



## Closure of Public Land – National Partks

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Dear Minister,

The proposal to turn 145,687 hectares (360,000 acres), of Public Land into National Parks concerns me greatly. The VEAC recommendations are not in the interest of the general public. Public Land is just that, for the use of the public. Too many restrictions have been put on Public Land once they are turned into National Parks.

I understand there is a need for National Parks and their restrictions on activities, but these restrictions must be limited. As an older Victorian with mobility issues, most of the fishing spots I have enjoyed all my life are now inaccessible to people like me!

Not for one moment do I believe or trust that once this Public Land is lost to the people that the restrictions will not be tightened to deny access to the public for all the purposes that it is now used for!

I trust that your decision on this issue will take into consideration for 'ALL' Victorians and their many and various activities they engage in on Public Land and not pander to a minority.

Therefore I say 'NO' to taking this land off the people and will use my vote to stop any government or political party from doing so.

Yours sincerely,

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