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Everything we do has an environmental impact. Rather than relying on it being assessed piecemeal and belatedly or missed altogether, I think we need a different approach. The net sum of our activities in Victoria is rapid degradation of the environment. Governments need and independent agency to keep an annual scorecard of this overall deterioration and report every year. But at the same time governments need to be legislated to make good to an equivalent degree within six months. They/we would soon be alert to assess and prevent a lot of despoliation before it occurs if they/we had to make up for it within a short time. It is past time we should be treating the environment - air, land, water, and living things - as a bottomless reserve which we can keep trading off against prosperity for a few.

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