

Hello,

I'm writing as a concerned Victorian citizen in relation to the alarming rate of extinction here in Victoria.

We need drastic and immediate parliamentary intervention to the extinction crisis here in Victoria.

I volunteer my time with the Friends of the Helmeted Honey Eater, our state's faunal emblem. In this role, I form part of the supplementary feeding program. The habitat for this beautiful native bird is so small, and their numbers so critically low, that we need to ensure their survival with physical interventions.

This critically endangered species is one of hundreds of Victorian native animals that is on the verge of extinction. I have walked the plains around Little River, attempting to find the Eastern Earless Dragon with other volunteers and employees from Zoos Victoria, in a hapless attempt to find this species that has not been seen since the 1950s.

This is what will continue to happen to our native plant and animal species if we do not increase government support and funding to end the extinction crisis here in Victoria.

They will no longer be seen, they will forever leave our beautiful state.

I write as a concerned constituent of Brunswick, one who hopes for a brighter future for our environment and our animals. I know my views are shared by all Victorians. We want parliamentary action to stop the Victorian extinction crisis now.

Thank you.

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