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## Submission for the investigation "Central West Investigation"

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Description:

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of the public consultation regarding the Central West Investigation Draft Proposal. We write to raise our concern that the introduction of national park areas may restrict the access of responsible dog owners to our local bushland. My partner and I live in Musk Vale where we run a dog-friendly accommodation business. Our guests regularly enjoy bushwalks with their dogs on-lead along the Three Lost Children's Walk and adjoining tracks. Living on the Three Lost Children's Walk, we also witness various bushwalkers with dogs on-lead. It is our firm belief that walkers with their dogs on-lead pose no threat to flora or fauna, and that bushwalking with dogs should be encouraged as it provides both recreational and health benefits. The Proposal recommends that our surrounding state forest be re-zoned to become part of the new Wombat Lerderderg National Park and that 'Dogs may be allowed on lead in visitor areas, along a limited number of tracks, or in cars as specified by the land manager in management plans.' What this means in practical terms is unclear. Daylesford is becoming increasingly recognised as a dog-friendly town and welcomes numerous tourists who choose to travel with their dogs. To support local tourism and recreation, we ask that VEAC Council members consider allowing walkers with dogs on-lead on all trails within the Wombat Lerderderg National Park. Thank you for the time and effort taken to prepare the Draft Proposal, and for considering our suggestion.

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