



Wellsford State Forest  
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Dear V.E.A.C.,

I am writing to request that the status of the Wellsford State Forest be changed to National Park.

The Wellsford State Forest is 7122 hectares of unique Box and Ironbark forest that separates the already protected Wellsford Regional Park and Sugarloaf Flora and Fauna Reserve. Five coupes in the Wellsford State Forest are slated for logging in the current Timber Utilization Plans, and thus this forest is under threat. One of those coupes hosts 'The Big Trees', the 7 pre-European Ironbark's that remain on public land in Bendigo. The whole forest deserves protection.

Habitat and biodiversity is threatened by increasing landscape fragmentation. The opportunity to close the large gap in our park system and connect the two existing parks to make a continuous reserve is one we must not miss. Inclusion of the State Forest in the Greater Bendigo National Park would allow for better stewardship of this public land, and promote landscape health and connectivity.

The value of a city surrounded by properly protected forest cannot be over-estimated in terms of Climate Change, public health and recreation. We therefore ask you to recommend that the Wellsford State Forest be added, in its entirety, to the Greater Bendigo National Park.

Yours faithfully,

Angela Teach