

Hi

My name is John Godfrey. [REDACTED]

I am writing while under COVID lockdown, having planned to travel through Victoria & Tasmania as I retired on March 20th. The week restrictions were announced. C'est la vie !

One of my ancestors was a Victorian MP in post gold rush times, and some of his paintings of the farm he managed are in the State Library. Looking at them makes me realise how much and how fast we've changed the landscape here. With two adult daughters, I do wonder what will be left for their children and future generations. Climate change driven by fossil fuel emissions is driving fires, drought and wild weather events. Add plastic waste, soil erosion and weeds and it's easy to get a bit gloomy.

Having worked for 35 years as an engineer, I know it's not enough to complain, we need useful paths of action. To that end I would like to see the Victoria Government (ideally bi-partisanly) commit to:

- 1) Supporting rapid phase down of fossil fuel use for electric power generation. This includes the good work done to modernise our electricity grid and the work beginning on community based solar mini-grids.
- 2) If possible (might not be constitutional) set min standards of CO2 emissions for vehicles registered in Victoria.
- 3) Look at e-charging for roads for all vehicles to encourage public transport use. (The charging system should be weight based as that's what does damage to roads.)
- 4) Supporting / enabling programs to encourage community groups to clear out weeds / rubbish and eradicate invasive species. (COVID-19 included... :-) )

Some of these will be easier than others.

Best wishes

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