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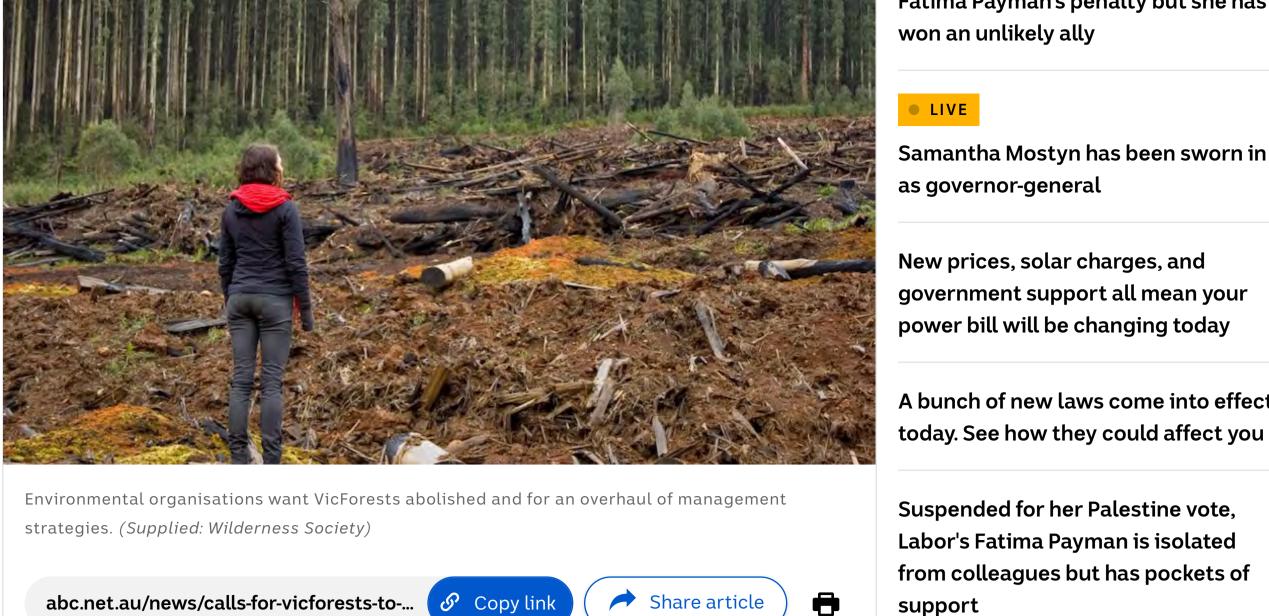
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Sixty Victorian not-for-profit organisations have written to Premier Jacinta Allan and Treasurer Tim Pallas to urge them to abolish stateowned logging business VicForests.

public support.

They say the organisation has outlived its purpose and lost

Key points:

The future of VicForests is

likely to be decided this

breached the public's trust and year, the ABC understands abjectly failed Victorians on every measure — economically, socially Environmental groups say and environmentally," the letter the body has "lost all

says. Last year the Supreme Court found

"VicForests has systematically

VicForests broke the law in failing to protect endangered species and last week in a new case the court ordered a halt to work in Wombat State Forest. The Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner found in August VicForests hired a private investigator to spy on

environmentalists. A government spokesperson told the ABC the future of VicForests was being considered, but no decision had been made on the organisation's fate. The ABC understands the organisations that sent the letter have not

credibility"

- The government is yet to respond to the letter sent by the groups
- received responses from Ms Allan or Mr Pallas.



It is understood part of the government's review is to determine how VicForests staff may be redeployed.

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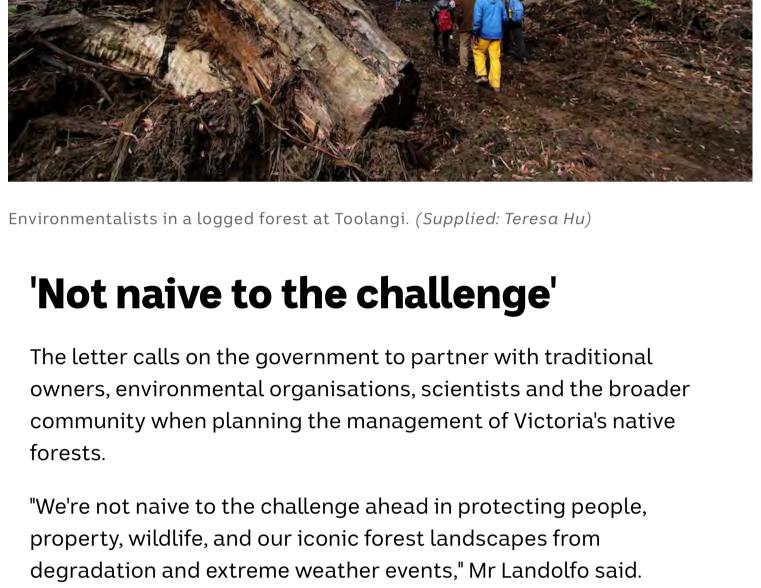
table when it came to future planning.

"They have lost all credibility," he said.

The ABC understands VicForests will continue operating on a

contractual basis beyond December 31 in order to undertake

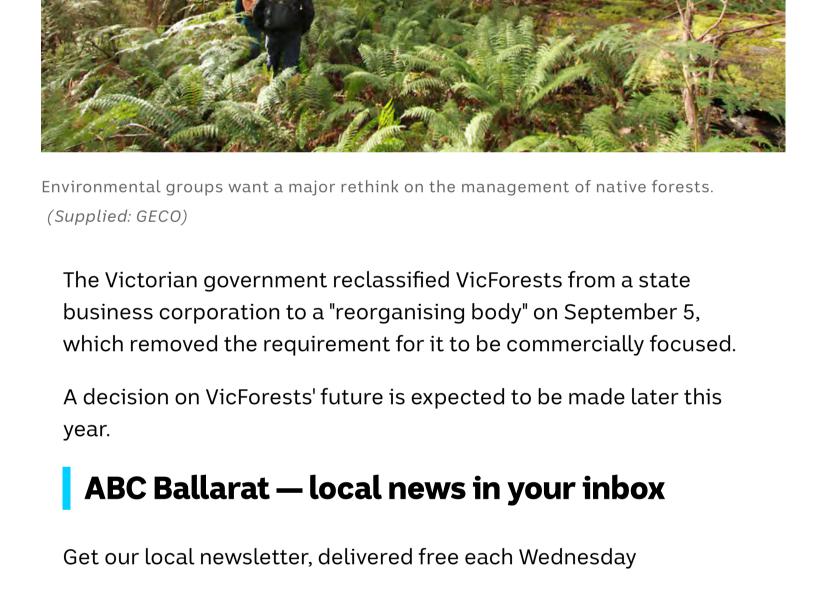
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"But it's also a huge opportunity to rebuild public trust,

partnership with traditional owners who have cared for country for millennia."

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