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So here we go again. VEAC wants to close these areas to 4x4 users, prospectors, horse persons and so on as they didnt get their way in the last VEAC report. When you connect the dots, this heavy handed lockout, in conjugation with the World Heritage listing desired by vested interests demonstrates to the "battler" that this is nothing more than a land grab for the use of a minority to exclude the majority. BTW as National Interest overrides the VEAC and World Heritage listing I see a time when big mining companies could be allowed to extract the 95% of the gold left since 1850 (see your DPI pages regarding this, your figures) Do you seriously believe this is the right thing for the bush, come on honestly. All you want to do is control access, I believe it to be like the rest of the world user pays to look at what...mullock heaps and third growth trees. Put a couple of dollars into reducing fuel load and like Enfield, you will see plants such as the orchid that was thought extinct for 100 years after the accidental fire. Why stop folks from enjoying the bush as we currently do, this is a healthy pastime, prospecting as you walk and we love nature far more than you give us credit for. By all means, have more enforcement officers, cameras and so on to protect the bush and stop illegal dumping of rubbish and stolen car burning, you have my wholehearted support jailing those that abuse the bush however you do not have my support to steal public land from us, the little persons who enjoy our particular pastimes lock out is grossly unfair and steals our right, our Miners Right to seek gold under the rules we currently comply with. That will cause much economic loss to the gold prospectors who have bought equipment and vehicles to pursue gold, it will cause economic loss to businesses who supply gold detecting equipment, it will cause economic loss to 4x4 car sales, aftermarket 4x4 equipment fitment, businesses that supply food and services to prospectors who travel form Melbourne out to these and other areas to pursue the colour. Seriously we will be a world wide embarrassment as the place known for amazing gold finds, on land that was fought for by Diggers past in the Eureka Uprising for a fair go. You expect us to go quietly into the night? I think not, ponder a class action on economic loss while pondering your closures. And stop redrawing the forest maps, please go out to Creswick to see the natural trees that you show as land that could be built on, 1/2 Crewick forest has gone from VIC Online Land maps...one has to wonder why however I have video taped it for another government attitude adjustment. Back to the task at hand, consult Vic 4x4, PMAV, and lets have some information days held on the weekends so

that folks who work can attend. The end date of submissions should be pushed out a further 12 months, and while we are at it so should the start date of the new Heritage Victoria act date of November 1st this year to enable a fair right of reply and if needed a class action to stop our loss of enjoyment and recompense for lost enjoyment, gold, devaluing of equipment, business losses such as the aforementioned gold equipment sales, 4x4 sales, 4x4 aftermarket products business loss,,the local communities that will loose so much such as fuel sales, small supermarkets, cafes and restaurants. If you believe this economic cost will be made up in tourists and access fees, tell yourself your dreaming. We are being sold a pup, and you know it.