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Hi,

My name is Dale Steven Bradbury and I reside at [REDACTED] I wish to make the following submission to the inquiry, which I am happy to be public.

Kind regards
Dale

Submission

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to call for urgent action by the Victorian Parliament to address the ecological disaster facing this state. A failure by successive governments to appropriately value our natural environment has caused an alarming loss of natural habitat and consequently biodiversity. With the accelerating effects of climate change, as witnessed in this Summer's unprecedented and devastating bushfires, the cost of not changing course now will be so much higher.

The argument that saving the environment is at the cost of jobs or economic growth is a fallacy. A degraded countryside denuded of forests and wild animals will yield no sustainable economy nor a contented and healthy citizenry. This beautiful state can generate far more jobs, happiness and wellbeing in a sustainable economy with an appropriate focus on ecology.

Although I live in the city, I spend a lot of my leisure time in the Victorian countryside. The ability to take time camping and hiking in nature is restorative and allows you to feel a real connection with this special place. Being able to share a healthy natural environment brings all Victorians together. It is truly disheartening to understand that we, as some of the most wealthy and fortunate people on the planet, have not made sufficient provision to even maintain the dwindling parts of nature that we have not already devoured in our greed. The environmental legacy we leave future generations must finally take precedence.

Dale Bradbury