



Wombat State Forest
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From: steve formby
To: veac@delwp.vic.gov.au,

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am re-sending my previous email as I failed to include my name and address in the previous version.

Steve Formby

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposal to turn Wombat State Forest into a national park. I have researched the initiative and the conditions that it supports. It seems to disregard the needs and wants of the majority of the people who have any involvement with the area. The proposals seem to have adopted the assumption that the public (and the activities they are involved in) are inherently damaging to the natural flora and fauna of Wombat State Forest. Members of the public, such as myself hope that your organisation might choose a more progressive approach and lead the way forward with a process of active community consultation. If this were to occur, it would become apparent that the majority of people who involve themselves in activities in the Wombat State forest, are highly concerned about its on-going well being. With this in mind, surely a re-think of approach might be based instead upon specific needs of the forest as they arise, rather than the 'blanket approach' that is being proposed. If this more progressive attitude were adopted, you may be surprised to discover that members of the community who you have previously considered as adversaries, may become your strongest allies.

In closing, I ask you to consider that there is a growing dissatisfaction among Australians with 'heavy handed' governance. Terms such as 'The Nanny State' have become synonymous with a country that has lost its way. I urge you to consider in new light the wishes of those you have been elected to represent. I urge you to consider that we are not adversaries, but rather your greatest asset in protecting the well being of this amazing natural asset.

Regards,

Steve Formby.