multitude of iconic native species, many of which are threatened, including the Gouldian finch, northern quoll and the critically endangered northern blue-tongued skink.

**The most shocking thing is critical habitats like these can be bulldozed without being assessed by environmental regulators.**

The Northern Territory is the only jurisdiction in Australia that does not have specific laws to regulate deforestation. And federal laws currently have loopholes that facilitate this destruction instead of stopping it.

A recent report<sup>1</sup> from the Environment Centre of the NT revealed that in the last 20 years, more than 146,000 hectares of deforestation was rubber-stamped by the Northern Territory's Pastoral Lands Board.

Not a single Northern Territory pastoral deforestation project has been 'self-referred'

under NT or federal nature laws during this time. It's scandalous.

**You are one of nearly 15,000 people who have taken action for new nature laws in the Northern Territory. Thank you for supporting this incredible savanna and all the animals that call it home.**

Yours for the northern savanna,



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P.S. Keep your eyes on the ABC program Four Corners tonight, where there will be an exposé on NT environmental regulation conflicts.

See the episode on iView at <https://iview.abc.net.au/video/NC2403H027S00>