

Subject: Please protect our environment that provides

Victoria is the most cleared state in Australia - 66% of our land has been cleared of native trees, shrubs and plants - the habitat that supports our native wildlife.

I grew up camping at Wilson's prom, hiking all around Victoria and swimming in oceans at pristine beaches. My connection with wallabies, roos, kookaburras, flies, bees, goannas, snakes, ants, fish and dolphins was simply that, a connection. Now I take my four teenage children into the bush to find DEER??!! I fear for the safety of all species, as the balance that nature brings through biodiversity is sharply threatened.

I feel so frustrated and powerless about the fact that governments continue to ignore the scientific facts about biodiversity and climate change when the will, the knowledge and the skills are right here within the community to take action and create jobs.

Subsequently, I have resorted to subsisting in my own backyard to not just reduce my own impact on nature but to do everything I can to reinstate indigenous plants and biodiversity. This includes creating habitat for pollinators!!

I certainly hope my four children do not inherit a world where hand pollination is a banal necessity and the comforts of technology are a thing of the past because we have blindly used up all our resources and threatened our food supply by killing out biodiversity.

120 Victorian animals, birds, plants, insects and fish are on the brink of extinction.

Please, STOP logging, STOP mass single cropping, STOP use of insecticides, STOP killing our habitats and START eradicating weeds and feral animals in our state and national parks and CREATE safe havens for our critically endangered indigenous species.

Sincerely, Chloe Currie

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