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Inquiry Name: Inquiry into Ecosystem Decline in Victoria

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**SUBMISSION CONTENT:**

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Consider Ecotourism opportunities: Ramsar Wetlands, coastal communities, forests, grasslands

- Exploitation: use, abuse & disregard
  - o Exploitation can be divided to three areas: animals, ecosystems & habitats and resources (e.g. land, water)
  - o Animals: Native species are not pests; they should be celebrated not vilified.
    - Kangaroos & Wallabies: Victoria's Kangaroo population is in fast decline; the Victorian Government relies on outdated and poorly-monitored figures and its reports and quoted numbers are illogical and non-sensical ([https://www.creativecowboyfilms.com/blog\\_posts/kangaroos-in-victoria-status-2019](https://www.creativecowboyfilms.com/blog_posts/kangaroos-in-victoria-status-2019))
    - End the Commercial harvest of Kangaroos & wallabies
    - Authority to Control Wildlife (ATCW) System should be terminated or overhauled
    - Develop eco-tourism programs around the most iconic Australian wildlife species - kangaroos
    - Ducks: shooting of native birds is decimating populations that are under stress from drought and climate emergency, and it is polluting and damaging wetlands, in particular Ramsar-listed wetlands (<https://birdlife.org.au/australian-birdlife/detail/drawing-a-line-in-the-mud>). It is also encouraging and enabling violence.
      - Ban duck shooting
      - Develop an eco-tourism industry based around Victoria's unique bird populations and the Ramsar-listed wetlands
      - Dingoes are native animals and important in the ecosystem; they are not an introduced species, nor are they "wild dogs".
      - The Dingo is a true-blue, native Australian species: <https://theconversation.com/the-dingo-is-a-true-blue-native-australian-species-111538>)
      - Bats: important pollinators, critical to ecosystems (<https://theconversation.com/no-aussie-bats-wont-give-you-covid-19-we-rely-on-them-more-than-you-think-137168>)
      - Greatly impacted by climate change (e.g. drought, rising temperatures), land-clearing, use of nets on fruit trees

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