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Submission for the investigation "Central West Investigation"Submitted on **28-10-2018**

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Description:

James Patrick Hinton and his wife Danielle Sharon Hinton would like to oppose the opening up of the Mt Cole state forest to Deer hunting. As new residents to the fringe of the state forest we have constantly had illegal spot lighters lighting up our block, and opening it up to legitimate hunting will only give the offenders another excuse to cover themselves when found in possession of firearms after dark. We have trailcameras located in at least 11 locations around our bush block and being surrounded by un-hunttable legal forest you would think we would be left alone. But no we get several camoed and armed trespassers on trailcam blatantly hunting deer on our property regularly. If over our back fence suddenly becomes a legal avenue I hate to say how many trespassers with guns will suddenly appear. We live in a peaceful semi-secluded environment and even with Mt Cole being a no-go zone for deer hunting, shots ring out on a regular basis. One of the arguments for open hunting is the number of deer being hit on the roads, this is a direct result of the failed blue gum industry and subsequent reclaiming of the land to pasture. Once this flush of extra deer stabilises, these accidents will diminish. Mt Cole isn't being opened up to kangaroo culling because of the endless car, kangaroo collisions which by far outnumber deer, car collisions. Have the State road departments had to justify the many cable so-called safety barriers, between Ararat and Beaufort which trap blinded deer from even attempting to escape. I hope the powers to be see sense and leave Mt Cole the way it has been for generations, and let us locals enjoy the peace we have come to love....

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