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Inquiry Name: Inquiry into Ecosystem Decline in Victoria

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The Victorian old-growth temperate forests contain some of the tallest and most majestic trees in the world - eucalyptus Regnans and other species. We should preserve these forests intact for people to enjoy, and for the benefit of future generations, and for the wildlife that depend on them for existence, particularly as some of these wildlife species are now in danger of extinction.

Although there is a demand for timber, and the employment of timber workers is also important, we should not plunder Australia's natural heritage to accommodate these short-term needs.

The Victorian government should pull out all stops to transition the timber industry to plantations. This is achievable, because eucalyptus species are fast-growing.

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