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Description:

I'm making this submission referring to the Central West Investigation into the possibility that hang gliding & paragliding may be banned from taking place in the proposed new [Ben Nevis Nature Reserve & Mount Buangor National Park](#). This is where I learnt to hang glide & I have many memorable flights from this region. For me each time I return to these sites I'm overwhelmed with the beauty of the area, & how lucky I am to be able to enjoy it from the air. I believe this experience should be shared with many others well into the future. We live in the city & long to escape at the weekends to experience the freedom of our great country. This area offers great views, rugged landscapes & unquestionable natural mountain launch sites. These sites are a natural resource & should be shared amongst the community who appreciate & nurture them. Hang gliding & paragliding is a low impact recreational activity, we use the mountain tracks that are provided for to access the designated sites, & have been doing so for many years. Being a club member of the WVHGC, we work together to embrace & take responsibility of these sites ensuring everyone flying from them are aware of their obligations in maintaining & looking after these natural wonders. The sport is highly regulated through the VHPA & the National HGFA bodies. In summary I'm appealing to the VEAC to include Hang gliding & Paragliding as an allowed activity within the proposed [Ben Nevis nature reserve & Mount Buangor national park](#).

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