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Subject: Nature Conservation Act and other Eco-tourism related issues.

To whom it may concern,

Thank-you for asking our group for feedback on eco-tourism related matters. We had a variety of different responses to the questions asked. There was a mixture of responses. Some people thought that it was a great thing for privately operated eco-tourism facilities to be authorised in National Parks. However, we also had one response that very strongly stated 'NO!'. This person was concerned about potential environmental damage from the opening up of National Parks to the private sector.

My personal view is that there should be more access by the private sector to National Parks, however, this must be done in an environmentally friendly way. I believe that if Councils, local community or tourism groups and the private sector had more access to the parks, the parks could be maintained better which would lead to a better tourism experience for travellers. For example, our Glen Rock National Park, which has the potential to be a huge tourism drawcard here in the Lockyer Valley, is strictly controlled by DERM and the park is not maintained very well at all, making it a poor tourism destination.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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