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To Whoever it may concern.

Today we see how vulnerable we and our environment are We have lost a truly healthy environment and ecosystem.

120 species of animals, birds and plants are on the verge of extinction in Victoria. In the recent bushfires, 1.4 million acres were burnt. !85 species suffered a 50% loss of habitat.

Victoria has 66% of cleared land, the most cleared land of any Australian state

This is very disturbing and coincides with a pandemic which has also caused the loss of many jobs and small companies and has led to a general insecurity.

We could create many jobs to help restore the environment and at the same time, the well being of people.

I'm asking that you consider creating a tree-planting programme and a weed and invasive species eradication programme.; a strong policy against the logging of native forests and a change to renewable energy rather than fuel -based energy.

Our health absolutely depends on oxygen and the ability to breathe. Forests and wildernesses and green urban spaces are essential in this respect and for the water cycle; but also for viability of species, and for the preservation of spaces where bees and pollinators, essential for our agriculture and food supplies can be free from emf radiation, chemicals and pesticides. [See the Lancet Planetary Health article, December 2018]

This all seems vital.

Yours sincerely,
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