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To the committee,

I'm writing to make a submission to the extinction inquiry.

The main frame through which you should be making this inquiry is time. We humans in the last 50 years have made an appalling impact on this planet, in the blink of an eye. There is no way of sugar coating this, and Australia indeed Victorians are world leaders in the most shameful of categories - inflictors of extinction. It is damning and must be urgently rectified. We are not the only species worthy of life on this planet, but we do have the power to fix or hasten the extinction crisis. You have a job on this committee which really is beyond the scope of the average human animal, but please undertake the task with the time frame of modern species versus the timelessness of the evolution of all the species under threat. I hate to state the obvious, but extinction is forever.

We have 700 species under threat in Victoria  
120 species on the brink of extinction

In the recent bushfires we lost 50% of habitat for threatened species. 50%! That is extremely alarming

We need to tackle this immense task on a number of fronts - the main piece of advice I have is listen to the scientists - let them set the agenda and work out ways to do what they say needs to be done.

- meaningful and urgent action on climate change - invest in renewables, urgently transition from gas and coal production
- stop land clearing and cutting down native forests, I know there are ramifications for this, but they pale into insignificance against the problems that will arise if we keep cutting - species extinction, water security, collapse of nature.
- purchase woodland and grasslands - habitat for species at risk
- employ people to plant native plants (habitat for native species) and employ people to weed and eradicate invasive species.
- create a statewide cat curfew.

that's all I have time for. I wish you godspeed for your task

kind regards,

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I'm happy for my submission to be made public if it helps in any way

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