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NEW DOCUMENTARY FILM **CRIMES AGAINST NATURE** CHRONICLES ENVIRONMENTAL TRAVESTIES IN USA UNDER BUSH ADMINISTRATION

Sydney: Within minutes of taking the oath of office, President Bush's chief of staff, Andrew Card froze more than 300 pending laws and policies that protected 58.5 million acres of national forest. This and other startling revelations are made in the new hard-hitting cinema documentary, **Crimes Against Nature** which will have a preview screening in Sydney next week.

Based on the best-selling book by Robert F Kennedy Jnr, **Crimes Against Nature** chronicles the environmental travesties of the Bush Administration and the particular role the coal and oil industries played in manipulating US environmental laws.

The film, by Angus Yates, who has an impressive track record in news and documentary features, (Yates is step-son of Mike Wallace, US "60 Minutes" journalist) is narrated by Morgan Freeman with music by Jack Johnson - both stars donated their services to the film. **Crimes Against Nature** will soon go into cinema release in the USA and Canada and the producers are hopeful of finding a distributor in Australia.

At the screening, ABC science broadcaster, Robyn Williams will launch the new book, *True Green Life...200 ideas to make your life greener in every way* (Kim McKay & Jenny Bonnin, ABC Books \$29.95) and Clean Up founder, Ian Kiernan will address the audience.

"**Crimes Against Nature** has enormous parallels for the Australian environment and is a wake up call for all those who think the energy industries operate on a level playing field. This film shows how the Bush Administration rolled-back environmental protection laws in the USA in favour of the all powerful coal and oil industries," Kim McKay, co-author of True Green Life said.

Described by the Washington Post as "not only highly entertaining but a blistering indictment" of the Bush Administration, **Crimes Against Nature** first previewed at the Aspen Film Festival last October.

Unfolding with the suspense of a classic crime story, this irreverent film exposes the shadowy interplay of people, places, memos and meetings behind a corporate profit-grab that went largely unnoticed by the mainstream media and the American people.

An exclusive preview open to the public will be held at the Dendy Circular Quay on Thursday 30 April at 6pm. Tickets are available now for \$50 at www.GoFundraise.com.au/CrimesAgainstNature and benefit Clean Up Australia's Clean Up Our Climate initiative (including the film screening, cocktails and book launch).

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