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Victorian Environmental Assessment Council
Level 6,
8 Nicholson Street,
EAST MELBOURNE, Vic, 3002

Sir / Madam

Re: Investigation into use of Crown Land – **Edgar's Creek Parkland**

We support the call from many quarters for the Victorian Government to hand over **Edgar's Creek Parkland** to Moreland City Council free-of-charge on the proviso that it is managed as public open space.

We regularly walk in this parkland about three times per week as part of our exercise regime. This is its immediate value to us, as senior Victorians and long-term residents.

During our walks we notice the positive benefits of this area to others: for their health, recreational and social well-being. On a broader front: the ecological value of a linear park of this nature has long been recognized – it is one of the lungs of a city and its integrity must be maintained.

But looking to the future: when living space for all Victorians is becoming more and more reduced, the importance of maintaining **Edgar's Creek Parkland** for successive generations of Victorians is obvious.

We request that your Council takes note of the above and gifts the land in its entirety to the Moreland City Council subject to management as public open space.

Yours faithfully,

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Coburg resident – 60 years

Richard A. BARNDEN
Coburg resident – 25 years

CC: Kelvin Thomson, MP, Federal Member for Wills

