
Request to be heard?: No

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Organisation:

Affected property:

Attachment 1:

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Comments: I am a 50 year old male that is at heart a person that loves nature and am constantly encouraging my 5 and 7 year old kids that we need to protect the environment, reduce waste especially plastic and be good citizens. What has this to do with the planned trails most people would ask. I find it amazing that our government is happy to support oil and gas companies billions of dollars by using tax collected from its citizens however when said citizens want to create something valuable for mental and physical health they are ignored. There are many kids living in the inner suburbs that want to cycle or more specifically mountain bike for exercise, sport or just for pure recreation however instead of being able to utilise sensibly expanded and environmentally sustainable trails close by we need to drive for an hour further adding to the pollution to take our kids cycling. At the same time other sports have millions spent on facilities. Please consider that not only walkers have a right to use the Yarra bushlands and that cycling is not only riding on bike paths. As a person who grew in a small country town now living in the inner city I want my kids to experience freedom to ride and explore the bushlands nearby yet many people seem to be very against this happening. Therefore I believe there needs to be a considered approach to the issues at hand to ensure all stakeholders are supported.