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**To:** ecosystems  
**Subject:** Submission to Extinction Enquiry

To whom it concerns,

Thank you for listening to community concerns to support our urgent extinction inquiry. I never imagined in my sixty years that I would need to write a submission to protect and restore Victoria for people, plants and animals and more than 120 species currently on the brink of extinction. But that is what we have come to.

I have been a city dweller all my life, although I thoroughly enjoy stays in the countryside and at the beach. We are very lucky in Victoria with our beautiful environments and relative lack of pollution compared to other major cities.

However things are changing rapidly and the window on making a turnaround to stop the end of life as we have known it, is closing fast.

In my younger days I remember Victoria was proudly regarded as the 'garden state'. We had a reputation for loving nature and tending to our own gardens at home in front and backyards. Understandably with population growth, many of our bigger homes have been knocked down and replaced with multiple dwellings. Some of these dwellings are a cynical attempt to make lots of money with little thought to the environment.

I would like Victoria to rethink its suburban planning to factor in native plants and gardens for every dwelling and suburban neighbourhood. I would like to see an increase in natural habitat returned to urban areas so that our native plants and animals have places to thrive

I have many, many ideas about how to restore our environment and I am sure that we have many creative minds who can come up with brilliant plans to create green sustainable jobs and a chance for our children to still have a bright future. I hate to see my own children worry about the state of the world, as I am sure you do too.

Best wishes,

Lucinda.

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