



STATUS OF WOMBAT STATE FOREST

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From: "Jas&Kay Sinclair"

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Pentland Hills, Victoria and have been for just over 25 years.

Myself and many friends have enjoyed many hours in the Wombat State Forest, around Blackwood, Newbury, Lyonville, Bullarto and Trentham, riding our horses. I have also ridden in the high country and honestly parts of the Wombat State Forest are as good (maybe even better) than the high country and the best part is – it is just about on my back door step – I do not have to travel for 6 hours to enjoy and appreciate great country.

In the past (for about 15 years) I was a member of the Kyneton and District Trail Horse Riders Association so I have taken part in monthly rides with this club and as well many private rides in the Wombat. Nowadays, I would partake in private rides about once a fortnight in the Wombat State Forest. The number of horses that have been ridden in the Wombat over many years is considerable and yet there is absolutely no evidence whatsoever of any damage that may be attributable to horses.

The notion that Wombat Communities want the forest to be reclassified to National Park is a fallacy. I personally know many people / families who are in agreeance with myself and would not support this proposal by your department.

As a person who has enjoyed the Wombat State Forest for most of my adult life, I see no valid reason for changing it to a National Park and thereby imposing massive lifestyle changes to the lives of so many.

I therefore strenuously object to the proposal .

Kind Regards,

Kaylene Sinclair.