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The world is in the 6th mass species extinction, and it is driven by one species – humans.

The world's biodiversity (variation in life) is under intense stress and pressure, causing a loss of biodiversity that has led to a Biodiversity Emergency. This is recognised and reported by scientists around the world and by leading global organisations such as the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

These threats to nature and decline in biodiversity are also reported in Victoria. The 2018 State of the Environment Report from Victoria's Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability was damning. The status of 60% of the Biodiversity Indicators are rated as "poor" and none are rated as "good"; in terms of trends, 51% of the Biodiversity Indicators are deteriorating and only 1 out of 35 had improved and that is Private Land Conservation.

The main drivers of Biodiversity Loss are over-exploitation (harvesting), pollution, non-native (introduced) species, habitat loss and climate damage. So to prevent further biodiversity loss and ecosystem decline and to protect and restore species and ecosystems, we must tackle these factors. Exploitation, disregard and disrespect of animals is the major contributor to all drivers of Biodiversity Loss.

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