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Dear Editor,
Once again we listen to the Shire of Woorayl via the Town Planner attempt to justify the unjustifiable removal of yet more vegetation.

This time its what was the Melaleuca and Eucalypt section of the Aye Creek drainage/open creek reserve. Will the Shire be satisfied only when it has modified every square millimetre of Inverloch in the name of progress?

Complete regeneration of a destroyed area of bushland takes longer than our lifetimes even with the best intentions. What happens to all of the life displaced by its removal? It doesn't just move into the next bit, that is chock-a-block with fiercely competitive and territorial creatures already stressed by reduced habitat. A look at an aerial photo of Inverloch taken a few years ago shows the rapidly diminishing area of natural bushland with most of the remainder presently under threat from either subdivision or clearance 'to get a better view of the water'.

We are all shocked, or ought to be, that the Helmeted Honeyeater, Gorilla, Panda, Elephant etc etc are under threat of extinction due to habitat loss but how many less obvious creatures have already or soon will become only pictures in books or even disappear without our knowing of their existence. We don't know because that takes a specialist knowledge of our environment which very few people care to acquire let alone organisations like the Shire of Woorayl which seem to revel in an arrogant ignorance and indifference.

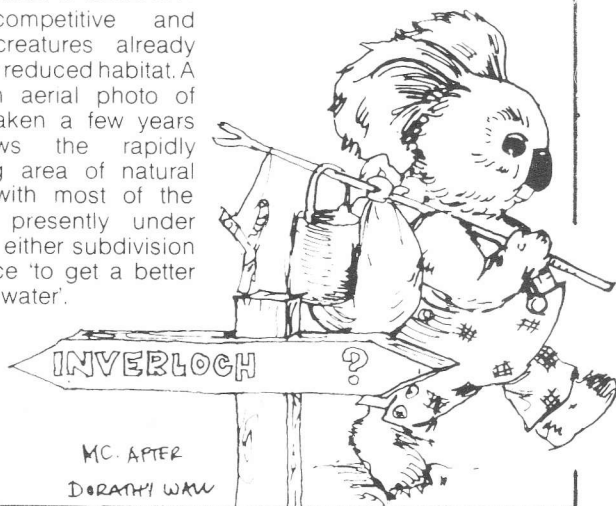
Like Julian Lennon 'salt water wells in my eyes'.

Letters to the editor

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To the editor,
I think that this bulldozing land business is pathetic. We don't like paying money just so men can bulldoze land. I don't think that the countsil is cruel just very ignorant. Please other kids write letters to the paper or to the countsil itself about how important it is to let the bush grow naturally. The enviroment in Inverloch is lovely and we shouldn't spoil it.

Here are two letters written to the "Inverloch News" after some residents were very angry about natural bush that was bulldozed to make way for a drain. One letter was written by a 9 year old child, the other by an adult. The illustration says as much as the words!



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Here is something you could read in a local paper

NEW TOURIST FACILITIES- FORESHORE TO BE CLEARED

A new carpark and playground is proposed for the Inverloch foreshore only minutes from the busy shopping centre. Natural bush, including teatree and banksia trees will be cleared from the foreshore next to the 'Glade'. "This is great", said a local resident. "Not only do we get more carpark, clearing the foreshore will give us a great view of the beach from the town centre". The area is looked after by the local Department of Conservation and Environment. An Inverloch Ranger said, "I don't want to see the land cleared, but if Inverloch wants these new facilities I suppose that is that".

THINK
DO
DISCUSS

- Visit the area so you know what you are talking about.
- Do we need the new carpark? Do we need another playground?
- If yes, is there somewhere else they can be sited?
- Should we be saving the bush? Why?
- Do other people agree with you? What are your differences?

After you have made a decision about what you think, WRITE A LETTER "To the Editor" or DRAW A POSTER to give your views.