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Dear Committee Members,

Seeing birds in our gardens and in the bush is a lifeline for so many of us in this state: I am an example. Every day I lift my spirits by watching out for birds, which live their lives independent of pandemic or politics. So do insects and other species. So many of us notice their decline and we are all affected by their loss, from bushfires, climate change and dangerous 'fire prevention' that could be effectively carried out by less destructive methods such as bulldozing of particular areas. This is the reason I urge you to please save animals, plants and other species from extinction.

As I live in a rural area near native forests I'm particularly aware of what we've already lost in terms of wildlife and plant species. Seeing birds, insects helps us to keep our spirits up. I hope this inquiry will recommend urgent action to turn things around for the many species now on the brink of extinction. Please recommend as many of the suggestions put forward by The Greens in their submission as possible.

Unfortunately the threats to our environment have not gone away because of COVID-19. As I have mentioned, all of us depend on a healthy world for our own health and happiness, and that means we need to be able to tackle the health crisis of COVID-19, while also protecting and restoring Victoria's ecosystems, that our animals, plants, people and communities depend on.

I look forward to seeing strong action to protect and restore Victoria's environment as a result of the work of this committee.

I am happy for my submission to be made public.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Jacobs

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