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Dear Sir,

Please accept this submission in support of retaining the Edgers Creek Parkland in North Coburg as open public space.

As a resident in this area for more than fifty years I am very aware of the value of the open space for public recreation, allowing the walking of a dog, kicking of a football or flying a kite or model plane and for children to play. It has been maintained by the Moreland Council by building foot and cycle paths, planting trees, cutting grass and establishing a golf practice range to develop an attractive recreation area. A recent survey by the Parklands Group revealed and estimated 13,000 people per year use this parkland.

In this age of compact housing such as the nearby Pentridge and Kodak estates there is a great need for recreation open space for children and adults both young and old to exercise and enjoy this valuable area.

If housing is considered in this area the history is not complementary for in the days when rain did fall a large area retained considerable water forming a bog for long periods.

I implore you Sir, to preserve this recreation area as open space for the health and well being of our community.

Yours sincerely

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**William Ferguson**