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SUBMISSION CONTENT:

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Dear Members of The Committee,

Thank you for letting me make a Submission. I am an 18 year old student in my final year of school. I am a passionate nature lover. I always have been and always will be. As a young child, I spent hours and hours in forests and exploring the garden. I always found worms and insects and loved spotting birds, collecting feathers and seeing koalas and occasionally bandicoots. Family holidays always involved outdoor experiences in nature and are cherished memories for me.

I am greatly saddened though, to be seeing the changes in the natural world around me. Victoria has a terrible record of extinction of animals and massive land clearing and intensive logging. .It's heart breaking. And it is actually affecting my mental health. I have seen less and less insects. I used to see so many butterflies and an amazing array of insects, but they are now few and far between. Logging trucks are coming and going from our precious native forests. And we read how these forests are the habitat of endangered species, such as the Leadbetter Possum and many others.

Our forests are also the source of our fresh water and provide us with clean air and absorb CO2. We are taught these things by adults in school, yet the adults "in charge", are going against Science and letting our ecosystems be ruined.

I want my own family one day to have the pleasure and the sense of wonder I have had growing up surrounded by nature. We are custodians of a special and beautiful place, We cannot keep destroying it for short sighted and vested interests,

We need to ;

1. Stop logging our native forests NOW and put more forest into National parks for eternal protection.
2. Set up an independent National Protection Authority, that puts nature first...not affected by politics or vested interests
3. Set strict limits on land clearance, both in urban areas and in rural areas. .

Thank you

Juliet McLean

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