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Subject: edgar's creek parkland (Moreland)

Dear Sir,

I refer to the park land adjacent to Golf Rd and parallel to Newlands Rd in Moreland.

When I first saw my house it was a small semi detached brick box with ghastly carpet andbut it was across the road from wonderful parkland. I bought it for the parkland.

In the last 15 years the parkland has become more beautiful as council and volunteers have tended and planted, I love the place and so do hundreds of others who wander, miander, stroll, stride or jog through the area. When the ex Kodak site fills with hundreds more residents there will be even more who need and love the air space that only parkland can offer. Let these residents have a place to unwind and distress.

Given the increasing population it would be tragic to allow this extensive recreation area to be reduced and thus degraded for the sake of one small piece of paper, admittedly the paper is called a title deed, but that is all it is. The parkland presently owned by Vic Roads has been planted mowed and maintained by council and has been used and loved by both nearby residents and those who drive in regularly to walk their dogs or bash their frustrations out on practice golf. Keep the land safe for those who rely on it.

Wildlife corridor.

The area is large enough to attract a range of wildlife, some resident and some seasonal or occasional visitors. We have bluetongue lizards, pobbie bonk frogs southern froglet and a whole range of birds.

Let me list some I have seen,

- Dusky wood swallow
- Flame robin
- Kookaburrah
- Nankeen night heron
- Balck duck
- Wood duck
- Magpie
- Mud lark
- Currawong
- Black shouldered kite
- Australian hobby falcon
- White faced herron
- Cattle egret
- Ibis
- Butcher bird
- Red rumped grass parrots
- Crimson rosellas
- Rainbow lorikeets

If we bulldoze some of the trees and limit the size of this parkland we squeeze out those native creatures which need plenty of space, that is not a good idea.

The answer seems simple to me, keep the land where it is in the hands of the council and volunteers who are maintaining it and helping it to flourish This park is a well known and much needed green zone in an area that is desperately in need of green.

With confidence that you will find a way of satisfying the legal and moral issues involved. (legal for Vic

Roads and moral for the people and wildlife)

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