Mr Richard Wynne M.P.

Dear Mr Wynne,

It is my understanding that there is a draft plan under way until 31st March 2019, regarding input for the design and development guidelines for Solar Energy facilities etc. It is my hope that some of my comments may be added to that review please.

I have included a map showing a very important part of the Volcanic Plinian, because of the connection to the amazing artist Eugène Von Guérard.

As you would know this famous artist followed scientists, geologists etc., into some of the Volcanic Plinian most beautiful and interesting places. Victoria owes this man much more than many people understand, and his art works will be admired by generations to come, so why would we not protect the beautiful landscapes that this amazing man loved?

Transmission lines, wind farms and huge solar farms are needed, but surely not in places so rich with art, culture, history,

Yours faithfully,
• Other valid reasons for keeping the triangle between Mt Leura, Mt Elephant and Mt Noorat free of wind turbines, large transmission lines and large solar farms.

Built history of this area & rich productive soils:
• Many beautiful homesteads.
• Buildings in Camperdown and Terang.
• A Gothic clock tower in Camperdown, that would have to be the best in Australia.
• An avenue of elms also the best in Australia.
• Farm land in this area is very productive and reliable.

The volcanic landscape:
• Many volcanic features within the triangle including 3 mountains of national and international interest (these 3 mountains are now in public hands for the first time ever) esp. Mt Noorat.
• The potential for tourism in this Geopark region is now very strong.
• The Eugène Von Guérard connection has already been covered.

Ramsar Lakes:
• Lake Bookaar and Coonoolac are both Ramsar listed wetlands for the protection of migrating birds, extensive (list available from Parks Vic).
• Broodgas have nested for the first time on the western side of Lake Bookaar and have been seen flocking on farmland to the west of Lake Bookaar.
MEGAFAUNA.

- Within this triangle, mega fauna trackways have been discovered, recorded, and plaster casts have been made of these unique finds. The lake where the trackway are is Lake Miranning (on private property).

- Other mega fauna have been found at Lake Colongoolac, on the eastern bank and include fossils of marsupial lion, Tasmanian tiger, Tasmanian devil and I think a guila.

Note: (my information can be checked with Museum Vic.)

NATIVE GRASSLANDS.

- Lake Bookiar has a native grassland reserve.

  - A 12 acre site on the western side of the lake.
  - This grassland is one of very few that still has some of the original native plants especially the sweet hounds tongue or native (for get-me-not). This reserve needs to be protected and managed for future generations.

ABORIGINAL HISTORY.

- A rich aboriginal history exists within the triangle.

  - Legends of Lake Bulleen Merri (or another swimming across this lake with a baby on her back.

  - The legend of the "evil spirit" that lives in Lake Gnotuk that will drag any swimmer down because of the icy cold middle of the lake.

  - The Bunyip that was chased from Bulleen Merri across to hate Gnotuk thus forming the lip on the lake edge.
ABORIGINAL HISTORY (cont)

- The Beautiful head stone in the Camperdown Cemetery paid for by James Dawson, in memory of his good friend "Camperdown George" (local head of the Camperdown Aboriginal people).
- Many local grinding stones -(as yet not a keeping place established)
- Fishing holes along Medervool Creek, North of the town of Camperdown. (artifact found in one of the holes)
- Huge trading routes and large gatherings of Aboriginal people at Mt. Nooral, especially interesting as to food and water.

For over 2,000 people in one place must have involved (the storage of grains and his use of very reliable springs - there is so much still to be learned in this area.

Please help protect this triangle of land listed as to neglect to do so will deprive all people from all walks of life, of seeing a beautiful landscape as close as we can keep it to the way Eugene Von Guérard eyes saw it.

Thankyou for reading this.

Yours Faithfully,

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