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I write as a "senior Citizen" , who grew up loving to explore the natural environment on the outskirts of a city of around 70,000. We often spotted native animals , and revelled in finding yabbies and other aquatic species in the clean, clear water. It's all gone. You won't see koalas or even echidnas within 100km of my childhood home. They are simply extinct. Gone forever in the destruction of our environment.....for what purpose? We have a totally unique chance to guide the recovery from the pandemic while championing green jobs and renewable energy here in Australia, and certainly Victoria. There is ample evidence to show that increasing reliance on using animals as we do contributes to climate change and the ultimate extinction of many more species, and eventually the human race . We must seize this moment and stop land clearing, and plant a billion trees a year. The jobs created are the ultimate icing on the cake. The Greens have a roadmap towards this recovery, and I commend their submission to this extinction enquiry. Bruce Hedge.