

Bush Users Group United

The Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party of Victoria represents a wide and varied constituency. We represent recreational shooters, fishers and farmers, public land users and those in need of a 'fair go' when bureaucracy and uneducated politicians attack their recreation or way of life for no demonstrable reason.

We have two elected members of parliament in Victoria elected as MLCs to the Northern and Eastern Regions, as well as representing our constituents in every other region.

Our response to the questions raised by the Bush Users Group United follow:

1. The SFFP have already called for an immediate moratorium, by way of a motion in 2015 to Parliament by Daniel Young, on the creation of the Great Forest National Park and we also have publicly opposed the creation of any new parks. Furthermore, the SFFP are the only elected party to have given an unequivocal 'No' to the Great Forest National Park, or to any other parks.

2. We would be happy to await a review, but we believe that there is no need for any more parks and if anything, any parks created from multi use public land should be re assigned back to their previous status.

3. Any review must be independent, unbiased and must give equal weight to all stakeholders. VEAC should be a stakeholder, not the conductor of the review.

4. Any government or semi government body MUST be properly representative of all interested parties. The body must be tasked with finding out the truth rather than proving a predetermined outcome.

5. Our public land is not being managed properly and a full and intensive review needs to be undertaken to identify the problems and identify solutions that allow for more people to enjoy the land. Other countries enjoy shared land use that doesn't exclude anyone, so Victoria should be following their example.

6. The SFFP have long called for better methods of dealing with the issues currently suffered by public land managers rather than embarking on ideological crusades to 'save' the forests by implementing restrictions which will do more damage than good. Contemporary governments have been more focussed on purely 'environmental' outcomes and this must stop.



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