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

I respectfully wish to add my voice (as a South Australian who spends approximately 5 weeks per annum in the Victorian goldfields) to the current debate re the above.

My husband and I both hold Miners Rights, and in the pursuit of our hobby of gold prospecting, feel we do no harm to the forests or private land we are very fortunate to have permission to detect on.

We estimate we spend approximately \$350 per week in the regional towns around Maryborough in particular, but other towns at times. We have also bought detectors and detecting gear from suppliers there over the years, which would account for another \$15 - 16,000.

Our enjoyment of the area is not solely the gold, we also enjoy and appreciate the bush, and believe we leave very little sign of any disturbance.

More significantly, the Joint Management Plan's strategies seem to have been ignored in 3 of the dot points:-

Pt 1. "conservation.....of cultural values (including heritage protection)" - which surely includes the gold rush era.

Pt.4. "Attracting.....visitors" - detectorists are longer term visitors than may others.

Pt.6. "economic social.....benefits for wider community" ditto above.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate.

Yours,

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