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Petitioning Ms Danielle Green and 5 others

Decision makers



• **Ms Danielle Green**



• **Chris Meddows-Taylor**
Central Goldfields councillor and Victorian Goldfields Tourism Executive chairman



• **Phil Honeywood**
Victorian Environment and



• **Samantha McIntosh**
Mayor Ballarat



• **Cr Margaret O'Rourke**
Bendigo Mayor



• **Greg Barber**
Victorian Greens

Don't lock up the Victorian bush



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1,875

Supporters

The great Victorian Goldfield region renowned and loved by 4WD, motorbike and horse enthusiasts, campers, fishermen, prospectors and families, is under threat by being locked away.

International groups, local and state political groups and lobbyists, want to limit the above activities from being conducted in over 25,000 square km of land within shires including Ballarat, Bendigo, Hepburn and the Pyrenees. [Article here](#) and [Central West Investigation](#)

Without the influx of these groups, including many interstate and overseas visitors who enjoy these areas, many local towns and businesses will cease to exist.

We all love the bush and the onus is on each one of us to protect, preserve and respect, the flora and fauna, in this beautiful part of Australia, not for some office jockey to lock it away forever!

The Investigation being conducted by the *Victorian Environmental Assessment Council* (VEAC) a suspected biased organisation. Our petition will ensure they are aware of the public scrutiny and desire for these areas to stay open.

Please sign and share and help us keep the Australian lifestyle alive!

This petition will be delivered to:

- Ms Danielle Green
- **Central Goldfields councillor and Victorian Goldfields Tourism Executive chairman**
Chris Meddows-Taylor
- **Victorian Environment and**
Phil Honeywood

3 more decision makers...

- **Mayor Ballarat**
Samantha McIntosh
- **Bendigo Mayor**
Cr Margaret O'Rourke
- **Victorian Greens**
Greg Barber

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Letter to

Ms Danielle Green

Central Goldfields councillor and Victorian Goldfields Tourism Executive chairman Chris Meddows-Taylor

Victorian Environment and Phil Honeywood

Mayor Ballarat Samantha McIntosh

Bendigo Mayor Cr Margaret O'Rourke

Victorian Greens Greg Barber

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We are all lovers of the Australian way of life and this includes the many activities we can currently enjoy, in and around these areas currently under review. Whether four wheel driving, camping with our families, riding (horse, mountain biking, motorbike), prospecting, hunting, bush walking or any other outdoor activities, we all respect the flora and fauna in these areas and adhere to current regulations.

We do not want these areas to have any limitations imposed upon them, that would limit our lifestyle and income of the many struggling local businesses.

Whether we are short term or long term visitors, interstate or local, we bring income into the surrounding rural towns and districts.

"In 2013-14, tourism was estimated to be worth more than

\$20 billion to the Victorian economy. Public land is the

basis for most nature-based tourism in Victoria" - State wide Assessment of Public Land Report, May 8 2017 VEAC.

I ask that you consider this at all times when deciding on the limitations you impose on the MANY visitors and locals, who enjoy these areas.

Do not lock up our bush.

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1. 7 days ago
Petition update

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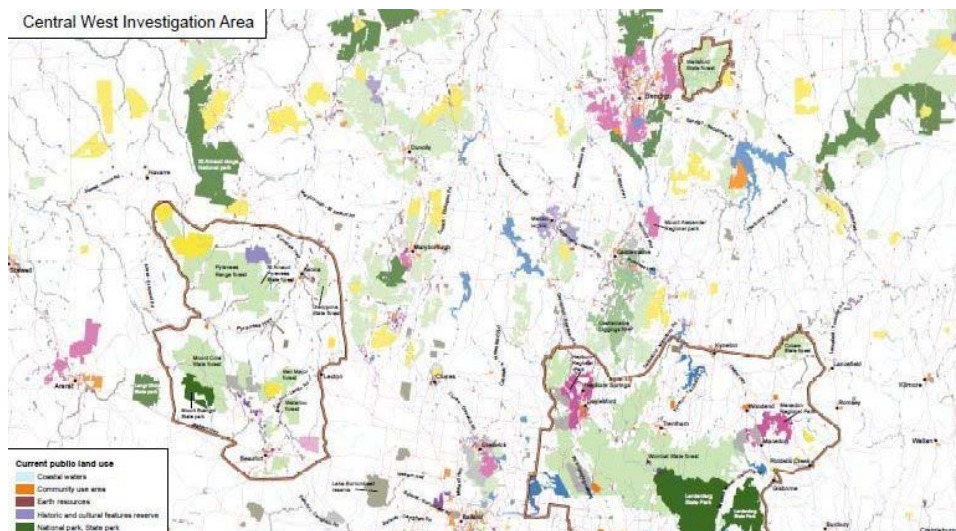


[I will submit a submission on behalf of the signatures on this petition, however if you feel passionate enough to add your voice, please do ! Lets keep the Australian...](#)

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- 2. 2 months ago
1,500 supporters
- 3. 2 months ago
Petition update

Central West Investigation by VEAC



Today it was announced that even more Victorian bushland is under threat. An investigation has been commissioned (more public money wasted) with the...

- 4. 2 months ago
1,000 supporters
- 5. 2 months ago
Petition update

Chris Meddows-Taylor (Central Goldfields councillor who initiated proposal) Reply



Here is the latest 'catch up politics' from one of the main protagonists for the Heritage listing proposal. Seems our petition and the outcry on some FACEBOOK sites has...

- 6. 2 months ago
750 supporters
- 7. 2 months ago
jason cornish started this petition

Reasons for Signing

I am a prospector that uses and detect in the bush. I'm a prospector that came up to the goldfields to live and to enjoy my hobby. I spend money in my local town. You close up the Victorian Goldfields then I have no reason to stay and I will sell up and move. This means no money for the town, on money for all the local business that rely on prospector and others that enjoy the Victorian Goldfields. Small town will collapse and peoples lively hood will suffer. This is my bush my goldfields and who gave you the right to take away my right and privilege to use it.

Bill Schulz, Australia

May 11, 2017

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[People belong in the bush. The health benefits are unmeasurable.](#)

[Kevin bishop, Australia](#)
[May 11, 2017](#)

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[I love prospecting and if this happens I will lose my hobby](#)

[Steven James, Australia](#)
[May 11, 2017](#)

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625 needed to reach 2,500
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