

FROM PMAV Ballarat branch

VEAC submission from group

To whom it may concern:

The Ballarat Branch of PMAV sends this submission.

We understand that VEAC will recommend closure of a large part of the areas we can use for prospecting. For most of us, prospecting is a hobby. Most of our members are retired, This activity gives us a meaningful and healthful outdoors pursuit.

If the areas we use are closed off to us and other bush users, our branch will be forced to close. This will rob us of the group interaction, friendship and activity that comes from our prospecting.

For most of us it is a hobby, but for some it is an income source to add to the pension, to help us to survive.

We earnestly request that this be taken into account in your deliberations. Do not write off our members.

From the members of PMAV Ballarat branch.