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To:
Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Parliament of Victoria
Inquiry into Auditor-General's Report No. 202
Meeting Obligations to Protect Ramsar Wetlands (2016)

Dear Committee members,

Signage at Westernport Ramsar site

This is to request that the committee make a recommendation that larger and improved signage, better positioned in the beach, be placed at the commencement of the Ramsar site at the eastern end of 'Silverleaves' on the northern coast of Phillip Island.

The photographs below of the 'No Dogs' sign, high on the beach at the site, show the inadequacy of the current signage to protect the values of the Ramsar site to the east, with the persistent presence of dogs.





What is required at the site is large signage, placed lower in the beach, telling of the prohibition of dogs, and the existence, and values, of the Ramsar site.

In addition, the photograph below, of the current signage at Observation Point, shows the inadequacy of the protective measures at this Ramsar site, east of 'Silverleaves', on the north coast of Phillip Island.



Yours sincerely,
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