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I do not normally put submissions into inquiries but I decided that I better say something as I think this is an incredibly important issue.

Our whole wellbeing depends on what decisions we make about how we look after the environment.

This includes both our physical and mental health.

We are reaching a real tipping point and really already we have damaged so much of our natural world that our health is in peril. The obvious way that is happening is with human induced climate change and it is absolutely vital we follow what the scientists tell us and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and embrace renewable energy. Saving our biodiversity and ecosystems is also vital (which climate change is also impacting). So much of Victoria has already been cleared. I really want to see our native animals and plant life protected. Really we need to stop clearing natural bushland and preserve what we have left for the animal and plant lives that depend on it, to reduce greenhouse gases and for our own good. We need sensible fire management plans based on science and not politics. We need to involve indigenous people in the protection and management of the land. We need to have policies that promote the economic opportunities that we get from preservation of ecosystems, improving the health of our soils and waterways and constructing renewable projects and focus on the wellbeing of the human race and not short lived monetary gain that can have a destructive focus. Our ongoing health and happiness is so connected to the health of our ecosystems. Making the decisions now to preserve and not destroy is so vital.

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