

**Metropolitan Melbourne**



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Victorian Environmental Assessment Council  
Level 6, 8 Nicholson St,  
East Melbourne, Victoria 3002.

Dear Council,

RE: METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE INVESTIGATION

As a resident of Diamond Creek in the Shire of Nillumbik I would like to congratulate you on your assessment of the use of Crown Land across metropolitan Melbourne.

I would like to suggest that small reserves such as the one in Watkins St, Diamond Creek be handed back to local councils for tree planting, installation of paths or playgrounds. Local councils seem reluctant to manage Crown Land for recreation or habitat and simply mow the sites. If the ownership was returned to local councils with a grant for initial improvements it could be managed more appropriately for the benefit of the local community.

I would also like to express my concern at the lack of control over pest species such as rabbits and weeds on railways land and in the banks of rivers and creeks. It is my understanding that Melbourne Water does not take any direct action to control rabbits on its land. As rivers and creeks are linear features of the landscape they act as a source of reinfestation over a large area.

Yours sincerely,



BELINDA MOODY