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I'm your show host, Bec Horridge, and I do pay respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.

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It's likely that you have made changes to your life to adapt to climate impacts such as floods, extreme hot weather, Bush fires and drought.

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From installing installation and air conditioning in houses to reaching out for help to deal with climate anxiety, these are climate impact adaptations.

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Today, Earth Matters welcomes Vicky Elmore, interviewed by Juliet Baxter, asking good questions about our climate adaptation actions.

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Later, Phuong Tran finds out from our about how Victorian forests saved from logging are now being burnt by the state, and that logging continues on private land.

00:01:25 Juliet Baxter

We're going to be chatting to Vicki Elmore, who is an organiser from the ACT on Climate Initiative within the Friends of the Earth Melbourne.

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And Vicki is here today to chat about the need for climate adaptations, the latest state budget here in Victoria, and also some findings from recent research undertaken by Friends of the Earth.

00:01:46 Juliet Baxter

Thanks for joining us, Vicky.

00:01:48 Vicky Elmore  
Thanks for having me.

00:01:49 Juliet Baxter  
We're really excited to chat to you this morning.

00:01:52 Juliet Baxter  
Vicky, can you start off by telling us a little bit about the recent Victoria Climate Resilience Inquiry?

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And yeah, what were some of the key findings of that report?

00:02:02 Vicky Elmore  
Yeah, no problem.

00:02:03 Vicky Elmore  
So actually enquiry committee has not released the findings yet.

00:02:07 Vicky Elmore  
The report that Acting Climate has released, it's preemptively gone through all of the publicly available submissions and gather this data to let people know what the findings are that we've found through going through all the submissions ourselves.

00:02:24 Vicky Elmore  
So the inquiry, it was looking into the the impact around built infrastructure specifically.

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So that has had, you know come out in the results.

00:02:37 Vicky Elmore  
So what we did is we went through and we looked at the priorities around climate adaptation that were mentioned, the impacts of concern that were mentioned as well as the climate adaptation solutions that were called for.

00:02:51 Vicky Elmore  
The number one thing that was called for throughout, and this was by councils, community members as well as many organisations with more being invested in climate adaptation.

00:03:04 Vicky Elmore

So it was very clear that this is something that is lacking and this is something that I can climate has been calling for for a couple of years now.

00:03:13 Vicky Elmore

The second most mentioned thing was protecting those most at risk in the community, which was really great to see that people are worried about everyone in the community and over 60% acknowledge that we need to be localising climate adaptation and that it needs to be community led, which is another thing that Act on Climate has been calling for because this avoids maladaptation and it ensures no one is.

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Left behind.

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Yeah, definitely.

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I think, you know, that's so important.

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And yeah, as you're saying, there's a lot of vulnerable groups who are more likely to be more impacted by the effects of climate change.

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But can you tell us a little bit, Vicky, about what are some of those major impacts, attacks already impacting Victorian ways of life when it comes to climate change?

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Yeah, so.

00:04:00 Vicky Elmore

This is one of the things we looked at and I like to more frame it as those that are top of mind because what people have mentioned in their submission, a lot of the time it's the impacts at the top of mind.

00:04:12 Vicky Elmore

It doesn't really show the impacts that are, you know, most currently affecting people.

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So the the top four that were mentioned, the main one was heat, the second one was

floods, which both make sense because those have impacted Victorians recently.

00:04:30 Vicky Elmore

So those would be, you know, top of mind for people.

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The third one bushfires as we know also had some horrendous bushfires in Victoria.

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And then the 4th one was human health.

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So people are also concerned about human health that is getting impacted and mental health is quite high up as well.

00:04:49 Vicky Elmore

What I thought was interesting that it showed as well is the the impacts that on top of mind for people right down at the bottom, the least mentioned things were displacement and cost of living as well as communication loss and food security, which are and are going to be really big climate impacts that are going to affect people.

00:05:11 Vicky Elmore

So I thought it was quite interesting to note that those weren't really mentioned by people as being things that they are concerned about at the moment.

00:05:19 Juliet Baxter

Yeah.

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And would you say, Vicky, that these climate impacts that aren't top of mind, is that because people aren't actually being impacted in those ways currently or that they're just not aware that those issues are related to climate?

00:05:34 Vicky Elmore

Yeah, good question.

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I think we've cost the living.

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There's not as much awareness that that is related to climate, food security.

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I think we're starting to see it, but it's not as bad as it will get yet.

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I think, you know, we have had some big floods that have caused food prices to go up, you know, because of crop losses and with poor insulation and heat impacts.

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We are seeing cost of living rising with needing to use more air conditioning.

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And I'm not sure if people are making that link with cost of living yet.

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And with communication loss, with a lot of the big storms, we know we have seen power loss for over a week, you know, in Gippsland and examples like that and communication loss.

00:06:18 Vicky Elmore

Yeah, it is, you know, very dangerous when you're in those situations and you can't get hold of people.

00:06:23 Vicky Elmore

So yeah, that is something that is happening and needs to be addressed.

00:06:29 Juliet Baxter

Yeah, yeah, definitely.

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And yeah, thanks for sort of talking us through how we are already being impacted by a lot of these issues.

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And yet it does seem like people just aren't aware yet, you know, that link between climate change and some of those impacts that we are feeling already.

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But Vicki, can you talk a little bit more broadly about what climate adaptation actually means and what does some of the most popular solutions that have been discussed?

00:06:53 Vicky Elmore

Yeah, sure.

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So climate adaptation is basically preparing for climate impact.

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So as we know, a lot of climate impacts are here now already.

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And although we do need to be reducing emissions as much as possible because every reduction in emissions matters, we have these climate impacts that are already here now and impacting people.

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So we need to be putting things in place to keep people safe from the impacts that are here now and are going to get worse before we hopefully get things better.

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So with the report, it was a focus on climate risks to the built environment.

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So a lot of the solutions that came out reflect that.

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So the top solution was climate adaptation aligned to building standards, legislation and planning policies.

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So that's really making sure that any new buildings that we are building are ready for climate impacts are, you know, not built in places where they are going to be impacted by things like bushfires and sea level rise.

00:07:53 Vicky Elmore

And this, the second most mentioned solution was actually more public education and training.

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So that was quite an interesting finding that wasn't expecting that.

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Yeah.

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A lot of people really want to make sure that people know more about the climate

risks that are being experienced, you know, and they're trained in.

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What to?

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do, and other ones were retrofitting.

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Green infrastructure was another one that was high up and that is something that, you know, everyone can get involved in as making sure that we're greening our cities and our streets to help with things such as heat impact as well as floods because they will draw the water down instead of concrete, which causes with flooding.

00:08:39 Vicky Elmore

And yeah, another big one was restoration and protection of ecosystems.

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And yeah, interestingly, safe rentals was called for by more than 30% of people.

00:08:51 Vicky Elmore

So that shows that where people are concerned about those most at risk, and that's really brought that into the solutions as well, is thinking about people that can't do these solutions themselves.

00:09:05 Juliet Baxter

Yeah, definitely.

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And yeah.

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Vicki, can you chat to us a little bit about this idea of a permanent Victorian Community Climate Adaptability Fund?

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What does that actually mean and what would it achieve for the community?

00:09:19 Vicky Elmore

Yes, as from climate we're calling for touring community climate adaptation fund.

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So the three things that we are really wanting this fund to do is to provide adequate funding for climate adaptation, provide ongoing funding for climate adaptation and providing that money to community led projects and initiatives.

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So adequate.

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We really need more money going into the ongoing is really important because at the moment it's a lot of one off grants and that really doesn't enable the longevity and police project to get to a place where they need to be and to continue to be keeping people safe.

00:09:59 Vicky Elmore  
And as I spoke about already, it's really important that these projects are are community led because I was in the community, I have the knowledge, so I know what needs to be done.

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And they're the ones that can be enacting these projects as well.

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The Victorian government did have a similar fund in 2019.

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So there has been a precedent set for this kind of funding.

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It was one off though, but it was really oversubscribed.

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It was a very popular funding.

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So we're calling yeah on the government to bring that funding back, make it ongoing, have it in the budget every year that we need this money going to climate adaptation because it's going to keep people safe.

00:10:39 Vicky Elmore  
And it's also going to keep safe the government money in the long term because its responding to disasters.

00:10:46 Vicky Elmore

that costs a lot more money than putting money, yeah, into preparing for it and making the disasters less severe.

00:10:54 Juliet Baxter

Yeah, definitely.

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That makes a lot of sense, Vicky.

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And yeah, you mentioned the state budget and yeah, with the recent state budget, largely climate adaptation was ignored, yeah.

00:11:04 Juliet Baxter

Could you talk a little bit about what was in that budget and what Friends of the Earth might be doing yet as part of your Act on Climate initiative, in terms of advocating for this in the lead up to the next budget?

00:11:17 Vicky Elmore

Yeah, definitely, yes.

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I think in the past three by the climate adaptation has not got much funded.

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There's a lot more that goes into recovery, which yeah is much needed.

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But we also need to be putting a lot more money into climate adaptation.

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I think the only things in this budget were more energy based solar homes, which does help with energy security and batteries as well, which do help with energy security during disasters.

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And there was something towards installation.

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But these are very, you know, small things.

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They're not going to fundamentally change the preparation of communities or climate impacts.

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So what we're doing in Friends of the Earth is one of the things we're doing is with this report, we're really asking people to go to their MPs, take the report, have a chat to the state MPs about what they are concerned about locally and what they would like to see.

00:12:17 Vicky Elmore

And, yeah, ask their MP to be pushing for this fund.

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And the other thing that we are doing is we also go into communities and just start the discussion and facilitate discussions around climate adaptation and what people might want to do in their own communities.

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So we're also trying to do that more grassroots style of organising where we're going into communities and helping people to start thinking about and potentially even setting up these projects themselves.

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Yeah.

00:12:48 Juliet Baxter

Definitely.

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It sounds like there's a lot of ways that, you know, people can get involved with the work of Friends of the Earth.

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And where's the best place for our listeners to find more information about the work you're doing?

00:13:00 Vicky Elmore

Yes.

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So we've got the website [friendsoftheearth@foe.org.au](mailto:friendsoftheearth@foe.org.au)

00:13:05 Vicky Elmore

You can head to the website, you can email me [vicki.ray@foe.org.au](mailto:vicki.ray@foe.org.au) about any of our work.

00:13:14 Vicky Elmore

Always happy to have a chat about climate adaptation or help you get organised in your community or yeah, find us on on Instagram, on social.

00:13:23 Vicky Elmore

So I'd be Friends of the Earth Melbourne at Instagram.

00:13:26 Juliet Baxter

Yeah, fantastic, Vicki.

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We'll definitely people should look up Friends of the Earth to find out more.

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And thanks so much for talking to us about climate adaptation today.

00:13:34 Vicky Elmore

Thanks so much for having me.

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Have a great rest of the day.

00:13:37 Juliet Baxter

Thank you.

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You too.

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We've been chatting to Vicky Elmore of Friends of the Earth Melbourne.

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Thanks so much to Juliet Baxter and Vicky Elmore for that story.

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Find the link to the Friends of the Earth Melbourne Report.

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Victorian Climate resilience inquiry: Analysing leading concerns and solutions on the Earth Matters story homepage.

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We thought we had won to protect victorious forests, but the battle to save them goes on next.

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Awaa from Kinglake Friends of Forest chats with Phong Tran about the industrial burning of Victorian forests that occurs under the guise of Bush fire management.

00:15:05 Phuong Tran

We are now joined on the line by Awaa who is from Kinglake Friends of the Forest, a volunteer community group committed to protecting native forests and relishing the joy of their unique biodiversity.

00:15:16 Phuong Tran

The group started in opposition to local logging operations in Kinglake in 2018 and before long they were running court cases against logging agency Victoria Forests that ended up halting native forest logging across the entire state from November 2022 / a year before the official end of the industry in 2024.

00:15:33 Phuong Tran

Since the end of Victoria Forest, Kinglake, like Friends of Forests, have turned their attention to the industrial burning of forests that occurs under the guise of Bush fire management.

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Welcome, Awaa.

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Thanks.

00:15:43 Phuong Tran

So I just wanted to take our listeners back to Monday, May 19th.

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Can you explain what was happening in the Toolangi State Forest, what you were out

there doing, what you were seeing, things like that?

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Yeah, sure.

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So last week we were out in Toolangi in this really special patch of forest that we've got to know over about a year.

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And it was a bit of a strange day because usually we're out there with GPS s and torches, but last week we were there with a water tank and a pump and a hose.

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And that's because any day now, it could have been last week, it could be this week.

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Forest fire management is planning on burning this forest, and it's just chock full of threatened species.

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So that grater gliders, that's yellow belly gliders, powerful owls, sooty owls and critically endangered Phylaxia; these beautiful little, very local fish.

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So we were there because there's, there's so many greater gliders who have actually managed to find some of their den trees, which is it's quite hard to find because you have to happen on them when they're coming out of their tree.

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That we, we found a couple and we reported the locations to forest fire management.

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We they're quite close to the road.

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So we thought at least they'd be raking around wetting down these areas to stop them from burning.

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But they haven't even done that.

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So we went out there to wet down a tree to save that tree, hopefully, but also to raise awareness about this, this problem.

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Because really it's not enough to save one tree.

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There's crucial habitat all through this area.

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It should not be burned.

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But this is what we're left with.

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We're left with volunteer community members going out and trying to stop state sanctioned destruction of Habitat.

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It's truly mad.

00:17:32 Phuong Tran

We know that the Kinglake Friends of the Forest and other community groups have worked so hard and campaigned, organised so hard to put an end to native logging, and yet it seems like now it's just being replaced by industrial burning.

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So I was wondering if you could talk more about that, some of the misinformation around planned burns and the actual impact that that has on not just the habitat of these native species, but also other ecological surgical impacts that that has.

00:18:00 Awaa

Yeah, sure.

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First I just want to say that yes, Vic forest has ended, but logging is still happening in Victoria.

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So it's happening on private land and some community groups are really raising the

alarm about that.

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And it's also happening by a forest fire management.

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So they they're logging these massive tracks through the forest that they're calling strategic fuel breaks.

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The science says they don't work, but they're great opportunity for a log grab.

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They're doing other disaster logging like quote unquote storm recovery logging.

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So there's there is a lot of logging still happening in the state, but we have definitely had a massive win in stopping the forest.

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So that's got to be acknowledged.

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But yeah, so plan burning, it has been going on for decades.

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And that actually is really important to note.

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It's not new since Vic Forest ended.

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However, there are a lot of contractors that have moved from vic Forest to forest fire management.

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But the fact that it's been going on for decades speaks a really important truth, which is that it's not working because we've had these planned burns going on from the 60s, seventies, and we still had 2009 bushfires.

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Then after the 2009 bushfires, they ramped up the burning regime, saying we need

more burning.

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That's how we're going to stop up the big fires.

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And what did we have next?

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We have the 2019-2020 Bush fires.

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And then this year we had the Bush fires in the Grampians, absolutely devastating.

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And that they were just constantly planned burns happening in the in the Grampians.

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So we can see from our practical experience that the burning is failing to stop the mega fires that they're meant to stop.

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And then on the ground, yeah, we've seen first hand what happens to hollow bearing trees, which are a critical resource to many animals in our forest.

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It takes a eucalyptus tree over 100 years to form a large hollow that's suitable for say, a greater glider or a forest owl.

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And the Victorian government study in 2016 shows that 25% of hollow bearing trees that are reached by fire in a plan burn collapse.

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So this is across thousands of hectares every year.

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We've got 25% of the trees reached by fire collapsing.

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That's possibly bigger impact than the logging and these the most important trees in the forest.

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So that that's one thing that's happening.

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Another thing that the burning is doing to sort of the ecological integrity of forest is it is it's just too frequent for the.

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The plants to be able to set, feed and replace themselves.

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So it's it's changing the actual structure of the forest and it's changing the species composition.

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We're losing a lot of the fire sensitive species that can only cope with fire once a century because they're burning every 15 years.

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Also the the critically endangered by Phylaxia that we mentioned in this area, you'd think, oh, fish is going to be OK because it's in a Creek.

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But the the chemistry, the water chemistry is really impacted by smoke imports, by ash and by fire retardant.

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And that's why this fish is now in this position, because it was really smashed by the 2009 bushfires to such an extent that the government launched a translocation programme and breeding programme.

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And now they're burning an area where we know those fish live.

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So it's just, yeah, it's madness.

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Yeah.

00:21:23 Phuong Tran

Do you think that the the public's perception of planned burns has?

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Well, obviously it needs to change.

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I feel like when people hear of planned burns, they don't necessarily think of it in a negative light and often don't see it as something that is supposed to trigger more Bush fires and and create more damage.

00:21:46 Phuong Tran

So what needs to happen there in terms of educating the public?

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Yeah, great question.

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Yeah, we've certainly growing up in Australia, we take on a lot of myths about fire in the landscape.

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Certainly I've had to overcome a lot of those over the last few years.

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And I think the answer is engaging with the issue and reading about it, because now there's a lot of science coming out that is actually explaining the mechanisms of why these burns don't work, why they're actually, in some cases, making forests more flammable.

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Interestingly, we're finding that a lot of the people, people who live in the forest, who live out in the Bush, hate the burn because they're living with the reality of the smoke, which is horrible for your health.

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You can't go outside.

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Often on the days that they burn, they're dealing with seeing the forest hollowed out of all the animals that they love, the the plants that they love, and they've seen the megafires continue.

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So I think the more that we can all provide spaces to talk about this, the better

because we've just got to talk through the myths.

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We've got to talk, bring the bring the conversation always back to what peer reviewed science is able to tell us about how our forests respond to fire.

00:23:00 Phuong Tran

Yeah, thanks for that, Alwa.

00:23:02 Phuong Tran

And and so you were speaking earlier about the plan burn that's scheduled to happen really any day now.

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Well, do you want to tell us more about the petition that that King like Friends of the Forest has put up and other other things that listeners can do to, I guess, spread the word and and help fight for for the native forests in Vic?

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Yeah.

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So we do have two petitions running actually.

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So that one that you mentioned is great.

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That's about stopping broad scale burning in general.

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And then we have another petition and specifically about this site in Toolangi, the 632 hectares that they want to burn any day, that's full of more threatened species that we've seen in most forests over recent years.

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So that one is called I think it's like stop imminent, burn in.

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Yes, I've got it here now.

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Yeah, it's called Save Threatened species from Imminent Plan burn into Langi and it's got around 1300 signatures.

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Yeah, currently.

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Yeah, that's the one.

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So that's been running for 9 days now and we've sent it to decision makers because sometimes there's a bit of a problem that people feel a bit defeated about this issue and they're not riding in.

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So it's just little annoying community groups like us who are constantly at them saying no, no, this is not scientific, you can't do this.

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So the more people that can add their voice to objecting to these burns, the better.

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Another thing you could do is definitely follow us on socials or if you don't use those, jump on our mailing list.

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You can sign up on our website because we do run spotlighting nights and other event where you get to see the forest and directly experience the difference between areas that have been planned, burned and those who have been left left alone.

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And one other thing is if you do live out in the forest, this week we're going to be launching an open letter that you can sign up to saying what you want to Bush fire mitigation instead of plan burning.

00:24:56 Awaa  
So a month and a bit ago, we worked with community members in King Lake to draught this letter and it's pretty much ready to go.

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So you'll be able to sign your details onto that on our website if you live in in the forest, so.

00:25:10 Phuong Tran  
Yeah.

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Awesome.

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Well, we'll pop the links to your website as well as the two petitions that we've just spoken about on our show notes later today so that listeners can access those resources.

00:25:21 Phuong Tran  
But for now, thanks so much our for joining us on the show and speaking to us about this crucial issue.

00:25:26 Phuong Tran  
I'm sure we'll be speaking to you guys at King Lake, Friends of the Forest, or other community groups soon for regular updates on our native forests.

00:25:34 Awaa  
Thanks so much for really appreciate it.

00:25:36 Phuong Tran  
So we've been speaking to our who is from King Lake Friends of the Forest, who's just been speaking to us about the industrial burning of native forests that's happening under the guise of Bush fire management.

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And so yeah, if you're interested in signing either of those petitions or keeping up to date with ongoing organising you, you can check our show notes later today or look up King like Friends of the Forest.

00:26:02 Bec Horridge  
Thank you to our and Phuong for that story.

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