



**Letter of protest in relation to the Proposal to change the status of the Wombat State Forest**

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From: Michelle White <  
To: veac@delwp.vic.gov.au,

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am a resident of Lyonville, in Victoria and have been so now for almost 19 years.

My husband and I purchased our 10 acre allotment which joins onto the Wombat State Forest on its Western boundary, due to peaceful country lifestyle which most younger country people crave.

Having both come from Rural families we shout land that gave us access to walking tracks, places to ride our bicycles, myself for horse riding, and also somewhere safe for our children, nieces, nephews & their friends to be able to camp & do outdoor activities in safety.

I was for almost 15 years a member of the Kyneton District trail riding club, and also a member & instructor later on at the local Pony Club (both of whom have regularly used this forest as a safe place to ride & enjoy).

This forest is a place where many locals like to go to enjoy the serenity of rural living (whether in the form of horse riding, bicycle or motorcycle riding, bush walking, camping & or fishing in some water holes).

I have many wonderful memories of growing up in & around this region & this forest has played a major role in many activities undertaken in not only my youth but as an adult.

I can honestly say that the only individuals who would want to reclassify the Wombat State Forest to that of a Park, would be those who are new to the region or those who are extreme "Greenies", who's sole aim is to shut all of our forests up & prevent anyone from being able to enjoy them.

I object whole heartedly to the proposed plans of turning my beloved "Wombat State Forest" into a National Park.

I hope that many others like myself object strongly to this proposal, as it is something that will take away from our younger generations the ability to experience the forest for what it is.

Kindest regards,

Michelle White

Sent from my iPhone