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Description:

I commend the VEAC team for their work on the Draft Proposals Paper. I strongly support the proposed new national parks and conservation areas, and believe they are an important step in protecting Victoria's natural heritage. My major concern - and a glaring lapse in the report - is the lack of proper protection for Mt Cole. VNPA's 2010 report 'Better Protection for Special Places' identified Mt Cole as the most precious remaining natural area in central Victoria, with over 130 bird species and a host of rare plant species. Currently some of this area is being clear-felled logged, and, in my opinion, it's conservation value decimated. This is especially sad as it is a popular area for hikers, especially the renown Beeripmo overnight walk. Please change the land use for Mt Cole from a state forest to a national park. The entire area is worth maximum protection.

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