

Inquiry Name: Inquiry into Ecosystem Decline in Victoria

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Define the Problem:

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

Assess key Instruments & Tools:

There is gross inadequacy of the legislative framework protecting Victoria's environment, including grasslands, forests and the marine and coastal environment, and native species.
There is also gross inadequacy and poor effectiveness of government programs and funding protecting and restoring Victoria's ecosystems.

Solutions:

Nature protection laws need to be improved. The applicable policies need to be tightened and enforceable.
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.
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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