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**Subject:** Submission to the Draft Joint Management Plan for the Dja Dja Wurrung Parks

Submission to the Draft Joint Management Plan for the Dja Dja Wurrung Parks.

I write this submission as a bushwalker, bike rider and prospector and owner of a Miners Right issued by the Victorian Government.

My prospecting is conducted in a respectful way in line with the PMAVs Code of Conduct and does Not affect the rights of any other park users including the Aboriginal community. Like many other prospectors I have removed many many kilos of poisonous lead in the form of buckshot and bullets from some of these parks.

Prospectors have removed tonnes and tonnes of other rubbish from the bush over the past thirty years and there never has been any thanks or acknowledgement of this Community service. In fact it was probably been the opposite.

Of course prospecting is a valuable physical exercise that encourages people of all ages and especially older people who will probably get sicker more often as a result of being deprived of this exercise.

Also no thought has been given of the towns in the Golden Triangle, where the economic loss from tourism, will devastate these towns economically and a multi-million dollar package should have been included in this legislation.

As well a buyback scheme should be conducted to fairly compensate anyone who has a detector and gives up their miner's right and detector (at pre legislation prices) as a result of being excluded from these local parks.

It seems also there has been a deliberate lack of publicity from the government and the traditional owners in respect to these changes I strongly object to the substantial loss of another 10,000 hectares of Public land for my prospecting; especially when there is no scientific evidence to support exclusion.

I also object to the proposed bulldozing of the historic diggings. These old diggings are an important part of our shared history and should be left as they are.

I fully support the Dja Dja Wurrung people continuing to enjoy their rights as traditional owners as long as they also respect my rights.

The current Draft Management Plan does not do this.

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