

ONLINE SUBMISSION DETAILS

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How do you think we should improve the FFG Act?	<p>Submission on the Review of the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988.</p> <p>This submission is on behalf of the Gippsland Environment Group.</p> <p>Key points relevant to this submission include,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1/ Less than 50% of listed species have an Action Statement. A process, which urgently needs to be continued.2/Action statements are not being acted on.3/ Native vegetation clearing exemptions are overriding the FFG Act.4/Control burns have little concern for critically listed Spp. <p>In regard to the Victorian FFG Act, a significant failing is to not create Action Statements for greater than 50% of Critically listed species and threatening processes.</p> <p>Therefor leaving a vast array of our natural heritage species with no level of protection.</p> <p>Action statements need to be legally binding, to be effective.</p> <p>Native vegetation clearing exemptions need to be removed in order to allow FFG to minimize habitat loss.</p> <p>VicForests in their commercial forestry operations should comply with the FFG and action statements, by doing pre logging surveys and therefor raising there standard of protection. This authority needs to use the precautionary principle, which the industry must comply with.</p> <p>There is a similar lack of survey work being ignored in relation to Control Burns in East Gippsland.</p> <p>No pre burn survey work in forest areas that are often burnt too hot and too often, is clearly leading to a situation of more species under threat with out any account of the threatening process out comes. Again the precautionary principle needs to be applied.</p> <p>The continued loss of both species abundance and their habitat quality are clear signs of ecosystems moving towards collapse.</p> <p>This review of the FFG act represents a degree of hope for Victoria’s natural heritage to coexist in harmony with its human population.</p> <p>We urge those reviewing this act to do so with an intention of increasing the preservation of our native flora and fauna.</p>