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Description:

VEAC needs to take into account the beneficial aspect of prospecting and fossicking in our national parks and public bushland. They have not considered that when metal detectors pick up rubbish (eg. bullets, nails, wire, old tin etc), the prospectors pick them up and dispose of them properly. When panning in rivers and creeks, they remove lead such as bullets, old lead shot and sinkers, thus removing dangerous heavy metal from our waterways. They collect rubbish that they find and dispose of it properly, that is usually dumped there by the locals, using it as a tip. VEAC should read the rules applied to a Miner's Right, that specifies taking care of the environment while prospecting, and the low impact of metal/gold detecting in these areas. To ban prospecting will have a NEGATIVE impact on these areas, because the huge resource of tens of thousands of people who are continually cleaning up the areas will no longer be able to go there. VEAC needs to take into account the amount of rubbish that accumulates in these areas (that they don't see because the prospectors are collecting it), that won't be cleaned up if prospecting is banned... Meg Bond
Recreational Prospector & unofficial rubbish collector.

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