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Subject: Submission to the Draft Joint Management Plan for the Dja Dja Wurrung Parks.

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I scribe this submission as holder of a current and **up to date Miners Right** issued by the Victorian Government.

My prospecting is conducted in a respectful way in line with the PMAV's Code of Conduct and does not affect the rights of any other park users – including the Aboriginal community. In fact, my friends and family assist with the maintenance of these areas by removing all rubbish and debris dumped and or caused by littering, keeping the tracks and land clear for other lands users and in particularly Emergency Vehicles in order for those vital organisations to have uninterrupted access to these areas.

I most strongly object to the substantial loss of another 10,000 hectares of Public land for my prospecting; especially when there is ZERO scientific evidence to support exclusion. The reduction in available land will see a economic downturn in these areas. This region cannot afford any reduction in activity. I do not have figures available for you however I can without hesitation tell you that not business in these areas is likely to support these changes.

I also object to the proposed bulldozing of the historic diggings in these Parks to 'repair the land'. These diggings have cultural significance to ALL. These old diggings are an important part of my/our shared history and should be left as they are. MY family and that off many thousand others have roots and form the backbone of the settling of this land by our cultures. As it has been settled by other cultures since the beginning of time. So, let us all enjoy our diverse cultures together as one nation. Are we one country with one set of laws for everyone and share equal respect for all cultures?

I fully support and respect the Dja Dja Wurrung people continuing to enjoy their rights as traditional owners as long as they also respect mine as a fellow Australian to use the land for the purpose it has been used for many years.

The Management Plan does not do this.

Written With respect to all, not just the 'traditional owners'

Danno. Traditional owner -'Child of the Universe' – as we all are...

Regards

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