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I undertook to provide further information to the Select Committee:

- Professor Michael Buxton of RMIT University is an active commentator on intensive food production around Melbourne – phone 03 9925 3039; mobile 0417 153 872
- Land with conservation values can be run by private trusts funded by philanthropists rather than by government; two organisations doing this sort of work, mostly in northern and central Australia, are Australian Bush Heritage Foundation (www.BushHeritage.org.au) and Australian Wildlife Conservancy (www.australianwildlife.org)
- I see scope for regional community land management trusts run by Landcare networks with government, philanthropic and corporate support, especially developers, and at times some commercial elements to increase income
- Victoria's NGO dealing most often with conservation values on private land is Trust for Nature: CEO Michael Gooley 03 9670 9933 (trustfornature@tfn.org.au)

Finally two things struck me after our session with the Committee.

First, my description of the Lorne foreshore proposals was really the St Kilda triangle in miniature. Second, in answer to Mr Davis' question about open space: Go to Garden City (Port Melbourne); look first at spacious, parks-rich Garden City proper, laid out between the Wars on English principles, then go to cramped Beacon Cove, developed in the late 1990s.

Sincerely


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