

SUBMISSION TO THE EPBC ACT REVIEW

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Name

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State or Territory

Victoria

Areas of Interest

The objects of the Act; Threatened species; Indigenous Australians; Matters of National Environmental Significance; Climate change; Compliance and enforcement; Biodiversity; Conservation;

Attachment provided

Yes

Do you give permission for your submission to be published?

Yes - with my name and/or organisation (if included)

SUBMISSION RESPONSES

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23 February, 2020

Dear Professor Samuel and Independent Review Panel,

It is with my great concern with the changing environment that I would like to make a submission into the 2019-2020 Independent Review of the EPBC Act.

I've lived in Melbourne most of my life and moving from a big city in Japan where we were not exactly surrounded by forest, Melbourne was somewhere I instantly found a loving connection with. Not just for the beautiful city or the endless options of fantastic food choices, but for the amazing nature and breathtaking locations where I can escape to recharge and feel instantly at peace. This is the kind of feeling I get when I'm around nature and no amount of materialistic things life can offer will measure up to that feeling and I don't want that feeling to end because our government didn't see the seriousness of the need to act NOW on climate change and the need to ensure the Act works as intended to fix this issue.

Most of my memories in life that I'm fond of are my time away on trips to the beautiful mountains in the Grampians or exploring nature down in Dromana and so many more places to list where I felt the happiest. Nature helps me switch off from the fast paced world we live in and helps me ground myself in the lifestyle we can get so caught up in.

We need this in our lives.

Humans need nature physically and mentally and it makes me furious and extremely sad to see the lungs of our state of Victoria slowly deteriorating in front of our eyes.

It's not only humans impacted but nature and the forests provide a home for our beautiful animals. You don't need to be a scientist to understand that an intact ecosystem is the best way to store carbon and allow wildlife and humans to thrive.

Our recent devastating bushfires should be enough of an indication to show you that our national environment laws are failing to protect our land.

It is a privilege to be alive on this earth and it is our duty to protect this planet. Without the environment we would not exist. It's 2020, we should be wiser than this. We have the resources to be able to protect our land and my question is, when will you start using them?

We need to do everything in our power to protect and restore nature that includes taking action on the widely occurring deforestation, inappropriate agriculture, and mining.

And so I ask with great passion to restore the planet for the better. I encourage you to thoroughly review the EPBC Act and recommend implementing a brand new set of laws that will help save this land before it's too late. I do not want to wake up another day feeling anxious for what today may bring.

Thank you for considering my submission, and I invite any further discussion by email at

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Kind regards,
Ajenthy Ranjitkumar

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