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## Submission for the investigation "Central West Investigation"

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Description:

To whom it may concern. I am a HGFA licenced paraglider pilot. I am also very passionate about the environment and maintaining healthy ecosystems in Victoria for future generations. There are a number of important launch sites for paraglider and hang glider pilots in western Victoria, with Ben Nevis being the most important of all. Pilots access the site on the main access road. We do not fly in wet weather. We do not drive off-road when driving to or from launch. Pilots have a minimal footprint by launching from a large natural granite outcrop where no harm is done to surrounding vegetation. There is a lot of history of free flight (flying with no engines) from Ben Nevis and the other HGFA endorsed sites. Most paraglider and hang glider pilots have a unique perspective (a birds eye view) of western Victoria and have developed a great respect and appreciation of the environment we fly above. We land in pre-arranged and approved landing fields with access to a pick up vehicle on main roads. Our environmental footprint would have to be the smallest of any recreational user of these lands. I ask that this study should please take into account the significance and importance of the endorsed HGFA paragliding and hang gliding sites in central western Victoria. I believe all pilots would be very keen to work with local government and any other governing bodies to ensure we maintain an environmentally beneficial relationship so that Ben Nevis and the other sites can be flown for many generations moving forward. Kind Regards. Matt Taylor. Licenced Paraglider Pilot.

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