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Dear Dhelkunya Dja Land Management Board

Connecting Country is pleased to provide the attached submission on the Draft Joint Management Plan for the Dja Dja Wurrung Parks. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

Regards

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Dhelkunya Dja Land Management Board

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Submission from Connecting Country on the Draft Joint Management Plan for the Dja Dja Wurrung Parks

Connecting Country is a community-operated organisation working across the Mount Alexander region in central Victoria, with a mission is to connect people and landscapes in ways that support the management of a healthy, resilient and productive natural environment. Connecting Country works with a wide range of land users, providing support, skills and funds to local communities to restore landscapes. The Box-Ironbark landscape of central Victoria contains habitats and populations for many threatened species. In particular, the landscape provides core habitat for the Victorian Temperate Woodland Bird Community, a listed community under the Victorian Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988, and a valuable indicator of landscape health.

Connecting Country currently has several programs that involve us working directly with the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation and the Djandak works crew, local landholders, Trust for Nature, Parks Victoria, North Central CMA and DELWP. We also have a Memorandum of Understanding with Mount Alexander Shire Council and support 31 local Landcare groups.

Connecting Country sees the value gained by working in these partnerships and strongly supports a collaborative approach to land management. Although at this stage the Dja Dja Wurrung Parks are outside our current area of operations (except a small portion of Kara Kara National Park), we anticipate the area we work in may be part of future Joint Management Plans.

We support the objectives and strategies outlined in the documents. We acknowledge the work that has gone into the preparation of the joint management plan, and welcome the bold vision it contains.