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

Dear PMAV Members,

We are currently preparing a submission to the Draft Joint Management Plan for the Dja Dja Wurrung Parks and Reserves. These parks are the Kooyoora State Park, Greater Bendigo National Park, Kara Kara National Park, Paddys Ranges State Park, Wehla Nature Conservation Reserve and Hepburn Regional Park.

It is proposed that prospectors will lose access to a part of each of these Parks with a total loss of around 10,000 hectares (Wehla is now also at risk following more up to date information than shown in the attached). The PMAV is standing strong against this proposal and needs your assistance.

Please consider writing a submission to this Plan. Full details and relevant documents can be found at <http://www.dhelkunyadja.org.au/the-plan/joint-management-plan> Unfortunately submissions must be in Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June so time is tight.

We highly recommend that you write your own submission but understand not everyone will be able to, so we have prepared a simple pro-forma submission for you to use – see below. Just copy and paste into a new email, insert your name, address etc, and send as below.

You should send a copy of this to [consult@dhelkunyadja.org.au](mailto:consult@dhelkunyadja.org.au) with a copy to [pmav@pmav.org.au](mailto:pmav@pmav.org.au) please. Also to your local State Member of Parliament.

If you aren't sure who this is go

here <https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/about/electorates> and enter your address, click on District for your Lower House MP's details. View member will give you their email address. Given the Environment Minister is responsible for this Plan, please also send to [lily.dambrosio@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:lily.dambrosio@parliament.vic.gov.au)

YOU CAN USE THE FOLLOWING SUBMISSION and email it

to [consult@dhehkunyadja.org.au](mailto:consult@dhehkunyadja.org.au)

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

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 rights 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.

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.

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