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Ecosystems around the planet are in serious decline. A new 2020 report by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) found “Nature is declining globally at rates unprecedented in human history – and the rate of species extinctions is accelerating, with grave impacts on people around the world now likely...” [See the full report here]

Our state and Nillumbik shire are not immune. There are so many strategies we could be implementing such as;

- Enact strong laws to protect nature and provide adequate resourcing for enforcement by independent arbitrators.
- Take action to dramatically reduce fossil fuel use in Victoria and move to renewable energy sources. Establish more ambitious goals for pollution reduction and upgrade the power grid.
- Phase out logging in native forests within the next four years and cease salvage logging immediately (see further information below)

More importantly actions that can be taken in the Nillumbik shire include;

- Protect and enhance existing native habitats
- Reduce extraction of water from rivers and creeks
- Improve the health of the land by reducing the impacts of other identified threats – invasive weeds, feral animals, erosion etc.

In Victoria, current legislative frameworks are inadequate, as demonstrated by the ongoing decline of ecosystems and biodiversity. The DEWLP report (2017) identified that “Despite understanding the importance of our natural

environment, not enough has been done to protect it from harm." (pg 1)
Change needs to occur now!

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