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

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Description:

Dear VEAC I refer to your Central West Investigation. The proposed recommendations, supposedly will make these areas "accessible for all"... umm state forest already IS accessible to all in its current state. By turning it into more national, state and regional park you are in fact denying access to the very people who use it, by LOCKING THEM OUT! I oppose the creation of any new national parks for the following reasons, including but not limited to: Existing national parks are not managed properly. Locking it up is not a 'management' The fire fuel load in national parks is horrendous...it's a nightmare waiting to happen. More of this is not needed. Parks are home to thousands of feral pests which destroy the very native species you are trying to protect. Creating more national parks gives these feral animals a safe haven where recreational hunters cannot help control their numbers. And they are going to breed out of control! Recreational hunting brings in excess of millions to regional economies every year, which would be lost. Hunters spend money in small towns for food, fuel, ammunition and camping gear, and even accommodation. This essential revenue would be lost if hunting were banned. I would also like to point out that with the \$ hunters spend on game licences, and permits to hunt in state forest, if they are to have the land available to them reduced by 80% , as proposed, is it not only fair to reduce the cost of these licences/permits to reflect this ? How many millions will be lost if hunters don't renew their game licences because they have nowhere to hunt ? Another loss will be many retail outlets such as BCF, Anaconda, etc that sell camping, fishing, outdoor equipment and supplies will no longer have a market. That's even more businesses and jobs lost. My partner and I spend a lot of time in the state forest, especially the Pyrenees, and it will be a terrible loss to the many hunting, camping, trail bike riding and 4wd enthusiasts we meet out there. I believe the only way you can ensure the recommendations are properly informed is to recognise the economic, environmental social value of hunting and recommend that it be included in future land use. I would also encourage you to seek the advice of Victoria's key hunting organisations to ensure you have the latest and most up to date information

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