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

I write this submission as a responsible prospector from New South Wales and owner of a Miners Right issued by the Victorian Government.

For a number of years I have been traveling to Victoria and enjoying the forests that the people of Victoria have set aside for public use. For me this means bush walking, fossicking and exploring the history of the area. Over this time I have noticed mountain bike riders, fossickers and bush walkers using the forest. All the people I have meet in the forests have been clean and caring forest users.

If your government is really dynamic and understanding of the natural world the total area under state forest care should be increased. With the encouraged participation of as many groups of people in the forests. This is the only way to protect and expand the natural history of Australia.

My prospecting is conducted in a respectful way in line with the PMAV's Code of Conduct and does not affect the rights of any other park users – including the Aboriginal community. 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 in these Parks to 'repair the land'. 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 mine. The current Draft Management Plan does not do this.

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