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My car had troubles so I missed this consultation.

in 2019 I used to walk my dog along the table drain at the intersection of Smythes Road and Wiltshire Lane in this Planning Area, before the drainage was done. down as far as Banyule Street, they chorused loudly.

On warm evenings when there was water sitting in the drain I could hear a loud chorus of frogs in the reeds and grasses. I did not record the calls. Just enjoyed it.

After the table drain works near Bunnings Delacombe were completed, there was no longer that loud chorus. However, along Kensington Creek, the chorus was louder. That is , until the reeds were slashed a few weeks ago. I don't go that way now.

There are a family of ibis that come to feed in the westernmost drain of Doug Dean Reserve, after good rains. They have been there for the 5 years I have lived and walked the land here. There are families of water fowl and ducks in the largest pond all year around. There are wattlebirds, crimson rosellas and other small birds. I think there is a flock of swallows that hang out where the willows are. There needs to be a planting of quick growing understorey prior to the willows being removed. There are exotic species all along the Bonshaw creek, although the native plantings are thriving.

However, I have heard those frogs again under one of the footbridges in Doug Dean Reserve. Especially after rain.

Cheers. [REDACTED]