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To: projects dhelkunyadja
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Dear sir/madam

I am a Prospector of long standing and I would like to point out that I am very disturbed by the draft management plan that has been circulated.

The six parks mentioned have existed for many years and neither the Development of Land, Water and Planning nor Parks Victoria have found it necessary to close up the areas now Proposed for closure, just because the Dja Dja Wurrung people are to be given joint management these areas these areas should remain available to all Victorians to enjoy.

I feel that these areas are being closed off on the presumption there may be areas of interest to the Aboriginal people, there is no proof scientific or otherwise to this assumption.

In fact it would be beneficial to your board to have Prospectors in these areas as they could report any finds regarding Aboriginal sites.

There seems to be a huge discrepancy on what can and can't be done on various tracts of Victorian Land, a Pmav member was asked to pay \$1.25 million to remove 60 trees in an area he wished to place a claim, when I asked if the Dja Dja Wurrung would need to get a permit to remove the thousands of trees to replant with Aboriginal food plants I was told "we will be joint managers so it doesn't apply" obviously a double standard.

Also when asked about filling in many of the diggings, puddlers and mulluck heaps many of which are Heritage listed to heal the ground we were told we will be joint managers so this doesn't apply, anyone else damaging these sites is charged and taken to court, again double standards.

We have been informed by various Government departments that the various bush activities will not be impacted by changes to parks but this particular draft plan does change this and more changes can be made in future without consultation with the very people who enjoy the bush wether for recreation or to earn a living.

Closure of bushland into parks and no go zones costs the Victorian Government millions of dollars yearly, whereas the main group, Prospectors spend large sums of money in persuit of gold and when they sell it increases the wealth of the state and everybody benefits.

Many people who attended the Maryborough and Mitcham information nights walked away thinking this is a done deal I hope common sense prevails here and all Victorians are considered in this plan. I and many thousands of Victorians will be very disappointed if this draft is passed, it needs serious revision to be all inclusive not exclusive.

This should not be a position of us and them we are one nation and everyone should be treated equally, and all rules, laws and regulations should apply to all people.

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