



Dear Portfolio Committee No. 7.

Please be advised the email address of the sender is my daughter in Victoria. I am unable to access my Council computer due to Local Government elections and have received your email from Mr Gary Fry. Please accept this as my response to the "Questions on Notice" in regard to the review of the BDOS.

With regard to the potential to utilise National Parks in the Credits discussion our mention of this is ongoing from the conversation had with Review Chair Ken Henry when this topic was raised. Mr Henry agreed with the assertion that we seem to be continually creating National Parks but have no plan to manage nor improve them. The current accepted practice is that we lock them up, refuse entry to the public and vermin and noxious weeds abound. The idea we floated is that restoring nature should begin in National Parks given that the government has taken ownership and offset funds can be used productively in a national asset.

We are not blessed with unlimited public funds and where available should be used responsibly . .

I hope this brings clarity to this recommendation of the Country Mayors Association

Yours sincerely

Craig Davies

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