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Greetings, I am a repeat visitor to Australia and an environmental consultant by profession with 14 books written on environmental subjects, and my first book being published in Australia coming up in 2021 by Stormbird Press.

I am also the father of a young lady who has chosen to live in VIC and has recently been granted Australian citizenship. She lives in Melbourne and has chosen your State because of its quality of life AND remaining natural assets.

Over the years as I visit VIC I have become increasingly worried about what seems to me the accelerated destruction of its natural heritage, especially its majestic forests to the north and northeast of Melbourne, as well as coastal locations to the east. It seems to me that urgent action and legislative reform is necessary to END ALL LOGGING OF NATIVE FORESTS IN VIC and to restrict coastal development in areas which are still undeveloped.

Abundant studies indicate that both the ecosystem services and the non-extractive uses of natural assets such as those you still have in VIC have the potential to generate many more jobs and much better and long-lasting income than their short-term destruction to benefit a few. In particular, logging your extraordinary native forests is an absurd, medieval practice which deprives current and future citizens of Australia and the world of their many benefits.

Please consider enshrining legislation and administrative reforms which fully protect your remaining forests, expand your National Park areas both in land and at sea, and accelerate the transition to cleaner energy sources. This way VIC will continue to be a shining light for those around the world who love to visit, and also a champion of quality of life for its residents.

Thanks you very much indeed for considering my submission.

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