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Description:

This submission is informed by two current voluntary roles and a lot of history that preceded them. Since late 2009 I have been President of Moonee Ponds Creek Co-ordination Committee and that required involvement in the community coalition against the East West Link proposal as well as in the City of Moonee Valley's Integrated Waterways Advisory Committee. I am also a member of two Community Reference Groups of the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee, providing a first point of contact between GORCC and the informal community of Cumberland River campers. The two points I want to make here re Public Land Use Categories are particularly due to my long history at Cumberland River. The second of them refers to the accompanying composite map. 1. I am concerned that there is no mention of camping within the descriptions provided of Public Land Use Categories despite the important family-friendly role that camping grounds have long played for groups that maintain annual holiday traditions. GORCC manages or leases camping grounds at Torquay, Anglesea, Lorne and Cumberland River which are situated on coastal crown land under a remit from presumably now the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning. I presume many in other parts of the state fall under a similar regime. I am particularly concerned that camping on public lands is properly respected because of the ill informed and subsequently lapsed, though not without damage, policy of forcing abandonment of popular and widely used annual renewal options. 2. I am separately concerned that there appears to be no correspondence between the widely used Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ) of the Victorian planning scheme and your Public Land Use Categories. That lack likely contributed to a careless decision to transfer title for the PPRZ buffer zone surrounding the Cumberland River Holiday Park lease area title into the Great Otway National Park, making it particularly difficult for GORCC to apply income from the lease of the Holiday Park to improvements of the coastal surrounds, as is its remit and practice throughout the remainder of its areas of responsibility. The accompanying composite map shows the residual title boundary and PPRZ zone in context.

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CUMBERLAND RIVER

RCZ

PCRZ C

LOTNE

PPRZ

CUMBERLAND TRACK

RDZ1

GREAT OCEAN ROAD

PCRZ C