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Submission for the investigation "Central West Investigation"Submitted on **13-11-2018**

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Description:

We are members of the Victorian Seekers Prospecting Club and strongly object to any moves to outlaw detecting within the current legal zones by changing our State Parks and Crown Land to National Parks etc. There are obviously land grabs going on in many fronts and whilst talking to VEAC at Bendigo, they have no idea of what we do. The belief is that we are in the same category as large mining companies and have been put into the category of extractors. We have just finished a camp of approx. 25 members, all the appropriate camping permits and miners rights had. We never found one piece of gold in 6 days but most took away a reasonable amount of lead shot and rubbish. We enjoy the comradery and love of the bush. There are the ongoing benefits given back to the local communities in monetary value with the purchase of fuel, provisions, going out for dinners and attending markets and or local events. We would like to see a sub category to acknowledge a club like ours has a seek but do not destroy motto and that backfilling holes is mandatory. This would include us with fossickers and far removed from miners who use machinery and equipment to move vast amounts of ground in their hunt for gold and precious gems. Fossickers who have a current Miners Right and use only hand tools should have a special consideration, especially within a club environment and under a permit system.

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