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Dear Elected Representatives,

Forty years ago, at Eltham ALP, I said privatisation was the abdication of the responsibility to govern.
37 years ago, at Seymour ALP, I said we must urgently stop logging old forests.
I was asked by Jim Ure "What will we tell the timber workers?"
The world's top scientists warned in the seventies to cut pollution or the soils, water and air would BE RUINED BEYOND REPAIR IN 1990.
Since 1990, 200 billion tonnes of CO2 has been pumped into the air, almost doubling it.
A bunch of primates has ruined their own planet. And still we CONTINUE TO HAND THE FOSSILS \$29 BILLION OF WORKERS' TAXES EVERY YEAR.
I gently hint that this is not very smart.
The big parties are widely believed to be in thrall to reckless greedy fossilised interests. It beggars belief that we didn't convert to clean energy years ago.
I enjoy cross country skiing at Mt Stirling.
30 years ago Jeff Kennett planned to give it to a developer for a skiing village.
28 years ago Steve Crabb told me it didn't go ahead because there would be no snow there in 70 years.
How casually we accept our extinction.
The superrich believe their money will save them.
A man helpfully told me "Sadly some won't have the resources to survive."
What have SOME PEOPLE become? Oh yes, purveyors of death and family breakdown with pokies, alcohol and cigarettes to 4am x 7 days (in Qld).
I am greatly heartened to find that Australians have not abandoned their values.
A church in a Southbank office tower has the car park and auditoriums operating as a food bank with huge donations of food, cash and volunteers.
Nobody goes to bed hungry.
To honour our global share of rewilding, two studies found that the nation must plant 25m or 58m hectares of trees.
Councils could be funded to employ work for the dole participants.
Later this century it will be 6 degrees hotter in Alice Springs and 4 degrees on the east coast due to the sea. This is accepted by the majority of climate scientists and has been peer reviewed.
We must plan now for the serious food, water shortages and crop failures in 10 to 15 years. Read FOOD OR WAR by Julian Cribb.
Basically it's all over. No poles or reefs. Our only hope is to limit the damage.
We can urgently transition from meat, timber and tourism to manufacturing.
We need electric trucks and buses and the east coast fast and goods rail, 4 tracks.

Yours for a safe planet,

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