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Inquiry: Inquiry into ecosystem decline in Victoria

Hearing Date: 3 December 2020

Question[s] taken on notice

Directed to: Kylie White, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and  
Dr Mark Norman, Parks Victoria

**1. Ms BATH Page no. 24**

**Question asked.**

So my question is: would Parks Victoria and/or DELWP be prepared to endorse a recommendation that Parks Victoria and other DELWP reserves meet those same standards, so go in and have an audit management program similar to productive forests?

**Response:**

Parks Victoria undertakes monitoring and condition status assessments at different scales across the parks estate. These range from targeted projects on core species and habitats, to large-scale monitoring of threats or status (e.g. aerial pest species surveys, aerial surveys of invasive introduced and overabundant native weed species, satellite detection of vegetation vigour/condition), through to whole-of-parks estate assessments through the three-yearly State of the Parks reporting program which assesses 300 representative parks and reserves.

These sources of information inform Parks Victoria's Conservation Action Plans (CAPs) for landscapes across Victoria, where data on threats, condition assessments, actions and objectives are collated for each of 18 landscape management units across the state. Attached are eight CAPs provided as examples of this assessment summary and management approach to addressing nature conservation needs in the parks estate across terrestrial, freshwater and marine ecosystems.

Attachments:

Conservation Action Plans (8)



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what is DELWP's policy on track closures? And I mean on state dirt roads and gravel roads. How is it formulated, and what data is it based on? How many seasonal tracks have been closed in the last five years, and how many tracks are permanently closed?

**Response:**

Parks Victoria has a track closure procedures and safe work practice guidelines which outline the processes and steps in opening and closing access tracks for both vehicles and pedestrians across the parks estate.

Attachments:

Road closure documents used by Parks Victoria (3)