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There is an alarming decline of Victoria’s biodiversity resulting in negative impacts on ecosystems and impacts on people, particularly First Nation Peoples. Urgent action is needed to address this, including consideration of climate emergency impacts.

There is gross inadequacy of the legislative framework protecting Victoria’s environment, including grasslands, forests and the marine and coastal environment and native species. The existing government programs and meagre funding are ineffective and represent a total failure in the protection and restoration of Victoria’s ecosystems.

Nature protection laws need to be improved. It is crucial that applicable policies are tightened and enforced. There is a vital need for programs, governance and funding solutions to facilitate ecosystem and species protection, restoration and recovery in Victoria in the context of climate emergency impacts.

There needs to be investment in restoring Victoria’s natural environment while upholding First Peoples’ connection to country and increasing and diversifying employment opportunities in Victoria.

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