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Attention Please:  
The Committee Manager  
Standing Committee on Environment and Planning Parliament House, Spring Street East Melbourne. Vic 3002

Dear Committee Members,  
As a long term resident of Warrandyte North I endorse this Inquiry as most necessary.  
As a member of Friends of Warrandyte State Park and Yarra Riverkeepers Association I endorse their submissions to you.

As a supporter of Environment Victoria and the Platypus Conservancy I endorse their views too.  
I remember the joys of a childhood in the 1950's observing the delicate ecology of 'water boatmen', dragonfly larvae and tadpoles in the clear flowing water of the Halfpenny Creek.

I remember the fondly regularly seeing Eastern Yellow Robins Spotted Pardalotes, Wagtails, Kingfishers. Koalas were amongst us, wombats, Black Wallaby.  
These, and many other species of insects, birds, animals, orchids have all but disappeared.  
Wombats are being killed on our roads.

I deeply regret that this extinction crisis is happening before our eyes. I feel ashamed as an Australian.  
I request reform of the Victorian Flora and Fauna Guarantee to give more protection.  
We must all work together and value biodiversity. Wildlife movement should be an important consideration with any road maintenance project. This particularly applies to the Warrandyte Bridge Upgrade ; tree replanting, Aerial Wildlife Movement Pathway etc. have not yet happened.

I believe that investing in enhancing the natural ecology of the Yarra River and environs could be a real boost to employment. This would include work to eradicate feral animals, weeds.  
Working with Aboriginal experts on land management would help to protect us all from fierce bushfires.

(I am happy for this to be made public.)  
Yours Sincerely,  
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