

Inquiry Name: Inquiry into Ecosystem Decline in Victoria

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I feel upset, angry and powerless when I think about the weak laws and poor decisions made that allow the destruction of what remains of our forests, our wildlife , their dwindling habitat and threatened ecosystems. Last Summer's bush fires brought home to me how easy everything can disappear in a blink of an eye. We need to stop what we are doing, take stock and start afresh. We need a new mind set. Logging needs to stop NOW and instead we should be investing in tree planting schemes and proper park management which includes traditional owners. Investment and approvals of dirty fossil fuel needs to stop NOW and instead we should be directing money into the clean renewable sector.

I live in Melbourne's outer urban fringe and try to do my part in protecting the biodiversity of my local area. I am a volunteer guide with my local council in their Gardens for Wildlife Program,an initiative that strives to educate and encourage residents of the importance of retaining/planting trees and habitat to support wildlife. We need the Victorian Government to do their part in the protection of our forests , ecosystems and wildlife by creating Laws that actually protect and enhance them and by investing in schemes and initiatives that further assist in their protection.

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