



Preserve remaining forests in Victoria's central west!

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To the Victorian Environment Assessment Council,

I strongly support the recommendations proposed by the Victorian Environment Assessment Council for the Wombat, Wellsford, and Pyrenees Range forests, plus smaller public parcels in the central west investigation area. The proposed parks should be given protection under the National Parks Act 1975.

However, extra protection is needed for Mount Cole under the National Parks Act to protect its significant conservation values from industrial logging. This would make for more uniform management of its significant values and protect against the threats of intensive logging.

Better protection for Mount Cole is critical. Rising almost 1,000 meters, it will make it an important climate change refuge for species movement and survival.

Victoria urgently needs more parks to meet the demands of our growing population to enjoy the outdoors, and as safe havens for the conservation of threatened natural species, habitats and communities.

The state's record on conservation and the environment is not good by any standard, national, regional or global. Logging is a zero sum game. Well managed and well maintained National Parks, in the long run, offer much better social and economic returns than environmental demolition.

Yours sincerely,

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