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I write to specifically recommend the Western Forests NP be immediately declared, and this be used as a "banner" initiative by the Standing Committee in reversal of the steady deterioration of the diversity and security of the environmental treasures of Victoria. The central Victorian forests are home to some critically endangered fauna, like the greater glider, and flora, like the Mt Cole grevillea. Active current logging of these forests is only viable because of State Government subsidies (essentially meaning that our government funding currently drives the destruction of these forests and the extinction of their rare inhabitants). Given public resources are currently provided for forest destruction it should not be difficult to redirect those resources to the purpose of forest preservation. Active park management will be required to minimise future fire risk, to eradicate feral pests in the forests and to promote a healthy network of environments that can be shared between humans, fauna and flora. A repurposing of government money, from subsidies to logging to funding for park management, should be a "good news" notice of intention to reverse our deleterious current policy framework.

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