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**To:** projects dhelkunyadja; Prospector and Miners Association of Victoria; lily.dambrosio@parliament.

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

Sirs. I 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'S Code of Conduct and does not affect the right of any other park users- including the Aboriginal community.

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, it is an example of the manual effort these old timers put in to get the gold which saved the state from bankruptcy

Destroying these diggings is vandalizing history.

I fully support the Dja Dja Wurrung people continuing to enjoy their rights as traditional owners as long as they also respect mine. The current Draft Management Plan does not do this.

Yours respectfully

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