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### **Peninsula Link Destruction Must Stop Now**

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**Mr MORRIS** (Mornington) — This morning I raise the matter of the manner in which work has finally commenced on the Frankston bypass.

I understand that operations have started despite the absence of an approved environmental plan. The plans are with the Environment Protection Authority but not yet fully assessed.

This premature commencement of works is no doubt driven by the government's desperation to see something happening at any cost and to justify its taxpayer-funded self-promotional publications. It has meant that flora and fauna, particularly threatened species, has paid a massive price.

An email I received on Monday reads in part:

*One report from a wildlife carer has said that possums come out so muddied they are also unrecognisable. Echidnas have been buried alive under the felled trees which are then bulldozed, with the animals still in them ...*

*Pobblebonk reserve is gone, and the frogs with it, and Willowbank reserve almost.*

This senseless destruction of our native fauna and the heedless bulldozing of rare and precious flora must stop.

I call on the Minister for Roads and Ports and the Minister for Environment and Climate Change to act this morning to stop this environmental vandalism in its tracks and to ensure that no further works are undertaken until an approved management plan is in place and acted upon.