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We need to do way more to protect our natural environment and ecosystems here in Victoria and Australia.

Our current laws are a disgrace and have led to prioritising economic gain above the health of our environment, ecosystems, climate and rights of future generations.

Please strengthen our environmental laws for the benefit of all, and not maintain the status quo or worst still weaken them for the short term economic benefit of a few and corporations.

I was lucky to grow up in a well protected clean and healthy environment. I have experienced exploitation of such areas over my life including habitat loss, species extinction rates shamefully increasing due to weak environmental laws directly contributing to this as well as climate change.

Please strengthen our laws to protect our environment and the rights and wellbeing of our environment and future generations.

It is a disgrace that in regards to logging, there is no consideration of the cultural and spiritual significance of forests and wildlife to First Nations Peoples, no consideration or acknowledgement of the impacts of environmental degradation on First Nations Peoples. This needs to be incorporated into any policies or laws for better outcomes for all.

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