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<http://www.veac.vic.gov.au/documents/CWI-DPP-factsheet-8-Wombat-Mac-block.pdf>

Cobaw Forest As a resident of Benloch, I herewith inform you that I strongly oppose this proposal. If Victorian Government agrees to go ahead with this proposal, people will still be able to shoot a rifle, ride the tracks in you 4WD and pursue recreational hunting or ride a motorbike in the Cobaws – but no longer ride a horse or walk their dog!! There are numerous equine and equestrian tourism businesses which will be negatively impacted if horse riding will be banned from the Cobaws. It will also negatively impact the lifestyle, the business and eventually the price of our properties in the Macedon Ranges. People will no longer be able to sell their lifestyle properties because nobody wants to buy a horse property if they cannot ride in the Cobaws. Most people who buy a horse property around here have made the decision based on being able to ride their horses and walk their dogs in the Cobaw Forest. We live in Benloch and we will still have to put up with the motorbikes and tolerate the noise from the shooting range if we hike around the Cobaws. It's never perfect but if everyone acts in a responsible manner, why does it need to be changed? What is actually being achieved with this proposal, apart from wasting money? Many residents of Benloch and Lancefield are not even aware of this proposal and I fail to understand why our communities were not informed. In my view DELWP has completely failed when we were subject to the Benloch Lancefield bushfire three years ago? Where are the learnings from that disaster? Why was their no consultation with the community in Benloch and Lancefield? Sincerely,
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