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To Whom it may Concern,

I'm writing to express my concerns regarding VEACs attempts at controlling Victorian public land. It's time for positive changes to be put into place and that involves scrapping VEAC for a better represented group with community representation.

It is my opinion that this council are inadequately representing Victorian public and bush users in general.

Since VEAC decided to focus on removing state park status and changing park status to National parks, I've noticed our state has become fraught with environmental, political and safety issues.

The 2019/2020 fire season saw much of Victorian National and state parks and bushland burn to the ground. It's my opinion this situation could have been prevented had we, the public been allowed to enter these National parks for fire wood collections - to reduce fire fuel - 4x4 driving, dog walking, prospecting, generally any banned activity preventing us monitoring how dire the situation had become.

Had our state politicians and VEAC valued more Victorians perspectives and eagerness to protect our bushland and not relied on a council that Victorian communities didn't vote in, our ecosystems would not have been decimated by a horrendous fire season I myself hope to never relive. Seeing my beloved Victoria destroyed because National parks restrict so many activities has traumatised me and so many others.

Our country has struggled with climate change for many decades. Now with such a reduction in bushland due to wildfires, our native animals have suffered, their habitats has been destroyed which directly impacts our climate and causes dramatic changes to ecosystems and peoples lives.

If VEAC remains, I believe our years of trying to reconcile with our indigenous communities will be in vain. Allowing our first people exclusive access to our bushland could be perceived as racist and could cause major fractures in our efforts to be equal and contributing custodians of Victoria.

It is because of my above concerns, I believe forming a new management group that reflects the Victorian publics concerns is imperative. VPLUC has my vote. Formed by the people of Victoria for the people, environment and wildlife conservation.

I hope you consider disbanding VEAC and opt for a multifaceted group of like minded Victorians to achieve the desired results needed to protect our bushland, heritage and all residents.

Kind regards Estelle Griffin.