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I have watched in horror since the 1970s with scientific data showing us how our human behaviour is destroying our home. My great-grandson is a stark reminder to me as to how different his life will be .

"Earth's ecosystems have evolved for millions of years, resulting in diverse and complex biological communities living in balance with their environment. Since the 16th century, human activity has impacted nature in practically every part of the world, wild plants and animals are at risk of extinction, deforestation and land degradation are causing water scarcity and erosion, and climate change leads to acidification of oceans." (This quote from The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

No decision, about anything, should be made without the question : *"How does this affect the environment?"*

120 Victorian animals, birds, plants, insects and fish are on the brink of extinction. Don't we realised we are just another species in that line? Everything depends on everything else.

We must act NOW!

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