

I vote strongly against the making of more parks in Victoria. Making such changes will limit the practices of all bush users and those who love the bush to walk, hunt, fish, prospect, or just camp. Personally, I use the bush for all the previously mentioned activities, I also do those activities with my young family. We all enjoy the solitude and peace that the bush offers. I fear that making these proposed changes to our ever-diminishing accessible public land will halt and limit my ability to teach my kids about our great land and all of its magical experiences. It will also make it impossible for them to pass down any learned teachings to generations from here on. If such plans are brought into place, my investment in my pastime will be worthless. I don't hear of any compensation coming to anybody that has spent thousands of dollars and copious amounts of time pursuing our passion and lifestyle. I spend every second weekend outdoors and in the areas that the VEAC is planning to lock me/us out of. Every other weekend that I am not out bush, I am usually doing research for our next adventure. I spend my hard-earned money as local as possible on things like my vehicle fit out (which creates employment), camping gear, fishing gear, hunting gear, food, fuel, maps, 4wd training, first aid training etc, and this is just me. There are thousands of other people just like me doing the exact same thing. This WILL definitely cause an economic backlash to the local community. I implore those who can, to rethink any decision to change our only accessible land. The Australian bush is there for all people to enjoy. I really want my kids to grow up in the Australia that WE grew up in (yes you were once a child too), let's keep it free not locked up, only to be viewed from behind fenced parking areas and paved roads. I say open up the gates onto the land already locked up by the powers that be. Let the people get their hands dirty in Australian soil. Let the people make memories.