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Ransacking Snow-Making Aussie Church

Glorious Victorian Alps

'O Mount Stirling,

Thank thee

Snow gums,

Ageless secrets

Revealed,

Numen!

Currawong calls
Cockatoo gangs
Elegant flaming robins
(My BFFs!),
Spring snow gum flushing
Regal red ribbons
Burly broad-leafed ascenders,
The High Country keepers!

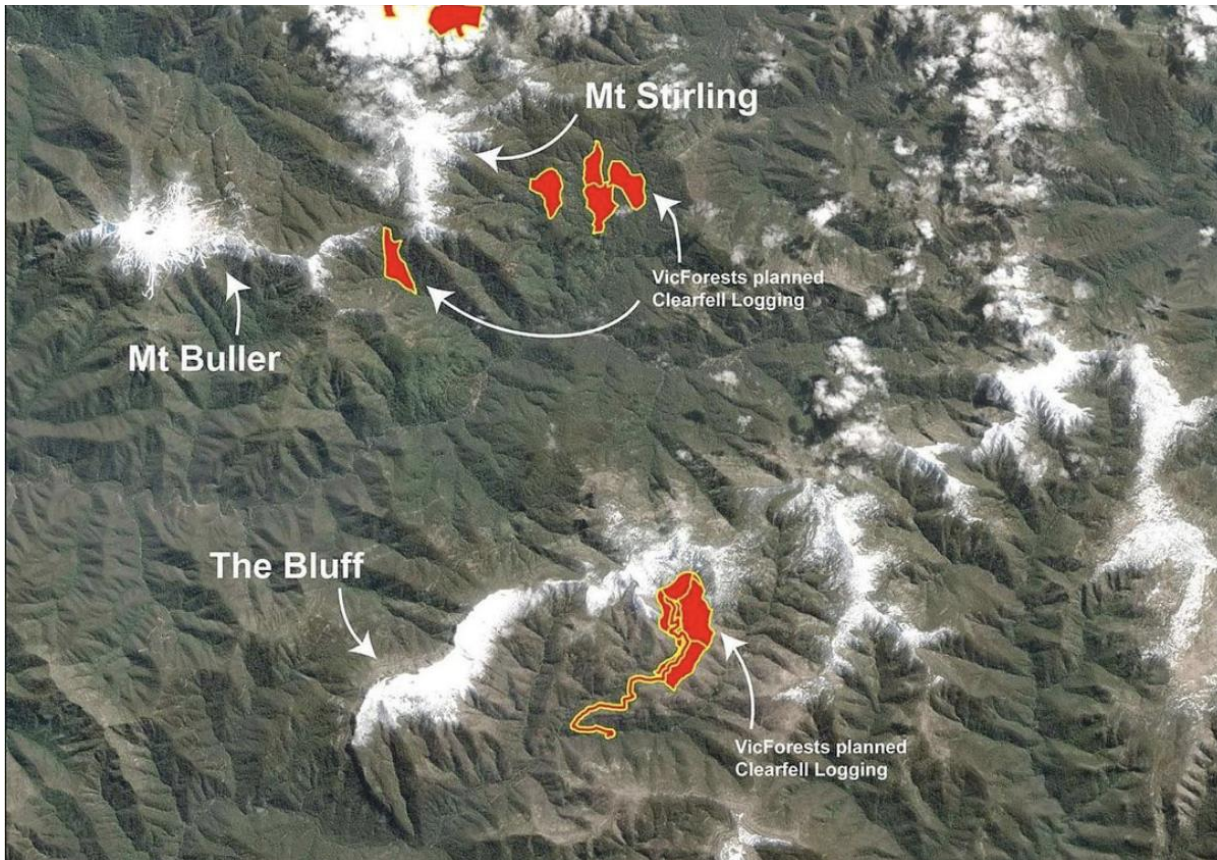
Intensely minty woollybutts
(Have you hugged one lately?)
Snow gum sentinels,
Complex fiery system
Seed / lignotuber strategists,
Unrelenting climate firestorms
Thrice quarter-century,
Unexampled,
Far-off adaptability.



Subsidised
Crown Corporation
VicForests,
Clearfelling precipitous slopes,
Demolishing woollybutt native forests,
Increasing flammability
Begetting future
Climate hellfires,
Hurrying extinction!

Sooty white-faced owls
Yellow bellied fluffy gliders
Endangered alpine streaming stoneflies
Electro-billed platypuses
Southern water ambushing skinks
Rock-wallaby mountaineers
Muscular marsupial wombats
Renowned lyrebird musical impersonators
Laughing kookaburras
Melodious carolling magpies
Wonderful wedge-tailed eagles, others
Our kith & kin,
Habitat be damned!

Obliterating woollybutts
Supreme carbon storehouses,
Destructive wood pellets
Humongous Chinese
Inferno combustors,
Barbecuing the World!



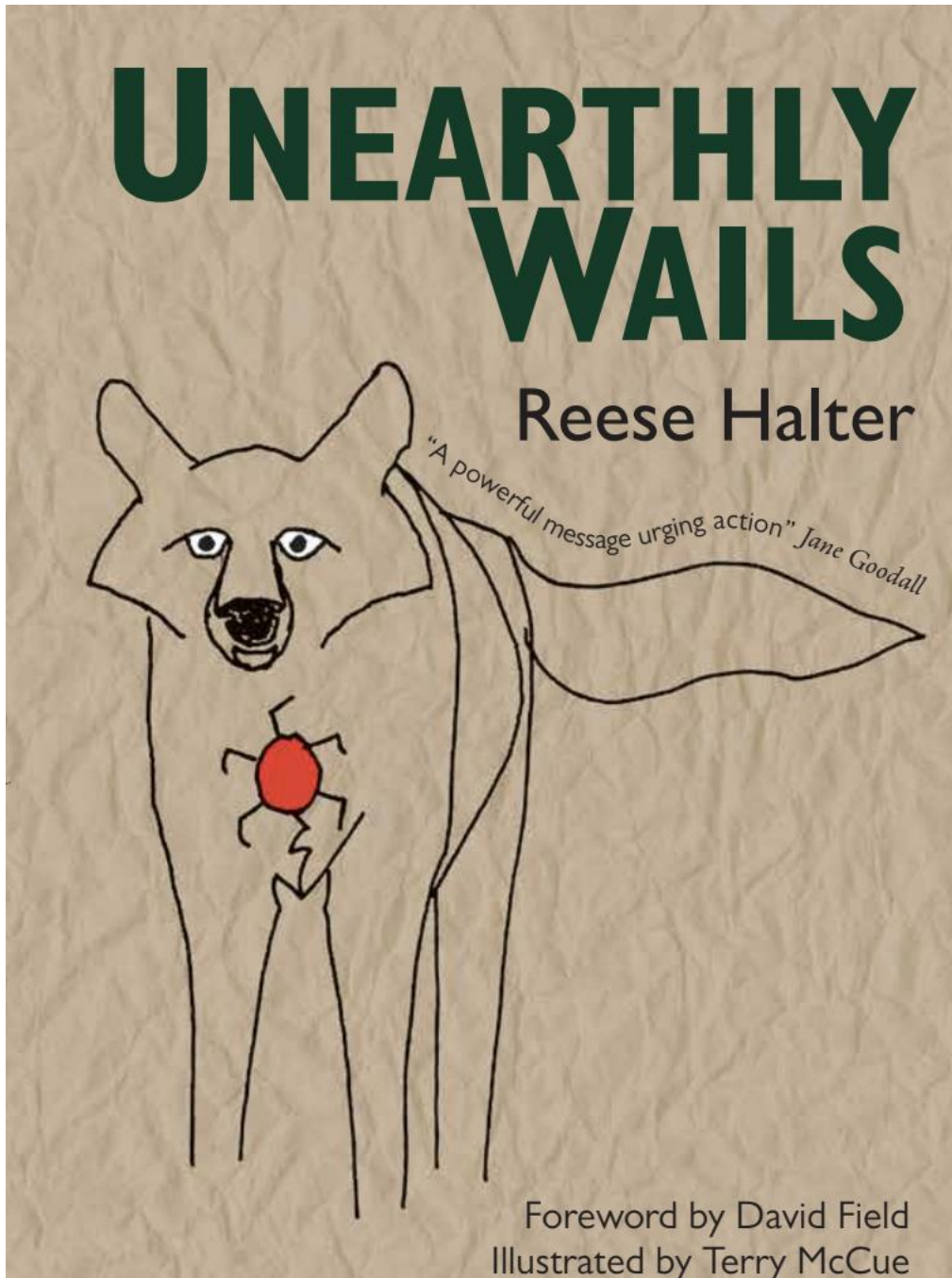
Premier Daniel Andrews,
Henchwoman
Lily D'Ambrosio
Environment Wrecker,
Steep slope logging
Law changers,
Hideous
Extinction hasteners,
Vote neoliberal elitists
Outta office!

Defend snow-making chapels,
Tree-sits
Circuit Road woollybutt blockades,
Earthly heaven under siege,
Last straw.
Readying
For whatever comes!
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Reese Halter conducting snow gum root physiology research on Mount Stirling, Victorian Alps, circa 1993.
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