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Select Committee on Public Land Reclamation,

Honourable Sirs,

Using freely every help I can (as following)
(and not unknown) may I refer to notice in The
Melbourne 'Age' 8th. ult. in relation to Public
Land Development in Victoria.

The sale and/or development of public land
and open space needs to be considered with reference
to country or rural designations - and proximity
to dwellings. I note the reference to 'Green wedges'.
I believe Britain has largely adapted development
thus: the greenness of the interludes between housing
and urbanism being spread. In the outer metropolitan
area of Melbourne so-called self-contained "villages"
have developed. The long-term bearing of this with
regard to age of population dwelling requires consider-
ation: and the feasibility studies (normal) to
such should indeed be mandatory: specific reference
being given to continuing financial viability.

Parks and forests deserve attentions: the
average Victorian having need for the peacefulness
of nature on occasion: but woodchipping and requirements
of the logging industry need not be unduly oppressed.

I doubt whether the sale and stand-alone private
development of public open space (as such) is desirable,
although not negating above. Is there not a Victorian
Government Department for this in The Place To
Be?

Yours faithfully,

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