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Dear Ecosystem Decline Inquiry,

The Inquiry into ecosystems decline in Victoria should take into account the following reforms to help ensure that we renew vigorously and prevent further destruction.

1. Actually resource sufficiently and ensure effectively planned implementation of the recent reforms to the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988. Fund the new objectives and train authorities to use the new tools and powers.

2. Make Scientific Climate Crisis Reality Checking & Adaption part of our legal frameworks.

3. Create an Independent Conservation Regulator with clear legislative foundations, including sufficient legal powers required to ensure compliance to our strengthened

ecosystem conservation laws.

4. Update Victoria's Wildlife Act of 1975. It in no way addresses our current biodiversity devastation and that of the clearly predictable future. Consult with ACF, Environmental Defenders Office, Environmental Justice and the many local groups with intimate knowledge of what is required.

5. Prevent the harmful impacts of new development. "Ecologically sustainable development," is a "cover-up" phrase used by developers to support development for their personal gain.

I have seen this ruse in action repeatedly.

6. Victoria's planning laws and environmental impact assessment laws need to be brought up to date. Consult those organisations which have expert knowledge on what will actually be required to protect, conserve and renew these irreplaceable resources.

7. Remove, by legislating immediate action against, key drivers of ecosystem decline : native forest logging, unsustainable use of water resources, and specific invasive species. Again, consult conservationists, not developers.

8. Specifically legislate urgently to guide, encourage, scrutinise and enforce the restoration of Victoria's ecosystems on public or private land.

Our future as an economically and physically healthy, thriving country for the many, not just the few, depends on it.

Your consideration is much appreciated.

With Kindest Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Joy Dahl

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