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Subject: Dja Dja Wurrung Parks Public Consultation.

Comment and objection

1. Included in this Plan are additional closures of access to now Public Land.

2. Reasons for these closures are according to the Plan are rehabilitate land, promote respect and acknowledge the past ownership of the Traditional owners of the land.

3. This is in fact part of the Political push to alter historical facts related to the past development and impact on the original Australian inhabitants.

4. Australia was invaded then occupied by members of the English and European Countries when the British flag was raised in 1770 on Australian shores. This fact cannot be denied. The original inhabitants then fell into the same category as every other group of original inhabitants on this Planet. Similar invasions had taken place centuries before in Europe providing the grounds for the interchange of knowledge, physical development and inevitable population growth, building on the human desire for learning and survival. The original inhabitants of Australia had been denied this development opportunity until after 1770.

5. Dja Dja Wurrung people and all other groups of original Australian inhabitants were given the opportunity to enter into the combined human race that occupy this Planet in the common effort of survival. Every effort has been made by the so called invaders to assist them to become part of our progress. Many have successfully become part yet more has to be achieved. Equality of opportunity has been the objective.

6. Australia has one of the greatest multicultural populations on the Planet, their traditions, heritages, beliefs and their past occupational experiences make up this mix. They all have the right to express their beliefs equally. Not one of these Groups, Organizations or Religions has the right to exclude any other from land designated by Law for Public use or impose their beliefs, traditions etc upon the general population. Our Legal history (Marbo) provided our original inhabitants recognition as being equal to every other Australian. Therefore we accept our original inhabitants as part of the population. They may have alternative belief and traditional background as do many other groups or Religions but as humans they equally share what this land and planet has to offer.

7. This Land Management Plan is contrived to provide control of land to Parties whose objective is to close off land to those who do not have their Heritage background or Political views on Public Land use and access. Therefore this Plan is not acceptable.

8. Land Management must be moved from State Government to ensure the best outcome is provided long term for the entire Australian population. Land use will alter as the population grows and demands on resources change. The Planet's population survival will require National control of every aspect of Land Management. In the past the original inhabitants of the Land in question regarded the land as their only means of survival for food, water and shelter. When that land was exposed to the influence of European enterprise Australia was thrust onto the world stage, with wealth from Agriculture, Gold. Australia is now a part of the Planet's scene for planned survival of the entire population into the future

9. Land use and our resources will continue to change according to the single driving force--population growth and need to survive.

Finally this investigation / consultation is a waste of money. The money and effort could be better spent on raising the actual standard of living of those in our Community who are unable to live in comfort, regardless of heritage, race or belief--equality of opportunity must be our goal.

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