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We wish to make known our support for stronger native vegetation laws and regulations. Our group has been working with local landowners and agency staff to protect valuable ecosystems for more than 30 years. Despite our best efforts, vegetation and habitat loss continues. Extinction rates are up. Morale is down.

We want an end to native forest logging and an immediate transition to plantation timber. This would bring multiple and lasting benefits at a financial, social and environmental level.

We also want extra funding dedicated to private land conservation. Stronger native vegetation laws and regulations plus well-funded, and on-going strategic revegetation and land care programs are necessary to address biodiversity loss, climate change impacts, pest and weed species, unsustainable land practices and all the other threats impacting our natural landscapes.

Victorians, post Covid, will be looking for easily-accessed nature based activities, and this presents an excellent opportunity for the Govt to support and enhance the brilliant list of goals in its Biodiversity Strategy.

[https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0018/51255/Biodiversity-2037-Summary.pdf](https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/51255/Biodiversity-2037-Summary.pdf)

- We trust you will give these concerns your urgent consideration.

Yours, Shirley Saywell

P.S. We have run short of time to provide a more detailed submission, but we are happy for this brief statement to made public.

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