

Notice of Investigation Central West Investigation

The Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change has requested the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council (VEAC) to carry out an investigation into public land in the vicinity of the Wombat, Wellsford, Mount Cole and Pyrenees Range forests. All public land within the investigation area will be assessed including parks and reserves, state forests, stream frontages, unused roads, water production areas and unallocated Crown land.

The purpose of the Central West Investigation is to:

- (a) identify and evaluate the condition, natural and biodiversity values and cultural, social and economic values and the current uses of public land in the specified area; and
- (b) make recommendations for the balanced use and appropriate management arrangements to conserve and enhance the natural and cultural values.

VEAC will work in partnership with all Traditional Owner groups with interests in the investigation area, including the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation which has a Recognition and Settlement Agreement (2013) covering a significant proportion of the investigation area.

A draft proposals paper and a final report are to be prepared, allowing for two public submission periods. The Council must report on the completed investigation by March 2019.

The full terms of reference including a map of the investigation area is available from www.veac.vic.gov.au or by calling VEAC on 1800 134 803.

SUBMISSIONS INVITED

Written submissions are invited from interested groups and individuals for consideration in the development of the draft proposals paper. You may make an online submission via VEAC's website at www.veac.vic.gov.au or send your written submission to VEAC by post or by email (see contact details below).

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This submission period closes on Monday 21 August 2017.

Submissions will be published on the VEAC website after the close of the submission period. All submissions will be acknowledged.

If you do not wish to make a submission at this stage you can register your interest in the investigation online or by calling VEAC. There will be a further opportunity to make submissions following publication of the draft proposals paper in mid-2018.

See the VEAC website for details about community forums to be held in the investigation area over the coming weeks.

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