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Last Name: **Rafferty**

Description:

To whom it may concern, As a forest user for recreational use and a member of two online 4x4 and Dirtbike riders (Groups) it is of great concern for myself that there is not any consultation being sort about responsible forest usage, because some groups are NOT registered as a Government or affiliated public groups,even though these groups are substantial in numbers (Victorian Enduro Riders 3609 and Ballarat redneck 4wd Group 2503 members at time of writing) What has become clear to a me, is that these investigations only seem to contact "contactable" groups that have none or very little relevance to the real day to day or weekend usage of these areas for recreational purposes, both these groups have rules in place for "NO footprint" when it comes to rubbish removal and respect for other forest users, what we have found over the last number of years is that there are less forest users being seen, which is putting the real forest users (us) in a higher position of knowledge when it comes to, what is needed to better the forest for all, such as dedicated single tracks for Dirtbike's to take away the risk of head-on collisions with other main track users, better Camping facilities for all forest users with signage to say "please take your rubbish home". There is a real need for existing UNmarked/or UNmaintained old tracks to be left open for 4x4 and Dirtbike usage, as these tracks are already in existence and would NOT have any undue affect on the environment due to not needing any fresh building works. It has been noticed that the controlling body of the Pyrenees rangers keeps bulldozing trees just to the sides of the tracks, instead of selling these natural assets (firewood) to the public, instead leaving it too rot away, they excuse this by calling it habitat, It's just a mess with no justification, and shows much much more damage to the Environment than any 4x4 or Motorcycle could ever do. Please feel free to contact me in regards to this submission, as I do have strong feelings about OUR forests, I was born in Central Victoria, and want things to be better for the REAL forest users, not the stay at home NONE users, of our beautiful forests. In this submission, my goal is to keep these forests as "State Forests" not locked up, like our "National Parks" e.g. my elderly family can't take their small Dog into these Parks which restricts money being spent in the local towns because they just stay home. Thanks for reading my submission. Duane Rafferty. 49 years old.



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Submission for the investigation "Central West Investigation"

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Description:

To whom it may concern, "Victorian Dirtbike Riders" spend in excess of 100's of thousands of dollars in the listed areas (Wombat, Mt Cole, Pyrenees) being for fuel, food, services, and accommodation, we believe that this Investigation is a means to lock up our right to use these areas for recreational purposes, and after going to a "Information session" It has become clear that the VEAC Members are a mix of green Dwelp, Parks and hippies that have no interest in the other users of OUR forests, this was made very clear when they were asked if the minutes from these "Information sessions" would be made public on the VEAC web site, and the answer was "NO"! I ask this, what was the point of "Info sessions" if they don't produce anything more than a tax payer paid debt, to pay these Members to sit around scribbling on plan paper what you say, with no intention of submitting anything to the public? This was the most disappointing session I've ever been involved in, and people were being rushed through the process clearly because what we had to say was irrelevant! These forests are natural gifts to us ALL, not just the chosen few with their use the only use. How about showing some transparency and let the land owners and public clearly see what you are up to, with news paper input and TV advertising, or haven't you got a true wish to be open and transparent? For this Investigation to have started in the first place there had to be a list of want's and needs to Government, that needed public "approval", but where are they to be found? what are they? If there isn't any, where / how did this all start in the first place? Come on, tell the truth VEAC, or are you to scared to find out what the people really want? Will this go on the VEAC site?