

Imagine

# GREATER WELLINGTON NATIONAL PARK



creating innovative eco-tourism opportunities for the Preston Valley and beyond

**December, 2016**

## **Our proposal**

We presented our proposal to the Minister for the Environment, Albert Jacob last week. It draws on the information provided by the many government and industry agencies we have consulted with over the past four months. It highlights the significant opportunities an expanded national park would bring to the region.

- You can download the proposal [here](#)
- Overlays of potential activities for inclusion in the national park based on community consultations are available [here](#) or viewed [online](#).
- Click [here](#) for a map of what a Greater Wellington National Park would look like

This is a living document so if you have any ideas on how to enhance this proposal please email us. We will continue to incorporate updates via our [website](#).

\*Apologies...the size of the five additional forest areas we want included in the national park was reported incorrectly in our previous newsletter. The correct figures are in our proposal.

## **Logging vs eco-tourism | What provides a more sustainable future for the Preston Valley?**

Currently the five native forest areas proposed for a Greater Wellington National Park are designated for commercial logging. When we met with the Minister for the Environment Albert Jacob and Bronwyn Wilson, Senior advisor to Mia Davies, the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Water and Forestry we handed over 202 letters plus 55 online signatures requesting a moratorium on logging in these forest areas while our proposal is being considered in the lead up to the next state election.

Of interest is a newly released [report](#) by the Australia Institute which analyses the Forest Products Commission's native forest logging finances as well as productivity and employment associated with the industry. It argues that the native timber industry is no longer financially viable and a transition plan is needed to move to more sustainable forest based activities including eco-tourism.

## **Who have been talking to...**

Over the past month apart from ministers and policy advisors we have been talking to lots and lots of people...locals at the markets in Donnybrook, visitors to Gnomesville plus...local Aboriginal elders, Department of Sport and Recreation, Department of Parks and Wildlife, Friends of the Wellington Discovery Forest, Forest Products Commission, the Greens, Donnybrook-Balingup Shire...too many to list!

## Want to come say hi

We will be at the

- Donnybrook markets | December 17
- Collie Christmas Pageant and markets | December 17
- Boyanup Markets | December 18

## How you can help out

*Sign a letter*

If you haven't already done so please send a letter/ email requesting a moratorium on propose logging at Arcadia block which we are hoping will be the southern entrance of an expanded Wellington National Park. Attached are two versions. One for residents and another for non residents. Please just delete the one not relevant to you.

*Spread the word– help us make new friends*

Share our [facebook page](#) with all your facebook friends

*Come to our **Fundraiser concert***

**Save the date! February 4** for an evening picnic and live music at the [Wellington Forest Cottages](#). Local musician [Latehorse](#) will be playing. We will send through more details in the new year.

## Thank you

It has been a great community effort. THANK YOU everyone for listening and contributing.

Best wishes from the team at Promote Preston.

**May 2017 bring a bright future for us all!**

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