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Dear members of the committee,

I would like to make a submission to the Inquiry into Ecosystem Decline in Victoria.

My name is Frances and I am a 26-year-old student living in a regional town north-east of Melbourne.

I live in a bushfire prone area and have witnessed the devastation of the Black Saturday bushfires from 2009 and most recently, the bushfires from 2019-20. I have personally experienced the damage bushfires cause – and threaten to cause – as well as the havoc wreaked on my broader community during our last bushfire season.

I encourage you to engage with the Traditional Custodians of this land and work with them in order to preserve land and water security. Legitimise Indigenous systems of knowledge through prioritising traditional land management practices such as cultural fire as a way of lessening the impact of bushfires.

I would also suggest that community collaboration is vitally important and is required if you would like to achieve thoughtful, meaningful legislative change.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

Kind Regards,
Frances McCarthy

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