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Mr Jason Cornish
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Dear Mr Cornish,

The Liberal Nationals are pleased to respond to the PMAV election questionnaire.

As strong supporters of public and private land users, the Liberal Nationals are committed to supporting the interests of your members, Victoria's prospectors and miners.

We are acutely aware of the pressure your members are experiencing under the current Andrews Government. This pressure is the result of Labor being in power in Victoria for 15 of the last 19 years. Public and private land users have been wrapped up in red and green tape, and Labor and The Greens are teaming up to lock Victorians out of more public parks.

As you stated in your letter, we recently outlined our policy approach to public parks in a letter to the Bush User Groups United. To reiterate our position relevant to the interests of the PMAV, the Liberal Nationals:

- have no plans to create any new or expand any existing national or marine parks in Victoria;
- will invest in the responsible management of public land;
- will encourage community participation in the management and care of our public land; and
- will support the rights of existing public land users, including prospectors.

Further, the Liberal Nationals will support prospectors and miners by ensuring the regulation and sustainable management of public land is based on the best available science and takes into consideration the environmental, social and economic values of our public land.

We acknowledge the significant issues faced by your members in terms of land access, land use, permits and fees and charges, and we look forward to engaging with the PMAV to work through these specific issues.

Our approach to private land management is based on the principle of minimal government interference. Private land owners should be able to go about their business free of



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unnecessary government interference. Regulation should be risk based, appropriately balancing environmental, social and economic values.

We also recognise the opportunity Victoria's rich mineral resources provide to the growth of our regions, through tourism and the contribution of prospectors and miners to regional economies.

Our government will be a government that gets things done and we look forward to working with the PMAV.

Yours sincerely,



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