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For the attention of Matthew Jackson, CEO, Parks Victoria

Dear Mr Jackson,

RE: THE DRAFT GREATER GARIWERD LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PLAN (GGLDMP)

I would like to present my submission, making the following recommendations and seeking appropriate changes to the draft plan, prior to the issue of the final GGLDMP later this year:

* Draft GGLDMP be withdrawn and referred to [Planning Panels Victoria](https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/panels-and-committees/panels-and-committees) for review.
* Adopt the established climbing management strategies presented within the [Victorian Climbing Management Guidelines](https://vicclimb.files.wordpress.com/2020/09/victorian-climbing-management-guidelines-v04.pdf).
* Access restrictions to be workshopped through consultation with climbing groups: ACAV, VCC/Cliffcare and Crag Stewards Victoria.
* Take a climb-by-climb approach to managing climbing in environmentally and culturally sensitive areas.
* A ten metre exclusion zone to be introduced as a default clearance to protect significant cultural locations, such as rock art sites.
* Legal set-asides to be sought and legally compliant signage to be installed at each restricted location.
* The presence of stone quarrying must not be used as a blanket justification for excluding public access.
* Designated rock climbing areas and permit plans to be abandoned.
* Safety bolts to be managed and maintained by climbing groups.
* Bouldering mats must not be prohibited as they are essential to reduce the risk of injury and death.
* Chalk use to be accepted, subject to guidelines.
* Proposed ban on new climbing locations to be removed from the GGLDMP.
* Off-track walking restrictions to be cancelled to allow off-track walking and the use of game trails.
* Parks Victoria to work with Crag Stewards Victoria and Cliffcare to maintain walking tracks and cliff bases.
* Bush camping to remain permissible subject to existing conditions.
* Parks Victoria to instigate peer reviews of all archaeological surveys conducted in the Greater Gariwerd region over the last two years.
* Wherever graffiti occurs in the Grampians/Gariwerd, Parks Victoria must prosecute the perpetrators to the full extent of the law to protect the park.

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