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Description:

I wasn't going to make a submission to this enquiry as I have done in the past to others. I thought the result is already pretty well decided and only confirmation is needed from submissions. However, I just want to leave a few thoughts. My tourism \$ (as a hobbyist metal detecting prospector from outside of Victoria) will reduce in Victoria and increase elsewhere should more fossicking areas be closed off. Closures will stop law abiding people from entry. They will not stop those who disregard the law. I would expect that lawlessness would increase as there is less competition for the gold remaining in closed off areas. I encourage greater compliance checking even if I have to pay more for my miner's right. Surprise catching of illegal prospectors and the ability to levy significant penalties (mind you need also to ensure it is proportionate to all fines/penalties in Victoria) would be a significant deterrent. Regulate not prohibit. Thank you.  
[Dan O'Hara \(Canberra\)](#)

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