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To whom it may concern,

I would like to make a submission to the Extinction Inquiry. My name is April Williams, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. My submission can be public.

I am extremely concerned about the future of our planet due to habitat and biodiversity loss, but I do think there is still hope, and the Victorian State government has an incredible power and huge responsibility to act to make a difference.

My childhood was spent in parks and rivers near home, going for long walks in the shade of powerful big trees during summer and watching and listening to the Yarra flow down to the sea following winter rains. We camped all across Victoria on our holidays, from lakes and lagoons, bush to the sea, each experience a wild adventure during childhood, which only as an adult now can I appreciate how much I learnt, how it shaped me to appreciate the power of the nature, but also to bond our family together through these experiences. Last year we drive through the magical Ottways, and I shed tears when I saw the logging of native forests. It must stop immediately.

Please, on behalf of us and all the future generations:

1. I urge you to value the natural landscapes Victoria has, in terms of what they provide to our quality of life, our health, and tourism.
2. I implore that you immediately and effectively ban all logging of forests (unless plantation) across the whole State. So many species of insects, birds and animals have reduced habitat and we cannot decimate this any further.
3. locate and acquire areas of significant habitat for endangered and threatened species
4. Plant indigenous species, canopy cover and trees in all areas that have been logged, to restore these areas for habitat, the environment and for passive enjoyment
5. phase out all coal and gas production - renewables are available, cost competitive and clean energy must be the only source of power in the future
6. Make tough laws to prevent illegal clearing, and activities that endanger wildlife
7. A program to save endangered species and their habitat

Thank you for this important review and please show incredible courage, leadership and future thinking by being bold in your decisions.

Many thanks,

April Williams