



My submission into the state forests across victoria by the VEAC

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Hi there I am writing to you in regards to the proposal by the VEAC, here are some reasons why I strongly oppose and why I think it should not take place.

I have been a bush user now for 30 years around the Angle hook state forest and Otway areas. In this 30 years I have not noticed any extra damage that has been caused by bush users , only by the green army that cut down trees to lay over tracks to stop people from using them. I have noticed thee miss management of the parks department locking gates for good across tracks and letting weed take over the under growth. Not only that loss of =

Economic Benefit

Bush user spend a lot of money on equipment in local family ran shops . I for one know of many bush users that were thinking of purchasing a new dirt bike and gear that are now holding off because of the new proposals.

Health Benefits

The benefits to mental health doing things you love in the outdoors. When closing the gates to state forests you are just pushing people including younger generation towards addiction to electronics.

Firewood collecting

In your draft you have recommended restrictions to most areas were fire wood collection is the norm. Collecting fuel that is laying around is a good thing considering how many people died in the black Saturday fires.

Logging

As a cartage contractor for midway plantations ,I for one disagree with logging native forests, after investigating a bit I now know that they log regrowth forest and get aerial seeded back to their original state. WE need the timber and after all the world population is forever increasing. I would like to follow the footsteps of new Zealand forestry industry where they plant a million trees a year to create 10 years of work in 30 years' time. Forestry can be sustainable Afterall Midway has been operating for 30 years now and I know some of there plantations are on their 2nd harvest.

From my experience it's the people that use the bush that are the true conservationist, locking the gate and forgetting about it is poor management. I hope for my 4 children's future that they get to experience the bush like I have.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Regards

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