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Victoria's unique natural environment and wildlife needs stronger protection. Victoria's most recent environmental report found the state's environment is worsening in 51 of 170 categories. Much of Victoria's biodiversity is under unprecedented stress.

The laws designed to protect our unique places and the wildlife are failing, and so are the agencies set up to oversee them.

Let there be no mistaking the fact that people and animals cannot survive without a healthy ecosystem.

We need a 'legislative framework protecting Victoria's environment, including grasslands, forests and marine and coastal environments and native species'.

An INDEPENDENT WATCHDOG with clout to enforce the environmental laws is essential.

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