



# Victorian Environmental Assessment Council

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### Forest forum a real help

Attendees of the recent Victorian Environmental Assessment Council community forum on the Goolengook Forest Investigation said the event was 'very helpful'.

VEAC Chairman Duncan Malcolm said that last Thursday's event, held at the Orbost library from 2-7pm, was also beneficial for VEAC staff and council members.

"We were presented with a range of views that will be taken into account by the Investigation.

"The face-to-face contact was good for us to get to know some of the people that will be affected by the Investigation and what their views are," he said.

Submissions for this stage of the Investigation close on August 4, with another submission period to be announced later in the year.

The format of the recent forum allowed for the public to chat to VEAC councillors and staff one-on-one or in small groups.

Participants said that it was 'very good to speak with councillors' and that they found it 'a good opportunity to express their thoughts'.

Mr Malcolm also said that those who missed the forum were still welcome to contact VEAC and make a submission.

"We welcome and encourage people to make a submission to let us know what they think."

VEAC staff and councillors also took the opportunity to visit the study area during their trip.

Copies of the Goolengook Information Booklet can be viewed at local libraries, on the VEAC website ([www.veac.vic.gov.au](http://www.veac.vic.gov.au)), at regional DSE offices, or are available through Information Victoria (1800366 356).

Further information about the Investigation is available by phoning (03) 9637 9902 or 1800 134 803 (toll free), or visiting the VEAC website at [www.veac.vic.gov.au](http://www.veac.vic.gov.au).

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