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Submission for the investigation "Central West Investigation"Submitted on **15-09-2018**

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Description:

I wish to present the following objections to the VEAC Central West Forest Investigations. After attending several Information sessions, my concerns have not been resolved. 1) The impact on tourism in small towns in and around the defined areas. It is my belief that the proposed closure and redefinition of parks will greatly impact employment because of the limits that it will impose. This will have serious consequences as tourists seek other areas to follow their hobbies. 2) The Dja Dja Wurrung Management Board Why do they seem to want to legislate prohibitions particularly on prospectors to keep us out of "their" area. As I understand it, the bush is for ALL of us to enjoy, not just some. If this legislation is enacted, does this mean that what will be left will belong to Non Aboriginals? Will this action then have excluded the Dja Dja Wurrung from areas they do not consider to be their bush-land?. I don't think so! nor should they exclude us. 3) Limitations of access to Park-lands. The legislation indicates that many activities will be excluded and made illegal. I understand that funds are to be requested for enforcement offices. What is it considered that relatively passive activities will be greatly impacted. These activities seem to include but not limited to bush walking, mountain bike riding, four wheel drive users, detectorists, horse riders etc etc. 4) Implications for me. Collection of fire wood is going to be greatly reduced leading to illegal cutting. As senior citizens this is unacceptable for financial reasons. As a long time detectorist, I have great respect for the Bush, and consider it to be of minimal impact as we collect contamination in the form of lead shot, clear away rubbish.

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