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Submission for the investigation "Central West Investigation"Submitted on **26-11-2018**

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Description:

Hello, I have accessed the Wombat State Forest since I was a child. I have camped, hiked, hunted, driven 4x4's, ridden tail bikes and now regularly ride horses in the Wombat SF. I ride along fire trains mainly away from the roads used by cars and find great peace and solitude doing this. I love nature and I am very supportive of improving the Wombat SF however, it has been severely over-logged and mismanaged since settlement. Some parts of the Wombat near Trentham where I ride and have property joining the Wombat have mono species of trees so close together that becoming old growth forest is unimaginable. The Wombat needs help. If the proposal for a National park goes ahead then I will not have the freedom to use the Wombat SF as I have done all of my life. Yes, I know the spiel about still being able to access it in limited ways along designated roads but that will never give me back my lifestyle. I am also concerned that closing down these fire access tracks will pose a greater problem for firefighters when the inevitable bush fire will occur. The National Park proposal will take away my freedom to be a part of the forest I have grown up in in a meaningful and practical way. I fully support environmental improvement in the Wombat SF but the National Park proposal will take away a SF for the people not just the mobile elite. Thank you.

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