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I don't really know the point of these enquiries. The answers to biodiversity loss are there. Do they need to be repeated? Again? The retention of native vegetation on private land through permanent covenants needs to be funded (properly), extending the reserves system in Victoria on land and sea, reserving old growth forest and ending native forest logging in favour of plantation timbers, funding research into species and ecosystem ecology, reserving what little native grasslands we have left (especially the long-promised grasslands reserve west on Melbourne), and controlling feral species and weed spread. In regards to the latter i have seen South African boneseed spread disastrously into the area surrounding Lorne for decades. I have raised it numerous times over that time. Result? More boneseed. That weed will destroy the biodiversity of the Otways the way it is destroying the biodiversity of Arthurs Seat State Park and the You Yangs (and elsewhere). Who, apart for overworked and underfunded environment groups, is arguing for the environment in the public arena? Answer? No one. It's called commitment and until we have government leadership in environmental, species and ecosystem conservation and funding to back it, Nothing Will Change. Another report to be ignored, and then filed.

Best wishes for your enquiry.

All the best,
Colin Smith

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