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My name is Marcus Hill. I live at [REDACTED]. I am 85 years of age. My phone is [REDACTED];

Over the years I have hoped that I would leave a better world for my children, grand children and, of late, great grand children.

It was a forlorn wish – doomed from the outset by greed and the mindless rush to endless development. So much has been lost in so many ways.

For example, had the St Kilda Road of my youth been preserved it would now be a tourist attraction of international standing. And what of the much-touted Green Belt that was supposed to encircle Melbourne from the 1960's? What a difference that would have made for tourists heading to see our penguins or the Great Ocean Road. Today, two hours of suburban sprawl confront the visitor while getting there with a repeat on the return journey. Melbourne has missed the boat and I am angry.

Flora and fauna – what need be said? Destruction continues apace. Logging of forests - those that remain - simply has to be stopped. Felling trees for wood chips is laughable. With Koalas and Leadbeaters near extinct, the writing is surely on the wall. Two more enquiries should see them gone!

We are supposed to be the lucky country but I fear we are the stupid country.

Marcus Hill