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Description:

My concerns are if this investigation into the Central West Forests and if your intentions are to eventually try and turn these and other areas into State or National Parks, then are you aware that if these Parks do eventuate, they will restrict (under the State and National Parks Laws) a lot of activities within these Parks, like 4 wheel driving, motor bike riding, horse riding, walking your dog, shooting, camping, logging, bee keeping, fire wood collecting and most of all, hobby prospecting and small scale mining. Do you know what damage this could cause outside of these park areas with these sorts of restrictions and to people's lives. It will not only reduce or stop these activities all together, but it will interfere with other people's lively hoods that depend on these activities to bring in an income to the areas they live. People like caravan parks, bakers, hotels, supermarkets petrol stations and all other kinds of business that rely on these very people that come up to these areas to enjoy the bush and spend their money in the town. The reduced money flow in these small towns will have a flow on effect. People coming up and spending money and people supplying the amenities go's hand in hand. Specially in small towns like Dunolly, Avoca, Talbot, Inglewood, Wedderburn, St Arnaud, just to name a few. It is not only the environment that we are concern about (and I agree that it should be protected) it is the people and the town's that will be also effected if these Parks go's a head. Sure have your State & National Parks but don't restrict or stop the activities that was normally allowed in these areas before they became Parks. Just putting a label on an area stating State or National Park will not do any more to protect the Environment than if it would have been left as State Forest. A label does not protect the environment but money coming in to the towns will protect many people's income and lives. Written by Bill Schulz PMAV Central Goldfield President