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Submission for the investigation "Central West Investigation"Submitted on **01-10-2018**

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Description:

Dear Sir, We have one of the largest Bee Hive Apiaries in Victoria for the purpose of Pollination and Honey production. Therefore, it is imperative that we have full access to all our bee sites in Forests and Parks areas so that we can provide, as best we can, premium breeding conditions of pollens and honey for the hives to survive well and be able to employ people to assist with same. Having hives wintered in forest and park areas ensures the hives winter well for firstly Almond pollination, then canola, apples, pears and lucerne, Climate change has impacted extremely heavily on conditions for Apiarists survival nowadays, making it much harder to keep hives in premium condition so we need all the available bee sites possible. We desperately need full unrestricted access to all our bee sites please, in all Bendigo Areas especially including 'Wombat State Forest' so that we can place hives on these sites whenever we need to. It would be wonderful to be able to obtain more bee sites to help us get by in this weather controlling tough industry.

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