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Subject: DJA DJA WURRUNG JOINT MANAGEMENT PLAN

I write this submission as a proud prospector and owner of a Miners Right issued by the Victorian Government.

My prospecting is conducted in a respectful way in line with the PMAV's Code of Conduct and does not affect or interfere with the rights of other park users – including the Aboriginal community.

In light of many areas being rezoned from public land to 'residential', restricting public activities I must now strongly object to the potential substantial loss of another 10,000 hectares of Public land under the Dja Dja Wurrung proposal for my prospecting; especially when there is no scientific evidence to support such exclusion.

Although writing as a Miners Rights holder and PMAV member please remember that this also affects many other "bush" user groups (hikers, Goldfields Track walkers/cyclists, horse riding groups, trail riders, 4x4 drivers, scouts, schools, etc.).

I also most strongly object to the proposed bulldozing of the historic diggings areas, many heritage listed by the relevant government body, in these Parks to, in the words of the Dja Dja Wurrung people/supporters, 'repair these upside down lands'. These old diggings, a part of our cultural history are important and need to be retained and should be left as they are, the PMAV code of conduct recognises and supports their protection.

I fully support the Dja Dja Wurrung people continuing to enjoy their rights as traditional owners as long as they also respect mine. The current Draft Management Plan does not do seem to support this approach and may be at odds with Heritage Victoria's aims.

Regards

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