From: <u>Margaret & Mike Buck</u>

To: Health and Community Services Committee

Subject: Objection to incorrect use of National Parks

Date: Thursday, 12 September 2013 11:50:41 AM

Dear Sir,

I am objecting strongly to the use of National Parks in, what are to me, obviously detrimental ways.

National Parks are a heritage set aside for future generations to enjoy and to continue to protect. They are areas set aside for the natural habitat to endure against the onslaught of human intervention. Yes, humans are a part of nature and we do have the right to enjoy our land and it's animals. However, this means that we should not selfishly exploit the land, it means that we should preserve it. Certainly we need grazing areas, mining areas, living areas, sport areas; we also need well protected National Parks. I do not wish to see these areas used by 4-wheel drive vehicles and quad bikes. Not even horses. I am not allowed to walk my dog through them on a lead, now we are to have vehicles tearing up the ground. No, these areas were put in place by thinking people who saw the need for such areas to be preserved and protected for all the peoples of Australia. Please, I ask that you do not let them down and also do not let down the present and future generations of Australians.

Yours sincerely,

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