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Hear the untold wonders of our native bushland with new podcast, Big Sky Country

On Thursday 27 January, not-for-profit conservation organisation, Bush Heritage Australia, will launch its first podcast, *Big Sky Country*. Taking listeners on a journey across Australia from the eucalypt woodlands of Dja Dja Wurrung country in central Victoria, to the woodland forests and grassy plains of central Arnhem Land, the podcast highlights the importance of conserving Australia's magnificent landscapes and protecting irreplaceable native species forever.

Over six episodes, *Big Sky Country* will take listeners to Bush Heritage's reserves where it meets with the people on the ground who are experts in ecology, culture, conservation and country. A fascinating listen, audiences will learn about seasons and ceremony, teeny tiny fish and phascogale sex, and even the sounds a tree makes when it dies.

Produced and hosted by writer and broadcaster, Eliza Herbert, *Big Sky Country* aims to share real stories about the current state of Australia's environment, told in an interesting and respectful way, imbued with hope for the future. Herbert says, "getting the chance to hear the stories of this unique and wonderful country is an immense privilege. I met Traditional Owners, rangers, scientists and researchers and fell in love with their dedication and commitment to the natural world".

Bush Heritage's ambition for the podcast is for listeners to take the time to tune in and hear from the people who are protecting Australia's landscape against a barrage of ever-growing threats. Dr Rebecca Spindler, Bush Heritage's Executive Manager of Science and Conservation, says "it's deeply affecting to hear the sounds of Country and to spend time with the people who have their boots on the ground doing the hard, sometimes dirty, work required to protect our stunning species and landscapes. I recommend listening in front of a campfire with your eyes closed and let us bring you to the place where stories are made."

Big Sky Country takes you deep into the bush to hear the sounds of hope from **Thursday 27 January** and will be available to download from **Spotify** and **Apple Podcasts**.

For further information or to coordinate interview, please contact:

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ABOUT BUSH HERITAGE:

Bush Heritage is an independent not-for-profit that buys and manages land, and partners with Aboriginal people, so they can protect our irreplaceable landscapes and our native species forever.

There are close to 2,000 animals and plants on Australia's threatened species list. Bush Heritage steps in where they're needed most, protecting all species on its reserves.

Bush Heritage respects, listens and learns from working side-by-side with Traditional Owners, and by working in partnerships with pastoralists and other organisations to have the most impact and return the bush to good health.

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