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Inquiry Name: Inquiry into Ecosystem Decline in Victoria

Mr Don Wales



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I am concerned at the logging of native forests and the damage caused by feral animals and invasive species. I suggest the following:

- 1 - the transition of the native forest logging industry to plantation only timber production by 2030 should be brought forward.
- 2 - the State Government should abandon the West Regional Forest Agreement and conduct a review of all Regional Forest Agreements in wake of the landscape-scale fire which Victoria experienced earlier in 2020.
- 3 - VicForests should stop subsidising the logging and destruction of public native forests and threatened species habitat.
- 4 - the \$3.3 million grant that is due to expire this year for "Western Community Forestry", should not be renewed to prop up the damaging logging industry in the region.
- 5 - the Victorian Government should clearly declare invasive pest animals and plants in legislation.
- 6 - it should also specifically declare deer a pest species, and release a detailed state-wide deer control strategy.
- 7 - funding and planning for control measures and mitigating impacts should be significantly expanded.

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