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Description:

I live locally to the Wombat State Forest and use it regularly. I believe the Victorian State Forests should remain the way they are with regard to their status and recreational uses. If places like the Wombat State Forest became a National Park it would restrict or even forbid certain recreational uses. A National Park would mean no dogs camping the night with us, no dispersed camping in the forest, no locals collecting firewood, no gold fossicking, restricted horse riding and other recreational uses. Our Wombat State Forest already has regulations restricting large scale logging and mining. We don't need it to be a National Park to restrict these things. I notice that these restrictions already in place weren't mentioned in the VEAC report. If State Forests are already regulated for logging operations and large scale mining, and all other recreational activities are the same for State Forest and National Parks, why propose any change? Being so close to Melbourne it does get a lot of people using the area. By all means spend more money on better facilities throughout the parks like more toilets, etc. Say NO to changing our State Forests into National Parks.

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