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I have many concerns about threats to our environment in Victoria. I will focus on just a couple of these. First, the growing destruction from feral animals. The growing number of deer is a growing problem, about which a policy was being developed several years ago. I have not seen any finalisation of this policy or significant action. Feral horses are creating havoc in the high country. The pressure from some people from that area to protect them should be resisted and a program of eradication developed. Cats, both feral and domestic need strong controls and, in the case of feral cats, a program of elimination. My second concern is the continued logging of native forests. The loss of habitat is having a major impact on native species of wildlife and vegetation. It is also reducing the amount of carbon being absorbed in the atmosphere at a time when we have a growing need to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. We need a growing amount of Victoria to be protected for the future and a growth in the number of National Parks to allow Victorians and visitors the opportunities to understand and enjoy our environment.

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