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**Discussion Paper**

The discussion paper is structured as follows: • Chapter 1: Introduction • Chapter 2: Background on public land in Victoria • Chapter 3: Public land classification • Chapter 4: Current reservation status of public land • Chapter 5: Public land values Please use the fields below to comment on material in any or all of the five chapters. There is also space for general comments to be made on the discussion paper at the end of this section of the form. No character limit applies.

**Chapter 1 - Introduction (includes consultation)**

No Answer

**Chapter 2 - Background on public land in Victoria**

No Answer

**Chapter 3 - Public land classification**

No Answer

**Chapter 4 - Current reservation status of public land**

No Answer

**Chapter 5 - Public land values**

No Answer

**Do you have any general comments on the Discussion Paper?**

1. a) I noted the discussion paper's comment about the decline of native forest. The current 'bash and trash' practise of logging of natural forests is an unsustainable practice and needs strong legislation against its continuance. I believe it is imperative to protect and preserve public land for future generations. Economic gain by a small section of the population is currently at the expense of present and future recreational users, affects the health and well-being of current and future rural occupants (who choose to live where they live because of the splendour of the

landscape), and economic potential currently and into the future through tourism. b) As a citizen of the Shire of Murrindindi I am very concerned about the conduct of VICForests - its practices are at odds with protecting the environment. Over-logging of old native trees in the Central Highlands Ranges, for example the Rubicon and Royston Ranges, are of particular concern for protecting the biodiversity of the habitat there. Similarly in the Strathbogies. In consultation with VicForests they admit not following their own protocols of adequately surveying for forest fauna in particular Leadbeater's Possum. Additionally their practice of large-hectare-scale is decimating the ridgeline forest environment on this range - already significantly impacted by the 2009 fires. c) VicForests has a strong hold on the local town - head office, jobs for locals, generous funding available for projects for schools, the radio station and other local groups - with a silence clause upon acceptance of the funding - i.e. the group cannot speak against VF activities. (I believe this practice stopped in the recent month or so once challenged as totally inappropriate). It pays lip service to locals who challenge the legality and environmental sense of their work in the forest and certainly does not care about disrupting people all along the highways with the constancy of log truck presence - dozens a day and through the night. It's unbearable. Let alone their obvious disregard over the prime objective of a forestry industry which I would have thought was to look after our forests, not pillage them for all time! 2. I highly value the principles below from section 1.5 relating to VEAC Act Section 18:- a) the principals of ecologically sustainable development; b) the need to conserve and protect biological biodiversity; c) the need to conserve and protect any areas which have ecological, natural, landscape or cultural interest or significance, recreational value geological or geomorphological significance; d) the need to provide for the creation and preservation of a comprehensive, adequate and representative system of parks and reserves within the state of Victoria.

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No Answer

### **Draft Proposals Paper**

The 19 draft recommendations presented in the draft proposals paper have been grouped into five themes: • public land classification (R1) • legislative reform (R2-R10) • priorities for further assessment or review (R11-R15) • improved information and information systems (R16-R18) • supporting community-based committees of management (R19) Please use the fields below to comment on any or all of these draft recommendations. There is also space for general comments to be made on the Draft Proposals Paper at the end of this section of the form. No character limit applies.

**Draft recommendation R1 relates to public land classification in Victoria.**

No Answer

**Draft recommendations R2 to R10 relate to legislative reform.**

No Answer

**Draft recommendations R11 to R15 relate to priorities for further assessment or review.**

No Answer

**Draft recommendations R16 to R18 relate to improved information and information systems.**

No Answer

**Draft recommendation R19 relates to supporting community-based committees of management.**

No Answer

**Do you have any general comments on the Draft Proposals Paper?**

No Answer

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No Answer