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Description:

To start I would like to tell you that 48 years ago I was lucky to be one of those people granted the right to resettle in this great country, having been born and brought up in South Africa where apartheid was born; "apartheid" meaning in English "separate development" of races, a sad day then and a sad day now. Introducing what I see as a type of separate development will be of great detriment to our cohesive Australian society, which we know and have been told is probably the best example of a working and harmonious multi-cultural society in the world. This does not mean it could not be better, as the only way it can get better is for all people to have equal rights. This is not achieved by giving one group the right to tell another where and when they may go in any parts of Australia. Governments can do that, but know very well they are the employees of the electorate and if they do not rule for all people they will very likely be replaced at the following election. I should remind you that just about every place on earth has at some time or another been ruled in various ways by one group or another, but times change. No one group should say that the land belongs to them. The land of this country is developed and cared for by those who put in the effort and even then the development is for all inhabitants. It is already a sad situation that parts of Australia's Northern Territory requires some Australians to get a permit before they can visit that location, but contrary to that, those living in such areas are free to come and go as they please. That is not equality. Don't create this situation in Victoria or you will rue the day. On a practical level I would suggest that the bush users groups you intend locking out of any areas who have traditionally used them for their activities look after these bush areas better than any bureaucrat sitting in his or her city office. We love the bush and want to preserve it for current and future generations of all Australians to use. And finally, please think of all those small towns and businesses supported by our groups in these threatened areas. Their economies rely on bush users and tourists who currently have access to these areas, and it will be to their detriment if these areas are locked up for current and future users. Bernie Lellyett PMAV member

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