



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA – COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

59th Parliament

Inquiry into Ecosystem Decline in Victoria

On 30 October 2019 the Legislative Council agreed to the following motion:

That this House requires the Environment and Planning Committee to inquire into, consider and report, within 12 months, on the decline of Victoria's ecosystems and measures to restore habitats and populations of threatened and endangered species, including but not limited to —

- (a) the extent of the decline of Victoria's biodiversity and the likely impact on people, particularly First Peoples, and ecosystems, if more is not done to address this, including consideration of climate change impacts;
- (b) the adequacy of the legislative framework protecting Victoria's environment, including grasslands, forests and the marine and coastal environment, and native species;
- (c) the adequacy and effectiveness of government programs and funding protecting and restoring Victoria's ecosystems;
- (d) legislative, policy, program, governance and funding solutions to facilitate ecosystem and species protection, restoration and recovery in Victoria, in the context of climate change impacts;
- (e) opportunities to restore Victoria's environment while upholding First Peoples' connection to country, and increasing and diversifying employment opportunities in Victoria; and
- (f) any other related matters.