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Dear Sir,

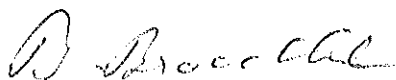
I would like to submit my views to the first stage of the White Paper process.

Future Integrity of Parks: It seems likely that, as demand for resources grows, there will be increased pressure to move into National Parks to meet the need. It is important that this should be resisted, as it will only put off the day when the community has to accept that there is a limit to resources and by using up the last few reserves the problem will not be solved.

Control of Weeds and Feral Animals: This is already such a massive problem that it would seem urgent to take immediate action to deal with it. Even without the extra problems of climate change if enough resources are not provided the problem could well get beyond solution.

Involvement of volunteers and local communities: Apart from the physical benefits of involving people in the huge tasks to be undertaken, it is also the best way to educate people as to the need to allocate large resources to the problems. Landcare is a good example which could be extended to groups of city people adopting specific small areas where they could see results and be inspired to continue working on the problems of weeds and feral animals. Perhaps along the lines of VNPA'S Friends of specific national parks but extended to areas outside the parks which are overrun.

Yours sincerely,



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