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Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. Thank you for looking at this important issue.

The decline of ecosystems is not a new problem; indeed it might have started with European settlement. Because of this, it is up to us to repair the damage.

I am sure that others can list the problems, decline and destruction, deliberate and accidental. Instead my goal is to write about what the state government, should stop doing.

Basically the government must recognise how dependent we are on our environment. The society exists within the nonhuman environment, and the economy exists within the society. When the effects of climate change (fires, droughts, floods, storms) damage us as well as the land, we need to notice, hopefully beforehand. "Nature" provides so many benefits that we could not afford to replace: erosion prevention, water cleaning, oxygen creation, temperature moderating, fertilising, seed spreading, and many more.

Maybe, or probably, we do not know enough to make the best decisions; therefore, choose an alternative that is least likely to end in calamity. Take a perspective way past the next election. Be willing to say sorry. Learn from small mistakes to avoid big mistakes. Listen to the science. Listen to a range of opinions, including First Nations people; they know things the rest of us do not know. Don't be in a hurry. This is good advice; I hope to get better at it.

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