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Dear Dan Andrews, dear Lily D'Ambrosio,

I am making this submission as I want to make sure that the extinction inquiry will deliver real results. I am pleading with you to please pay your part in stopping extinctions and to make sure that as much as possible is done.

I grew up in Germany, in an area completely cultivated for either crops, animals or timber. When I came to Australia I was absolutely taken aback by the natural beauty of the landscape, by the amazing and unique flora and fauna. I have become a keen bushwalker and worked in environmental education. One of my favourite places is Mt Jagungal - but even the dry and sparse bush around Bendigo, where I live these days, helps me so much to have balance in my life. Sometimes when we wake up we see a big daddy roo in the street, or little blue wrens in our garden.

As I appreciate the natural environment so much, and know how important it is for our planet and our future, I am concerned with how much land in Victoria is cleared, and how many animals, birds, plants, insect, fish and flora such as the mountain ash eucalyptus are under threat or/and at the brink of extinction. Logging and the impact from the devastating bush fires last summer are pushing these even more to extinction.

I know that there are many possible solutions to this, such as:

- Stopping all logging of fire affected forests
- Stopping all logging of old growth forests, and having tree plantations for timber production instead
- Not clearing any more land and instead creating a work force to restore habitat via replanting/reseeding sides (this would also create much needed jobs!)
- Working on weed and invasive species eradication
- Dedicated programs to help species which are facing extinction, such as NSW's 'Save our species' program
- Strengthening environmental laws
- Moving to 100% renewable energy sources
- Creating revenue from tourism into some of the natural spaces, also increasing people's connection to nature (which has been proven to have huge psychological benefits = less pressure on the health care system!)

I bet you know of a lot more solutions than I do. And I know that I am only one voice, one person - but please take note of my requests nonetheless. This world means a lot to me.

Many thanks,
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