



MEDIA RELEASE

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Peninsula Link Destruction Must Stop Now!

Mornington MP, David Morris, has demanded the Brumby Government step in and stop the senseless destruction of wildlife and rare flora in the Peninsula Link corridor.

Speaking in Parliament yesterday Mr Morris said:

“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. “

“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.”

Mr Morris called on the Minister for Roads and Ports, and the Minister for Environment, 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.”

As of 11am today there has been no response.