

New Submission to Inquiry into Ecosystem Decline in Victoria

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Thank you for this opportunity

To slow and with luck, ultimately halt the decline in Victoria's unique and wonderful ecosystems, biodiversity and vertebrate/invertebrate animal species this inquiry must be different to all the others. The result must include the acceptance and legislation of everything that the scientists recommend. Its time to listen to those professionals who have spent years working in this space witnessing the breakdown of our natural systems. We have largely ignored them in the past while Governments have rushed to placate the farmers, developers and speculators. Those who profit from the deviation and interception of our indigenous environmental systems. If our environment made money from itself then you may have acted with certainty and real concern for its long term interests prior to this.

Those much more learned than me will outline point by point, what is currently wrong and how you can improve it. I would like to contribute by sharing a few of my own local truths. The Eltham Copper Butterfly, local Antechinus, Platypus, Red Stringybark Eucalyptus and indigenous grasses are rapidly disappearing from the Shire I reside in. Climate Change is exacerbating this decline but the decisions made by our Local Council contribute greatly to the land clearing and housing development outside the Urban Growth Boundary where the greatest chance for all species to thrive is. If this Inquiry resulted in absolute protection measures for species at the local level then it will have been worth the effort. If peri-urban and rural Local Councils were made to prioritise the protection and enhancement of the indigenous environment rather than having the ability to "get around it" when approving Planning Permits, then most of your objective would be fulfilled. Please make the required legislative changes to make this happen.

Thank you

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