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Subject SAVE THE EDGARS CREEK PARKLANDS

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the Victorian Governments instruction to the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council to assess the use of Crown land across 29 of Melbourne's municipalities.

I live in \_\_\_\_\_ and like most of my neighbours I actively use the Edgar's Creek parkland daily.

I bought my home in 2007, a purchase that was hugely based on the Merri & Edgars Creeks and their beautifully natural surrounds.

I feel extremely blessed to live in such a beautiful, unique environment, unlike any other in Melbourne.

It would be an absolute disgrace if this land were sold off for development. The Victorian Government has a dire responsibility to preserve this green space, when there is already so much development in the area.

I am a Landscape Architect with \_\_\_\_\_ and through this employment I have been involved with development in the area; Pentridge, Kodak and now the exciting Coburg Initiative. This concentrated development will undoubtedly put pressure on local infrastructure and natural resources. This rapid urban growth most certainly increases the importance on natural spaces such as the Edgars Creek Parklands.

Current development is jam packed with high-density housing. If you take away this parkland, where will all these new residents exercise, socialise and play? On their 2m square balconies?

The true value of this parkland cannot be placed in monetary terms. The space is a vital green belt for flora, fauna and local families to enjoy.

Furthermore, development of this site would put more pressure on surrounding parklands such as the historical Coburg Lake Reserve, which is already struggling from extremely high patronage and drought stress.

When assessing the Edgars Creek Parklands, I strongly encourage the Victorian Government to consider these points. It is vital that we retain this special green space for current and future generations.

Please do not develop our parklands!

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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