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To: projects dhelkunyadja; Prospector and Miners Association of Victoria

Subject:

SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT JOINT MANAGEMENT FOR THE DJA DJA WURRUNG PARKS.

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I write this submission as a proud prospector and owner of a Miners Rights issued by the Victorian Government.

My prospecting is conducted in a respectful way in line with the PMAVs code of conduct and does not affect the rights of any other parks user – including the Aboriginal community.

I am proud to work with the Aboriginal people in my community. In all the years I have been prospecting I have been careful to respect their culture , however the land is for use by all community members. Prospecting is a lawful occupation and thousands of Australian tax payers should not be discriminated against by closing current Crown land areas for prospecting.

I strongly object to the substantial loss of another 10,000 hectares of public land for my prospecting, especially when there is no scientific evidence to support exclusion.

I also object to the proposed bulldozing of the historic diggings in these Parks to repair the land. These old diggings are an important part of our shared history and should be left as they are.

I fully support the Dja Dja Wurrunga people continuing to enjoy their rights as the traditional custodians as long as they and the Government also respect mine. The current draft Management Plan does not do this.

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