

**From:** Peter Spriggins

**Sent:** Monday, 18 June 2018 10:46 PM

**To:** projects dhelkunyadja

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

I, Peter Spriggins of Box Hill South, Victoria 3128 write this submission as a proud prospector and owner of a Miners Right issued by the Victorian government. My prospecting is conducted in a respectful way in line with the PMAV Code of Conduct and does not affect the rights of any other Park users, including the Aboriginal community.

I strongly object to the substantial loss of another 10,000 hectares of prospecting 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". The old diggings are an important part of our shared history and should be left as they are now, free of development and accessible to all.

I fully support the Dja Dja Wurrung people continuing to enjoy their rights as traditional owners as long as they also respect my rights as well. The current draft management plan does not do this. The rights of all stakeholders need to be considered and a proper balanced plan would embody harmonious respect toward all users and not restrict access to one particular group as this would be discriminatory and divisive. We need to work together.

Kind regards,  
Peter Spriggins

**Note: Personal Contact details redacted for on-line publishing.**