

Victorian National Parks Association submission to the Updating the Dyurrite Cultural Landscape Management Plan.

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The rediscovery of one of Australia's largest Indigenous stone quarry complexes, as well as rock art dating back thousands of years is an amazing accomplishment by the Barengi Gadjin Land Council and Parks Victoria and is to be commended and supported with protection of these cultural sites.

The VNPA supports the 100 climbing and 72 bouldering routes being closed out of the 3300 available to protect cultural heritage sites and values. Further resources are needed for Traditional Owners to undertake further heritage assessment work at Dyurrite (Mount Arapiles-Tooan State Park) as well as surrounding public lands.

There is a need for hardening and formalisation of the walking network within the park, as unsanctioned and poorly maintained tracks are causing erosion and degradation to the parks cultural and ecological values.

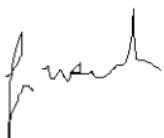
The updated addendum still neglects the giant holes in the Mount Arapiles-Tooan State Park (Dyurrite Cultural Landscape) that doesn't cover 2,397ha of the State Park as raised by the VNPA since 1988 (Over 30% of the park). This must be rectified by Parks Victoria.

The VNPA is concerned about Parks Victoria's handling of the process including what seemed to be the delegation of public consultations on the proposed changes of the management plan to user groups rather than from Parks Victoria itself as the land manager. As highlighted here.

The VNPA has concerns that the cultural heritage values are still under threat from damage due to lack of education of park visitors as well as a lack of enforcement of protections.

There is a strong need for a long-term education program for all park visitors as well as increased compliance and enforcement for those flouting the protections for cultural sites. Increased resources and education are needed to ensure these new changes are adhered to and understood by park visitors and cultural heritage sites and park are protected.

Yours sincerely,



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