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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Clare Mckenna.

I am a Victorian (Australian) permanent resident.

6 years ago my family and I chose Victoria to be our new home and moved our lives across the world to do so.

Being so close to areas of outstanding natural beauty like the Otways, the Grampians and the High Country is one of the main reasons Melbourne has been voted the most liveable city in the world time and time again over the past decade and also why we chose to make it our home within Australia.

I find it so disturbing that native habitats are still being cleared and areas containing threatened species are still being logged for the pointless production of outdated items such as paper and mulch?

Why is Victoria the most cleared state in Australia when its outstanding natural beauty brings in huge amounts of revenue from tourism annually?

Why not invest money in preserving and building on the eco tourism business especially as staycations are set to become the norm after the Covid 19 pandemic?

2020 has been such a devastating year for everyone not least because of the destruction caused by the Bushfires and the pandemic but also as a brutal reminder of how important our place as humans is within the ecosystems of the planet and how fragile they really are.

I, like many others in lockdown, keep my spirits high by remembering the sounds and smells from past bushwalks in the old growth forests and the experience of camping under the stars.

I stay positive by looking forward to a time when I can experience that again.

So please let one great thing come from 2020 and vote to strengthen the nature laws.

Invest our public money in a 'save our species' program, in reducing invasive species, in planting more natives and trees and end habitat destruction and logging once and for all.

Preserve the beautiful therapeutic natural environment of Victoria for future generations because once it is gone it is gone for good and we will never get it back.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Mckenna

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