

ONLINE SUBMISSION DETAILS

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How do you think we should improve the FFG Act?	<p>I believe that the FFG Act should be improved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Removing all exemptions and special treatments for government departments and certain industries.- Creating stronger 'Stop and protect' powers so that the Minister can intervene when important species or habitats are under threat.- Overhauling enforcement abilities of the Act, so that fines and penalties are more than a 'slap on the wrist'.- Improved monitoring capabilities to keep offenders held accountable into the future.- Clear targets and timelines for implementing investment and programs for threatened species protection and recovery.- Community power to act on breeches of the Act, including the ability to initiate legal action to protect threatened species, without fear of being prosecuted for bringing breeches to light. <p>No where could these improvements be better felt than in the Central highlands and Alpine areas of Victoria, where Critically endangered, endangered or threatened species and ecosystems are being pushed further toward extinction.</p> <p>The current Act has failed here, with the absolute bare minimum required, an Action statement on listed threatened species, not even being done.</p>