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Description:

My husband & I purchased our home of 20 acres in Longlea 16 months ago, mainly for the purpose of enjoying the Wellsford forest with our horse and Golden Retrievers. For 10 years I have agisted my horse at a property adjoining the forest and the enjoyment of riding through the bush has been immeasurable. We have rarely met any other riders out on the trails (graded roads) so I'm unsure of why there is to be a ban of horse riding through the suggested designated areas. We have always been very respectful of our environment and rarely go past a leisurely walk or trot. We have several major concerns about the ban. Firstly the very real dangers of riding horses on main roads; not only to the riders, but the safety of the car occupants. There are families with small children who ride. Where are they going to 'safely' ride out? Personally, my horse is not safe on busy roads. Secondly to the welfare of the Forest. We are eyes and ears keeping watch over what is happening in the forest. We live in the areas adjoining these bush lands and take real offence to anyone who comes to harm our environments. We are the protectors - we are not the destroyers! Thirdly, there is a concern that we would suffer a financial loss when it comes time to sell our property. Anyone wanting to purchase in this area would come for the same reasons as we have - the serenity, the space and most of all the proximity to the bushland for our enjoyment. This is Australia where we have the opportunity to enjoy freedom. This is our way of life. We are a fifth generation of Australians who are very proud and very protective of OUR land and to 'lock it up' from us is an insult and won't be tolerated.

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