

Appendix 1 Verbatim Vision Comments

Survey

Write your vision inspired by an image below



ID Number	Comment
55562	My vision isn't there. Prospecting, not mining.... An individual seeking gold minimal impact on the environment with my gold detector
55566	A balance between revenue generation, somewhere to go outdoors while protecting our flora and fauna
55616	I would like to see our forests flourishing with as little human involvement as possible. I wish too see forests full of lush green vegetation and also see the expansion of forests as they are far too small currently.
55619	My vision is that the forest can be managed properly to allow bushwalking, camping, sustainable logging, recreation and other activities.
55632	I see a biodiverse Forrest with fresh pristine water flowing through that is untouched by humans and left to grow and develop in its natural form. No litter no pollution.

55645	The images of the old growth forest giant and the mountain stream inspire a vision to protect all the remaining old growth forests and restore damaged forests for future generations.
55667	Beyond everything protect what is left of our flora and at risk native animals. Protect our water and beautiful forests
55672	<p>Not one picture shows a Lake or a vision of a river without boulders!! These are not images that show semi arid areas. We do not have mountains, we have sand dunes.</p> <p>The picture of the blokes with uniforms on do not make me feel happy. No matter how much the one with the beard smiles. He is still departmental. The ones in Orange remind me of land clearing all in the name of rabbit control/mining/indigenous tree harvesting. No joy.</p> <p>Whenever people come to the Wimmera Mallee Lake Hindmarsh Wimmera River etc they compare it to the images you have shown as if these images are the true images of all of Victoria. We are not the Grampians, we are not the Mt Dandenongs etc.</p> <p>we are semi arid Jeparit Lake Hindmarsh Wimmera River. Big Desert, Little Desert, Lake Albucutya and Wyperfeld National Park. We are unique. About time you recognised the area for the uniqueness and experiences people know nothing about.</p>
55693	The photos won't allow selection, but my vision for our native forests include low impact recreation, no logging or development near waterways, fire prevention methods which maintain biodiversity.
55727	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg
55734	My vision is of all governments at all levels having a fixed and positive policy, regardless of party politics, about respecting and protecting the forests and nature in general... no more short term policies, no more Murray Darling river system chaos... but an attitude of the environment coming first. With no healthy environment our homo sapiens species will be doomed, as indeed we possibly are now
55738	Pristine waterways, diverse forest systems and minimal human presence.
55762	Respect for the Bush and forests.
55767	<p>Being able to drive, walk, cycle or canoe to an area where overnight camping is available at a spot known for its beauty.</p> <p>To have sufficiently large areas of bush so biodiversity can flourish and be monitored to protect it.</p> <p>To buy or second government or private land to plant species for a sustainable timber industry in the future.</p> <p>To educate future generations of the importance of plants and our native animals so they are never extinguished.</p>
55775	Huge areas of rich ecosystems that can thrive with minimal human interference, also with areas for recreational activity. Indigenous sustainability practices used, and more knowledge shared about and with our proud indigenous heritage in Australia.
55789	Humanity understanding that these amazing places are not just for "our enjoyment" but a greater part of the "pale blue dot", Sagan, that we live in. How amazing it would be that humans could be encouraged to feel the connections we have lost with our beautiful and majestic forests and environment.
55804	I want our future generations to relax underneath the tallest flowering trees in the world, to gasp in wonder and inhale alpine fresh air that feels like it is filtering out the grime of the city. I want artists to be inspired by the colours and textures of the great forests and our children to drink clean spring water.

55842	My vision is for Victoria is to have a range of intact ecosystems across the state that contain a thriving range of biodiversity. These areas would have high levels of protection and the highest priority would be the protection of this biodiversity. Any other uses would have to first ensure that this priority is not compromised in any way. Therefore extractive industries such as mining or logging would not be allowed in these parks. These areas would be well funded and resourced to provide access to people who want to enjoy the natural beauty in the form of walking tracks, signage, and in some cases camping areas and day visitor areas, as long as the biodiversity is not compromised.
55844	healthy clean safe forests for all animals and everyone should be able to enjoy all activities
55850	Forests which are protected from adverse human impacts, where a diversity of plants and animals thrive and the water is flowing and clean.
55884	Preserve pristine forrests
55949	Plants made life possible - the wonderfully rich variety of plant from small to large, made all other life, ranging from small to large, possible. I see our future generations have as varied and rich enjoyment, in ways that range from small things like growing a Wollemi Pine at home through forest bathing to large things like trekking or being part of a volunteer conservation group.
55952	We need to keep some wild places where people can be inspired and refreshed, where mobile phones don't work and the air is fresh. We need to respect nature for it nurtures us.
55980	(Bottom left image). A state in which forests are preserved primarily for the natural environment to take its course on its. They will be actively managed to prevent bushfires and eliminate feral animals, but particularly sensitive areas should not be accessible to the general public.
55986	I picture pristine water catchments off limits to everyone. Around these, amazing national parks with wonderful bike and hiking trails. Also accessible by 4WD. These all culminate in amazing landscapes which draw tourists from across the country and indeed the world to spend money in our state and in our regions, in particular.
56128	My vision is for all remaining native forests in Victoria to be protected in National Parks and timber production moved to the ample plantations we have already. We are the most cleared state in Australia and that is a lamentable position to hold. Victorians love our forests. They need to be fully protected.
56145	Standing at the top of a mountain range, overlooking a huge expanse of beautiful bushland. An environment not obstructed by development or impacted by human activity. An environment uninterrupted and left entirely to its own devices. Embrace the future for Victorian forests.
56151	Respect the past, but do not love the forests for what they were and never will be again, love them for what they are and what they can be. Growing together Our forests, will grow and change to meet the challenges of an uncertain future providing wellbeing for our people, health for our plants and animals, respect for our past and safety for our communities. Our forests will give us water, clean air, resources and connection to our country. We will give our forests respect, protection and our best science.
56153	Our forests have long been the provider of timber, fibre and thus jobs. Maybe we can look at securing jobs through ecotourism and plantations. Lets look at how we can preserve the native forests for the future. I see all native forests being a sanctuary for all native species, ecosystems and people. The forestry industry has no right to these forests anymore. Our communities largely value these for more than wood and money. I want to see conservation of the highest level in our native forests.

56357	<p>I think it would be great to engage agroforestry, local government, indigenous rangers, tourism and local community alongside the state government to manage our forests. We love and value our wild places very highly, but we know our world requires timber as a resource. So I would love to see our State Forest remain as a protected and conserved place, and for the state government to assist communities to grow tourism in those areas.</p> <p>But given the Australian timber requirements which will accumulate over time, I would like the government to join local government in engaging farmers to plan for a changing climate by planting hardwood native timber plantations, and setting up local long-term management committees. Native hardwoods are worth around 10 times more than softwoods, and land can be utilised concurrently with other farming undertakings, meaning while trees are growing income can still come in. It supports farmers, is climate change action, cools the environment, & its timber.</p>
56401	Multiple Use of Forests
56419	<p>We are all responsible for the sustainable health of our forests and the flora and fauna that dwell in them.</p> <p>We can all enjoy our forests in ways that matter to us, acknowledging that other users' rights are just as valid as our own.</p>
56476	<p>Cycling and walking trails that take people into the forest so they can appreciate its beauty. Motorcycle and 4wd trails also have a place in the forest but due to higher environmental impact they should be allowed only in areas that do not create significant erosion.</p>
56564	<p>My vision is for Victoria's remaining native forests to be seen as a priceless treasure to be preserved for the many thousands of creatures that rely on them for survival. For people to see themselves as custodians of the forests, not as consumers of a 'resource', as protectors not 'users'. For access to forests for recreation to be seen as a privilege rather than a right. For rural jobs to be based not on destructive logging but on forest protection and regeneration.</p>
56569	<p>Majority of images display Recreational activates. Recreation is important for wellbeing of individuals, if people were able to spend more time and experience the beauty of our forest then there would be more respect for the benefits they provide.</p> <p>The image of the firefighters inspires community responsibility for the risk of our bushfire prone landscape. Greater education about accepting bushfire risk should be provided in school and local communities for families in high risk areas.</p>
56574	<p>This survey is far too simplistic in some ways.</p> <p>Especially the ranking that follows.</p> <p>On the other hand, the first pin-drop question defeats me - and I am highly educated and computer literate.</p> <p>It also seems to be about working out how to spin a policy that is already set in stone.</p>
56579	<p>Preserving natural areas - as much as practicable, and with a long-term plans for preservation, and laws to support those plans.</p>
56605	<p>I have enjoyed Victoria's National parks in just about all of these ways since I was small. I am 40 years old. To me, getting out into nature is returning to myself and the ability to connect to life. I'd like all Victorians well into the future to continue to have this privilege available to them.</p>
56611	<p>I would like to see our forests flourishing with native flora and fauna with clean waterways available. These areas should have minimal human impact on them.</p>
56612	Clean usable water. Great habitat. Wilderness.
56613	Nature is beautiful, and it needs our help more then ever.
56632	<p>Stop deforestation except in sustainable/well managed timber plantations. We need to control conaumerism if we are going to have any future at all for animals and humans.</p>

56648	Let the forests be. There is so little forest left that is relatively undamaged. We can't afford to lose any more.
56678	Platypus, clean air, quiet places, family, clean water
56687	Every image inspires a feeling in me. They all show how and why these areas need to remain and be available to us all.
56694	I'd like to see vehicle free recreational activities available, bush walking, bike riding, kayaking, bird watching, with minimal impact as possible on the particular area. So no four wheel driving, motorbiking as such. Too much damage and can't be patrolled. Controlled camping, with a certain amount of supervision which equals more jobs. I'd like to see more aboriginal influence in regard to rangers/guides which 1- gives them a sense of pride and ownership of their land, 2- gives them a say in how it should be used and 3- encourages cultural awareness with the visitors. I was impressed by the knowledge we gained from aboriginal guides and rangers in the Northern Territory. Would like to see similar here
56698	A healthy ecosystem promotes jobs and recreation through ecotourism as well as ecosystem services. I have a vision where Victoria's forests are healthy and protected.
56700	I think there needs to be a place for community involvement in the management of parks. This gives people ownership of the natural environment and helps in the upkeep of parks. I want a place where I can go camping and participate in wildlife surveys or feral cat trapping while visiting, so that I'm doing something useful with my stay. I want threatened species to be given more attention because once they're gone, we can't get them back. I want people to be able to wonder at old trees, like I do.
56723	My vision for Victoria's forests is that they will all be managed with the long term aim of conserving the environment and the plants and animals that comprise it. Some areas may be harvested, but the way in which this is done will ensure that the minimum necessary area is disturbed and that effective regeneration and restoration is achieved as quickly as possible. Weed and feral animals will be eradicated or significantly reduced. Aboriginal people will be involved in the management of forests and the protection of cultural heritage. Local communities and the wider community will have an increased say in the management of forests. Recreational facilities in forests will be enhanced, but access to important areas may need to be rationed or prohibited altogether to maintain their values.
56726	<p>Forests are not just about timber production, they are vitally important public assets that provide important ecosystem services including clean water catchment, habitat for our unique wildlife and carbon sequestration - "the quality". My vision is that the quantity and quality of Victorian forests is maintained into the future and this is the primary management goal.</p> <p>In terms of forest products, my vision is for Australia to move away from the current focus on low value forest products. It is a joke that these days saw logs are considered a high value product. We need to transition to clever and hi tech regional industries that produce high value products. This is going to require government incentives. Low value products like woodchips and firewood should utilize waste from these high value industries - not be a primary reason to fell timber. There is a wealth of opportunities to develop new products like cement/wood waste wall and flooring products that don't burn.</p>
56739	Camping and hiking in old growth forests has been one of the most important elements of my 40+ years of life on this planet. Time spent in forests has given me insights, mindfulness, respect and precious outdoor time with other people that could have occurred in no other place. The images above of people swimming in the river, pitching a tent and most pertinently the image of a healthy creek connect me with all those precious times. I feel a life without access to solitude and peace in nature is deficient. I wish access to a range of old and species diverse forest areas for all future generations.

56781	Diverse natural landscapes to be protected, for everyone to appreciate and enjoy and because they are part of our future.
56862	Once the old trees are gone, they are gone for good.
56866	I want the complex beauty of the forest valued and maintained. This is not a matter of any land use, including tourism, but of returning to the Aboriginal mindset of humans being caretakers of the land, and parts of nature.
56872	Protecting our natural world, connecting to ourselves through connections with nature
56874	My vision for our forests is correct and continued management of the economic and renewable aspects related to employment like logging and pest control in our forests
56875	Pristine forests with clean water and sprawling as far as the eye can see. I touched by development and enjoyed by many in their natural state.
56876	For the health and benefit of the environment, that then benefits us all. Forests should be managed less and our usage and effect on it managed more. Our forests should be pristine, not full of 4WD tracks, rubbish, feral animals and revving dirt bikes.
56877	I believe that the current rate of hardwood logging is very very sustainable and needs to continue to be able to keep the silviculture up to keep growing good timber
56879	The rainforest river photo. . Our forests should be visited gently. By walking through and admiring nature while she works her magic on your soul.
56881	All our forests including state and national parks need far more small cool fuel and bio burns to reduce large bushfires that burn up the biodiversity of our fauna and flora. We need to stop clearfelling for sawlogs and use the tried and successful selective harvesting management regime where a forest is always in existence and not having to wait 100 years for it to regrow. With existing clearfelling management all the future sawlogs are put to pulp logs. I need a far better forum to put my concerns in detail.
56885	Clean waterways and undisturbed forests to prevent erosion and to aid in the continuous supply for our water catchments. Stunning walks and views to promote tourism to bring more money into the economy than the unprofitable logging industry provides.
56891	Giant trees and fresh water fed from healthy forests. NO logging of any sort. NO burning regardless of the coconuts you bring in. Minimal impact environmental recreation and tourism. Local Kooris employed to help people appreciate forests, not help damage forests. These pictures are very biased. Where's the wildlife???
56899	My vision is that people can visit the forests, explore, play, camp, drive and experience nature, and that the animals living within the forest are protected from harm associated with timber harvesting and habitat loss. Forest management is important, but timber harvesting in state forests is unsustainable and causes more long-term harm than it does short-term good.
56916	Great biodiversity with natural landscapes, and controlled passive recreation that maintains the health of the forest. Retention of large habitat trees, with paths that divert away from them if they seem unstable. The forests should not be clear felled and poisoned. Breaking the canopy and drying out the forests this way will destroy them into the future.

56945	<p>What happened to the concept of multiple use forests? All thirteen of these images are currently being catered for in the forest. And all of them can continue to be catered for in the future. Uses of forests are not mutually exclusive.</p> <p>My vision is to see forests used for a range of purposes. We have moved away from this concept in recent years. Increasingly areas are set aside areas to pursue only one objective and this is often to the detriment of other values. We can have timber harvesting, biodiversity protection, water protection, recreation and fire management all in the same area. Lets manage our forests in a way that allows these forest uses to co-exist.</p>
57069	To encourage a healthy environment and healthy Victorians with strong community support. (last image)
57097	Protecting the fragile environment, supporting forest management to save and increase forest
57102	The sum of the pictures tells the story; our forest provide a range of services and benefits that benefit us all.
57106	<p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>Our natural ecosystems and biodiversity are crucial for our survival; clean air, clean water, and a balanced environment.</p>
57115	Forests will be managed for the conservation and protection of significant forest values whilst providing for recreational, social and economic opportunities, that do not have long-term detrimental impacts on forest values.
57119	My vision is that resources are increased for the protection and enhancement of forests so that photos like this can still be taken in the centuries to come. I also believe logging in east gippsland and other similar areas needs to stop, and reskill and re design the economy in those areas such as tourism and recreation.
57142	Contiguous healthy forest reserves (not further fragmented) containing a variety of ecosystems, flora and fauna. Supported by sustainable forest policy and adequate funding to ensure this continues.
57160	All Victorian's should feel we are part of nature as the Traditional Owners have for millennia. Our forests offer diverse opportunities for us to immerse ourselves in nature for recreation and employment. For instance, hunters have a deep respect for the environment and learn to read it and become part of it to track their prey. Sustainable timber harvesting respects environmentally sensitive areas and is a proven source of regional prosperity. It also provides access and reduces the risk of fire by reducing fuel loads and managing understorey growth. Meanwhile, our forest estate is so vast that there are many areas of pristine beauty where we can connect to the forest at a spiritual level. Our forests are a resource which provide the opportunity for humans to coexist with nature.
57162	A place for all Victorians to go and enjoy.. fishing, hunting, camping, swimming, bush walking.. to be the envy of the Country
57184	<p>The photos I choose are the tent, the 4wd and the bridge.</p> <p>This shows access to the forests for exploration and the bridge shows history to me, preserved and maintained.</p> <p>I do however would like a photo of a hunter, showing that your not discriminating against us.</p>
57196	<p>Don't see any photos of hunting?</p> <p>Why not?</p>
57216	Heading out in the 4by and exploring the wilderness every weekend. Hunting, fishing, dirt biking, camping and 4wding. Getting outdoors and enjoying the forest. Love it!

57223	We live on one of the driest continents on the planet. Healthy forests promote healthy waterways which in turn are essential to our ongoing existence. To protect our water security we must have healthy vibrant forests.
57247	It would be valuable to be able to see some of our country that still houses and supports the wildlife that belongs here, not just forest but also other important ecosystems
57281	4wd access to forests, rivers and streams. MTB trails and Hiking tracks that take up to a month to complete. Places to camp and prospect/fossick for gold.
57291	wilderness
57300	I would tick every box here except for logging. Enjoy driving, walking, bird watching, camping, swimming, and hunting. Also like to see more aboriginal engagement and involvement in Forests. All but logging. Logging is just asking for Parks Victoria to take over and not allow anything.
57320	Victorian forests are rich in biodiversity and natural processes and this should be protected and maintained at all costs - a future Victoria should be one which appreciates the natural beauty of our landscape regardless of the immediate benefit to humans.
57675	Clean natural environments to be enjoyed.
57880	If it really is pristine then work to keep it that way if it's significantly changed accept that fact and move on can't undo what our ancestors did.
57882	None of the above for me, my inspiration is the vision of a possible future where we all have genuine input in the management of forests in Victoria especially the people who live nearby since its there lives that are turned upside down by people who don't step foot in these places and make rulings 100's of km away! Where the traditional keepers in our case the bangerang people are heard and not spoken for by other organisations.
57954	none of the above it doesn't relate to the barmah forest
57980	My vision is for bush to be safe from bushfires for all users, like campers, 4wd drivers, hunters, horse riders & prospectors etc, & for more opportunities for people to do what their families have enjoyed for generations & should be allowed to enjoy for generations to come. I'd like to see more access for all activities, specially 4wd driving, camping, hunting & prospecting, & more education for bush users on how people can contribute to protecting it, not by locking it up but by getting out & enjoying it & taking care of, or reporting to authorities anything that may need tending to. I'd like to see less bush locked up reducing access for the public, like Nat Parks etc, specially for camping, hunting & 4wd driving as they help clear tracks which is needed for fire fighting vehicles & hunters greatly reduce the amount of feral animals which has a big impact on the amount of native animals in an area. Foxes, feral cats, wild dogs, pigs & Deer need to be targeted to reduce numbers.
58045	Total access for all.
58361	Multiple use forests are what is needed, not to the exclusion of other uses. A sustainable timber industry is critical to Victoria and can be managed to provide benefits to all. The actual harvest seems ugly however we all love timber, all use paper and all love areas that have been regenerated after harvest. It is replicating nature and should be encouraged. Locking areas up without resources and waiting for massive wildfires to burn them out along with innumerable deaths to native animals seems counter intuitive. The alternative is to purchase our timber products from overseas such as merbau and I don't like the environmental performance of those countries. The plantation resource is already committed for the foreseeable future. Or we can use steel, concrete and aluminium.

58636	Not sure what you expect here. I clicked on one of the images, but nothing happened. I note that the images show workers, campers, cyclists, but no walkers. Very odd.
58704	I want to see a great forest national park created with significant forest areas in eastern Victoria protected. I think there is room in this for different recreational uses but mostly I just want all our old growth forests protected and appreciated.
58881	quite simply and to the point, to have our state forests managed with more focus on access of all currently allowed recreations and resources except logging, IE:- 4wding, camping, hunting, fishing, motor bike ridding, bush walking, swimming, etc, etc, Absolutely NONE of these activities adversely affect the bush, as i have said above, logging and bush fires do that.
58971	There are no pictures with native animals! This is the primary value IMHO - habitat for unique species.
59215	The Bendigo Mountain Bike Club's vision is for sustainable trail networks for Bendigo forests that protects the environment, supports the significant established and growing mountain biking community and provides health and wellbeing outcomes for the Greater Bendigo community.
59243	Open and free for all to enjoy
59249	A well managed and maintained forest that allows people to get into will inspire generations to love the forest.
59275	Our Forrests can be used to avert the national health crisis as cycling is a fun and healthy activity that is not restricted by age, gender or disability or economic status. Thanks to joint problems I personally cannot walk far, run, or swim. I am a disability pensioner and cannot afford to go to the gym. But I need to keep active if I am to prevent my health from declining. Riding on the road is not safe with many drivers becoming aggressive towards cyclists trying to harass and abuse us into submission. So I ride in the bush where I can relax and appreciate the natural beauty. Many other mountain bike riders ride for the same reason as me. Most of us are too old and too in pain to run. I would like to see the government support the use of Forrests to help people like myself maintain a healthy lifestyle and aim to reduce the growing burden on the health care system at the same time as teaching people to care for out natural environment.
59308	Our human well being is inherently linked to the relationship we maintain with the natural world. Forests, as part of the natural world, provide resources on which human life depends. Harming forests and the wider natural world, it follows, will harm human life. Through the course of human evolution, the use of the natural environment by humans has changed its' quality and interrupted natural processes. If we are to maintain the health of the natural environment and in turn, our own health, our vision should be to consider more deeply and for longer timeframes, the impact of our actions. Human impact on nature is well documented through history. We need to learn from our mistakes, be cognisant of our negative impacts on the environment and hold environmental health as the fundamental, underpinning principle on which we make decisions. We are simply stewards with a responsibility to hand an unbroken world on to future generations.
59434	More peoples outdoors enjoying our environment away from technology
59502	We can't keep locking up our forests. I like exploring on my mountain bike for example. We should be free to explore without costs, camping, bushwalking etc are basic rights as far as I'm concerned.
59511	Bottom right: I love seeing a running stream like this, lined with green tree ferns and moss-covered rocks. Not only does the water look refreshing, the whole environment looks lush, untouched and pristine. As a mountain biker, I love being able to come across scenes like this. After speeding along a narrow trail through the trees, you can't help but stop and look around when you're met with a view like this. An experience that's made all the more rewarding and special after having arrived there under your own steam.

59550	Vast areas of Natural beauty with protected habitat allowing survival of unique flora and fauna, with low impact walking tracks and some mountain bike tracks away from wilderness areas. Picnic and recreational facilities on the periphery of protected natural landscapes.
59775	I'm choosing all of the images above as well as regional economic and social well fare resulting from the access to each of these images. My vision for the future of these forests is to preserve the mix of what we currently have and to improve on each of the values where possible. These values include flora, fauna, silviculture, historic, cultural, water, economic and social values. Understanding that forests are dynamic, it is impossible to freeze each forest value in time. What we can preserve or improve on is the benefit that each of these values creates and chase continuous improvement. We could access more renewable timber without having negative impacts on other values. We could increase nest boxes in areas where bushfire has removed habitat and trees wont naturally create more hollows for generations. We can allow recreational 4WDing, hunting and fishing to allow access to our beautiful landscapes for social benefit as well as mitigating pests animals.
59803	Theres so much that can be learned from only a short time in the bush. Kids need all the stimulation you can give them to get outdoors in the fresh air and see the true Australia, not some room behind closed doors. Lock the bush up and kids wont see kangaroos in the wild, or echidnas, or wallabies, or finches and robins and firetails. Camping is a wonderful thing that allows kids to see their parents and family in a far different light.
59834	Camping on our crown land and shooting on our land for its protection against feral animals. Like cats foxes etc.
59835	My vision for our forests is that they can be used for all types of recreation including gold detecting and prospecting and that no minority interest overrides all other interests. Forests can be successfully managed for timber cultivation as well as recreation. We need to ensure rural communities prosper from their association with the natural surrounds through use of the resources, tourism and economic opportunities presented by the local environment.
59838	Victorians should be encouraged to explore the great outdoors in an environmentally sustainable way.
59854	Areas that are set aside for different purposes: protection, recreation (both passive and active) and areas that can be utilised for commercial development.
59860	Don't restrict access. If you want people to care about the environment they need to experience it. 4x4, camping, hiking, dog walking, fishing, hunting. These are all ways people enjoy and develop a love and respect of the bush. If you make more national parks and restrict people's access. You'll stop people from enjoying time in the bush and people won't care when developers want to move in and take our public lands. At the end of the day it belongs to all Australians. By restricting access you are taking land from all Australians. I served this country for many years in the navy and I will not lose my access.
59890	Leave the forests as untouched as possible
59896	400 million years of evolution should not be underrated. Management of forests needs to accommodate the natural ecological and evolutionary processes that have given rise to the forests of today and will shape the forests of the future. Industrial logging is a disgrace.
59964	Families enjoying the nature through recreation activities such as orienteering, mountain biking, bushwalking and kayaking.
59996	Simple, secret, sacred places that we care for.
60082	Any of the above photos which show people actively engaging with the forest. It is good for the soul and allows people to feel better about themselves which in turn , allows them to be healthier and a citizen who is far more engaged with the wider community/region/country/world.

60156	Sustainable timber production from State Forests
60423	It's about people learning forever from each other the common values of the parks and looking after them like their home. Love your dog. Love your state forest.
60453	My vision is that the wild life are strongly protected by both federal and state governments, because as it stands wild life is threatened severely, due to glitches and exemptions. Counting of Lead beater possums should not only be five and over but any sighting of a Lead beater possum, should translate as the area must be protected not ignored with the "only one" attitude. Where there is one there must be a family of Lead beater possums, Victoria's fauna emblem. The same should apply to the Glider possums and so on. Indigenous rangers must have priority in managing wild life and habitat, as their knowledge goes back thousands of years.
60722	I want to see landscapes better managed for water supply, for biodiversity and for tourism and recreation. They also need to be better managed for carbon storage and climate change by avoiding massive emissions through native forest logging that should be halted. There is more than enough feedstock from plantations to supply the paper industry without losing any jobs in the forestry industry. In fact, the paper industry - which uses almost all of native forest feedstock (87% of Victorian native forests that are cut goes into woodchips and pulp) - prefers plantation wood because it has longer fibres and higher pulp recovery. The value of native forests for water yield far exceeds the value of the forests for paper and timber.
60733	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg Millions of years have produced Victoria's forests, they are now protected forever for the world to enjoy.
61021	My vision is one where I can explore the forest to hunt in the winter months and upon discovering beautiful new places return in spring with my family to camp. Its to enjoy the forest unimpeded to enjoy my own pursuits like hunting, fishing, camping, bush walking, motorcycle riding, prospecting whilst sharing the same space with others whom also wish to enjoy the forest in their own ways. I believe the exclusion and inability to register and ride atv's excludes a group of persons who should also have the same rights as motorcyclists.
61023	Income generated by sustainable harvest of timber and reseeding provides resources for bush fire recovery and funds to properly manage areas not harvested. Recreational hunting controls, at no cost to government, deer and wild dogs and should be extended into all public land except where there is a high density of other users. Hunting has economic benefits, environmental benefits and is a cultural and spiritual activity. Spiritual because it help renew my soul (and many many others). Like some people find walking the Coming dr Santiago trail a pilgrimage, so to many Christian men find hunting in the bush a time for spiritual renewal and a form of pilgrimage. There have been articles written about the spiritual nature of hunting in many hunting magazines. Hunting, for some, can be seen this way as a religious a activity & hunting should be recognised as an important way men connect with nature and the wonders of God's work. Forests are sacred places, not just to Aborigines.
61031	The bush used for what it's meant for.
61039	camping fishing doing what ever you want
61059	Freedom, to understand, experience and live within the forests of our state. Using responsibly the resource we have to teach the next generation our history and recreational skills for an ever changing life.
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61075	To allow all the various outdoor activities, in a controlled sustainable manner.
61105	<p>All of the above and more can coexist with each other if the right balance can be struck. Locking up the bush is not the answer it will only suffocate and destroy the happiness of thousands of current and future generations.</p> <p>It's nice to view on a computer screen but get outside and fill your soul with the sights and smells, get in touch with the land instead of forcing city based values on people who have been brought up to value and love it. Loggers and hunters are by far the greatest defenders of these places as they understand the environment knowing how to utilize and protect it in order to continue harvesting. Locking up the bush will kill the people who live there and destroy communities forever.</p>
61108	<p>I want to have our historic buildings, railways and bridges that are bring left to rot in certain areas used as walking and bike paths,</p> <p>I want to be able to fish in our beautiful rivers for years to come using sutainable management of fosh populations</p> <p>And i want to be able to hunt throughout the forest or atleast in dedicated areas to help wotg sustainability of game animals and to eradicate pest and vermin soexies causing harm to our environment.</p>
61120	<p>I can't only select one or two, my love for the bush encompasses all of the images above. I trail run, cycle, camp, 4x4, fish, hunt and often clean up in the bush.</p> <p>Protecting all aspects of the bush is important to me. I believe it is the only place where you can really rejuvenate the soul!</p>
61145	Access to all areas of our land for recreational pass times for all.
61172	<p>Forests should be multi use and well managed.</p> <p>The very small area available for timber use should be maintained.</p> <p>Biodiversity should be managed at a landscape level and good science should be used to determine decisions.</p>
61173	<p>Forests should be able to be used for all sorts of things. , and the green influence should not take preference over all else.</p> <p>The current way of managing is reasonabl</p>
61250	State Forests provide habitat to a range of plants and animals and allow passive opportunities for people to engage with nature.
61268	The big sky and the far distance sums up my vision. Just a whole view with no commercial/human activities to remind us that we are only one species.
61272	Preserved, full of wildlife, healthy, protected, safeguarded for all Victorians and for our safe climate future.
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61372	I see forests being sustainably managed and accessed by the public, with all user groups being given equal access.
61416	nurture and develop the nature based tourism industry in partnership with traditional owners.
61427	People be able to camp,prospect,ride horses, bushwalk,fish in all areas.
61465	My vision of the forests is a place where we can free camp as a family enjoying the outdoors, particapate is outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, prospecting, camping, camp fire, boating, and 4wding. Just as my family has done for generations.
61546	Free camping.

61548	An appreciation of our natural beauty. Working with the environment so it is there for all to enjoy. Leaving it as you've found it for others to enjoy.
61554	Open closes areas to hunting with hounds.
61569	Open access to forests for all Victorian's of all interests to the many gifts that forests can give to those who visit. Hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and site seeing in nature.
61635	All of the above
61642	I want my children and grandchildren to use the bush the same way I used. God/Mother Earth created bush for everyone to use, including us humans. Do not restrict people from using the bush.
61654	environmental systems managed to be enjoyed by victorians
61926	Missing out on a few things isn't it? Where are the cattle that graze in state forests? WHere are the thousands of deer hunters that use our forests? Where is the value added sawn timber and the log trucks, or the logging equipment that helps protect our forests? Seems like you people are trying to hide the reality of what is true for what you want it to be? Where are the pictures of the weeds and the burnt forests? or the wild cats and dogs that destroy our native fauna? Oh for some truth, sadly lacking here. Here is my vision, start telling the truth.
62015	A place where natural processes are the driving forces of change, not man's wants.
62115	Self sustaining forests for all. Appropriate planting for logging. Protection of vegetation, habitat and animals. Control of weeds and pest species. Protection of water supply. High value streams. Sustainable timber and jobs. Cultural and hostoric heritage.
62238	A place with wildlife thrive and the community has input into it's management
62334	Places where people can not ride horses, bikes or camp. Places that are somewhat pristine and not vandalised or rubbished. Working closely with Traditional Custodians to inspire care for country in a traditional way.
62466	My vision is a simple one; and based on the 2nd image of the people in the river. My vision is one where we and future generations can all enjoy the benefits that the forest provides (such as its beauty, leisure activity, economic gain to tourism/ hospitality/ accommodation providers), but in a way that is in harmony with nature so that we allow the forests to continue to nourish us with plentiful and clean water, and to allow the forests to be an ally against the ill effects of increasing atmospheric carbon, greenhouse gases and bushfires.
62680	Childhood memory: Stopping at a long gone milestone on the Princes Hwy somewhere near Genoa and not far from the road finding the fabulous water hole for a refreshing dip on a hot day.
62873	Protection of our forests for future generations to enjoy.
62909	The future of the forests is respecting its inner working systems and being able to enjoy witnessing its beauty and amazing power while sustainably and carefully utilizing it through tourism and its resources
63008	Stop the logging so you will still have these images into the future
63171	People are custodians and stewards of forests. We do not see forests as a resource to exploit but as an integral component of human relationship to place.

63365	Proper recognition of what the state forests have given and continue to give to the state of Victoria.
63418	An ecologically sustainable resource managed for future generations using such thinning prescriptions as Forest Restoration and Resource Utilisation (FRRU) as practiced at Mudlark Coupe in 2003.
63447	Bush walking, camping, horse riding, Scouts outings, viewing platforms where possible for disabled people, areas reserved for protected species of both flora and fauna etc.
63458	large remaining areas of natural Australian ecosystems
63516	Our forests have been reduced in extent dramatically since European settlement. We need to sufficiently protect what remains
63585	Again, all of the above. My vision is for them to still exist in the future, they are in crisis now. Please look to other countries who are way ahead in their management of forests and parks with the use of large grazing animals including domestic.
63600	We should be able to visit and enjoy our forests without destroying them in the process.
63672	People and nature existing in harmony. People respecting nature Creating larger protected areas for these things to take place. People connecting with nature in a meaningful way....
63733	Water running freely down the creeks and rivers, heritage brumbies wandering through the forests along with our wildlife, tracks where you can ride a horse, bike or just wander through. Camping areas where you can be as one with the bush and listen to the calls of the birds, where you can paddle a canoe down the creek.
63782	Victorian forests are places for the community to immerse themselves in, restore the soul, and feel peaceful knowing that environmental, cultural and social values are protected.
63793	Interaction and shared experiences are the basis of any relationship. Shared experience with kids , loved ones or friends are the foundation of relationships. The images shown highlight to me the wonder potential for shared experiences that we can have with the forest, either together with others or as individuals. The forest becomes an entity that is a living part of the shared experience.
63894	recreation, passive recreation, camping, pristine creeks, to be shared by all.
64142	I have chosen the image of the cyclists. I think this image shows perfectly the type of forest management I want to see - low-impact use, with people able to get up close with the forests. There is no use locking up the forests to everyone. I think opening up our forests to show everyone interested why they are so special is very important, and encouraging activities like cycling, walking and on-road driving will help do that.
64216	A healthy, clean environment, rich in biodiversity and cultural values.
64521	An unspoiled natural environment, maintained by forest and environmental workers.
64536	A Victoria that actively protects and invests in our natural resources, making our national parks and forests accessible and exciting for all generations and all Victorians. An educated and respectful Victoria that acknowledges our indigenous past and connects it to our multi-cultural future through programs and projects, education and reform.
64561	I have visions of the iconic Barmah Brumby fitting into virtually every image shown. Beautiful wild horses permitted to run free in the Barmah Forrest that they have called home for nigh on 180 years.

64887	All pictures except construction at the bottom, if that's a controlled back burn at top I'm 100% on board with that
64946	A healthy ecosystem with healthy animals including brumbies
65058	Wilderness, biodiversity, carbon sequestration, old growth forest preservation.
65165	To allow forests size and biodiversity to increase across Victoria and reduce the impact of climate change. In particular -Enforcement of current laws for irresponsible/illegal activities (eg: Illegal clearing, 4wd & trail bikes where not permitted and illegal collection of firewood) -Reduce burn-offs by DELWP to high risk area for local communities.
65193	Our world is always in a rush, always going faster, faster. We need places like forests to slow down and refresh ourselves. The forest is a place where we can quieten down, absorb the beauty of nature, be tranquil and slow. It is impossible to do this if we are sharing the forest with shooters, noisy trail bike riders and noisy, bush-bashing 4x4s.
65248	The forests of Victoria will have high levels of biodiversity, providing sanctuary for threatened flora and fauna, free from the threats of pest animals and plants. People will have limited, controlled access to some parts of the forest to connect with it in a passive recreation way, or on a small number of facilitated recreation trails for road bikes and walking. There will be no vehicle access of formalised access roads and cattle will no longer be grazing in any Victorian forest. The Indigenous people of Victoria and their knowledge will be prioritised to drive management of the natural values of the forests.
65361	Maintaining and enhancing the natural state of our forests and allowing current and future generations the right to access and enjoy these areas too generate a connection between the modern world and nature.
65490	Camping, fishing, swimming, cycling, horse riding, and enjoying the forest with family and friends would be much easier with further amenities, better roads, and if the forest wasn't flooded unseasonally.
65502	maintain our brumbies forever
65523	Being able to camp in the bush.
65619	Tall gums native grasses heritage horses native wild life all free of your intervention and meddling.
65624	Forests should be maintained for recreation. Safe camping areas with clean toilets, firewood collection areas, recreational hunting of deer, dogs and pigs.
65682	The Bush needs to be cared for to enable enough feed to help the Barmah Brumbies survival...
65816	To be able to teach our kids and their kids about our heritage because without it we have lost ourselves
65907	My vision is that our forests remain open and available for everyone to use. Better pest control (deer, pigs, wild dogs - NOT BRUMBIES).
65954	My vision is that a few 'honeypot' places are provided for passive human recreation and enjoyment in our natural high conservation areas and the rest is left for all of the other species. We have taken enough.
66041	Community recreation . Free camping. Maintaining sustainable local Industries . Maintaining traditional activities such as Prospecting/Hunting/Fishing/4wd,ing. Conserving the natural environment .

66047	Camping by the Murray River and being able to watch the brumbies coming down for a drink At dusk
66482	Responsible enjoyment of natural forests and ecosystems without removing flora or fauna and without logging.
66670	Protecting our forests for everyone to enjoy, experience and be nourished by. A sustainable tourism opportunity that will provide jobs well into the future for our children, rather than the logging industry which simply serves a few now.
66695	My vision is for the forests to thrive through increased traditional land management practices, so they recover in areas severely affected by fire, to see Melbourne's water supply protected and for the lungs of our state to grow, cooling the city and giving us fresh(er) air. Keeping carbon in the ground is one clear solution to the climate crisis and leaving the most carbon rich forests on earth intact is common sense, not rocket science. Increasing numbers of studies show how beneficial time in nature is to our overall physical and mental health and wellbeing. Everyone deserves to enjoy these beautiful and special places and grow the number of jobs in management and tourism. Look at how the Otways transformed local communities from dying-out native logging to vibrant jewel in Victoria's crown. Let's do the same thing for the last of our intact forests and leave a legacy to be proud of.
66709	The bottom-left photo of the river shows a forest which must be preserved. The camping, bike-riding, 4WD-driving and timber industries shown in the other pictures are perfectly fine to the extent that they can be done sustainably and non-destructively.
66710	None of them even depict wildlife or Brumbies , so can't pick one. That's the problem no wildlife no Brumbies no future.
66712	Please add one with a brumby, kangaroo, koala, fish. Animals help maintain mental health.
66713	Please ensure our heritage Brumbies are being taken care of not shot because of some idiotic idea that they are ruining the bush . These horses are our heritage and have lived in the bush . If you need to cull numbers there are a number of Brumby groups more than willing to help
66718	Forest interventions acknowledge that:- 1. Humans are only one of many species, many of which are yet to be identified. 2. Our knowledge of forests systems is extremely limited. 3. All interventions to be monitored for ecological impacts
66736	There is no image of the brumbies or any other animals
66747	How beautiful and soothing is water. Providing a continual water source for animals so they can thrive, a cooling vista in summer and then and then the rapids, especially in winter can be powerful and makes you appreciate the force of water.
66782	Multiple use forest management that maximises the opportunity for the widest possible range of conservation, economic, recreational and cultural activities should be the aim for all forest areas.
66794	Free camping. A must. Companion animals should be allowed on leash at a minimum. Horse riding should be given equal importance to all other activities eg. bush walking, cycling. Brumbies should be acknowledged for their historical meaning to Australians with ties to the last couple of centuries as well as those- whose ancestors- were here before others. Horses should be managed and considered part of the Australian environment. More emphasis needs to be put on out of control animals such as wild dogs/pigs and deer and feral cats. Manage the water resources more responsibly. We cannot remove the human from Australia. We ALL need access to water. Mangae the forests with regard to the overall benefit of our nation. Water was not freely available in a drought/dry conditions to irrigate the forest floors. WE cannot

	change the clock back, but lets manage what we have by CONSULTING THE LOCALS, and create advisory groups with meaning and CLOUT.
66804	There is recognition that all uses depend on a healthy forest and that the best measure of health is its biodiversity. A public forest can only be effectively managed if there is transparency, it is based on science and the State Government does not have a vested interest in activities such as logging. The deforestation and forest degradation that has occurred since European settlement is acknowledged and it is understood that a business as usual approach cannot be sustained. Logging is incompatible with the range of other uses and should cease. The focus must be on restoring large areas of intact, mature forest that are resilient to threats such as bushfires, drought, pests and climate change. Human interaction with the forests is to be encouraged but the impact of activities must be low.
66869	Many people in Melbourne are unaware of the beauty of forests close to Melbourne upgrades need to happen to camping sites and recreational pursuits
66997	Bike riding and conservation are extremely important to me and my family. Intact forests are wonderful places and we should celebrate what is left, not raze and burn it. Bicycle tourism is starting to take off and help local economies.
67031	Respectful use of forests, leaving g no footprint, while conserving native and introduced species, so that cohabitation is a priority.
67120	A place to enjoy - not a place to pillage.
67176	Try and keep it as close to what it was b4 we arrived.
67231	Nature and healthy water, no human interference. Our forests are at their best when they are left to thrive. The value of forests is significantly underrated with their value too often linked to "economic" outcomes. Forests are invaluable!
67251	Camping and enjoying our natural assets of rivers, forest, clean air.
67254	Camping, recreation, fun, health, fresh air, clean water
67255	I chose the picture of the river and picture of bike riders since I think we need to preserve the natural beauty and help people get active in the environment so they will see the natural beauty as we do today and feel peaceful and in awe of the natural beauty without any kinds of pollution or seeing roads off the side, etc.
67390	No fires allowed in forests. This will help to stop the risk of fires in forests leading to loss of animal habitats.
67403	Healthy and diverse forest ecosystems managed sustainably and respectfully for future generations; acknowledging the past successes, failures and ideals so we can all learn and celebrate the many faces of our shared forests.
67439	The continuation of the logging industry, hunting and tourism
67457	Victoria leading the world in demonstrating the integration of people, conservation and production of high value timber in managed natural forest landscapes
67461	4wd to places that are hard to get to and sleep under the stars!
67473	A truly sustainable network of connected forests, in which habitat fragmentation, habitat and ecosystem service provisions are protected and enhanced. A place where future generations can enjoy the benefits of forests we have for generations, and a place where we work towards improving and protecting our ecosystem integrity for all species, for all time.
67476	The beautiful waterway, the old growth tree and the forest (bottom left). Allowing as many other species as possible to live is important as they provide ecosystem services, an important educational resource, potential medical/scientific breakthrough resources and aesthetic benefits for our mental well being, not to mention they deserve to persist in their own right.
67485	Shared management and access for all.

67490	They are a critical ecosystem and essential for our catchments..but we can also enjoy them
67491	All areas open for camping fishing shooting 4wd and sustainable logging
67493	Recreational activities like mountainbiking, 4WDing, dirtbike riding and general exploring are what's important to me. The forests provide a place for family activities, help you de-stress from your daily grind and improve overall mental health by 'getting back to nature.' The Great National Forest should not proceed at all. The VEAC proposal should be disregarded in full. Any further restrictions imposed upon the users of the bush impacts the Traditional Users and our Culture and Wellbeing.
67494	well managed forests to reduce risk of major fires. Not locked off from camping or access, but managed. Happy to have user pays if it means better management, campers and other users to leave no footprints. Increased natural biodiversity through good management with weed and pest control. Increased hunting opportunity for pest species with stronger guidelines for disposal of carcasses. More traditional owners as rangers and use traditional fire management techniques to bring the bush back to a more pre-european state. protect any remnants of old growth forest. increase silviculture plantations on private land.
67501	Everyone should have the opportunity to embrace this space, now and into the future. Please protect it.
67502	Love camping, mountain bike riding, snow shoeing, 4wding, walking, exploring nature all have a place in our bush. Cut it down and harvest - it regrows, leave logs/trees for lead better possums etc etc and it grows back. Protect towns by back burning around them. Let cattle back in to mountain areas for grazing.
67503	Managed public space for all users
67505	My vision is we do not live in silos but Re integrate back into the natural world and it is integrated back into ours. That our gardens and nature strips and road sides are seen as places for forests and trees and birds and wildlife and it is not just kept to national parks. That people in the forest industry become foresters and help us reforest everywhere possible.
67516	"Healthy parks, healthy people" in this case healthy forests. The social benefits of families having access to the "bush " is immense. Children who have regular exposure to the "bush" invariably grow up to be very good citizens. By all means have designated camping areas, but also ensure that there are still many free bush camping areas. Online booking systems seem to be popular with land managers but they DO NOT work if a ranger or a camp host is there to police it. I would not take my family to a pre-booked camping site if there was any chance of an altercation with some yahoo's.
67559	access to 4x4 tracks, camping, fishing, and seeing historic sites
67561	Healthy sustainable forests for all users, balanced use of forest produce. Continue to utilise timber to ensure Australia is using sustainable produce and not sourcing timber from international, non sustainable forests.
67566	Four wheel drives banned, hi vis and hardhat idiots banned, feral animal culling increased
67578	All of the images above are included in my vision for our parks. My vision is that all of our forests should be accessible to all Victorians and should be managed effectively, especially control of feral animals and weeds.
67579	Continuing to drink the clean water that our mountain ash forests generate. Camping next to clear streams and rivers. Hiking in old growth forests and seeing only tall trees in the distance when I reach lookouts and vantage points. Spotlighting for threatened marsupials at night and feeling the joy and awe when seeing these unique creatures high in the tree tops. Hoping that Victoria's native forests will survive so that future generations can enjoy all of things for decades/centuries to come.

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67787	Unspoilt, no motorbikes, quiet.
67791	<p>Opportunities for TO's, tourism, recreation, apiarists, already exist and have done through out the last RFA.</p> <p>Forests Commission-DSE management of state forests in Victoria has left a simply historic, incredible legacy, rich in history and vision that all Victorians should be immensely proud of. The finesse and skill in which forests were managed over decades should be applauded. The infrastructure and resources that harvesting timber harvesting provided to the state simply is critical to the survival and health of our forests, particularly in relation to fire management. Commercial forestry has never impeded tourism, TO's or 'eco-tourism'. People simply can not grasp the extent of our forests and the sustainable resource they are continually providing thanks to the careful management of departments over the years. This should become more of a focus that it has over last few years in order to ensure the survival and health of our resilient forests in next 50 years</p>
67807	Conservation - Culture - Recreation - Preservation
67907	My vision for the future is one of abundant, accessible nature for all. Run by the people, for the people.
67940	I choose all images. My vision is the balanced and sustainable use, management and protection of the forest estate for the benefit of the Victorian community.
67948	Free camping away from everybody else, enjoying the serenity, away from others. Four wheel driving and trail bike riding, hunting, bush walking etc etc. I don't want any of the non gazetted tracks closed blocking access to fire trucks, like in the Lerderg, where we just had a fire made inaccessible by the closing of the ridge track a few years ago. Ungazetted tracks are the tracks we use in the CFA to burn pre season to help prevent disasters like Black Saturday where 173 people died because of
67979	Forests that are free from the impacts of humans and left alone to thrive naturally.
68023	<p>Flowing creek, we have so very few places we can prospect, and far less where there's flowing water, panning for gold doesn't get you lots but it's amazingly therapeutic.</p> <p>It gives you the chance to immerse yourself in the beauty that is there. It also is my go to place. If there's stress or something that is bothering me the bush fixes it.</p> <p>It's like having your concerns wash away, and often gives you solutions. Perhaps it's the beauty or the ability to enjoy the area, regardless without it is lost.</p>
68073	<p>Top left + bottom row 2nd from left</p> <p>People using the forest for recreation and others employed to maintain the standard of facilities</p>

68096	My vision for a sustainable forest future would be to stop the logging of old growth forests, move these areas into national park status. Manage the remainder of the forest in a way that protects biodiversity, allows all Victorians and visitors to appreciate what we have. Logging coupes need to be managed sustainably, by adopting best practice when managing wildlife before logging begins. Adopt selective logging of trees, rather than complete destruction of habitat.
68115	Rushing clean wild rivers, full of living native animals, plants and vitality. Towering ancient forests left in peace to bless us all with their very existence.
68118	We need education to the other users why people choose to explore the VHC by 4wd. Most of us have 4wds so we can explore the VHC, to be able to take our familys in, explore, relax and show them the bush, wild life and nature and teach them to love the place so they come back with their children.. Walkers need to be taught that not everyone can hike in and we need 4wds and this is why we have 4wds.
68181	My vision for the future of our forests is bringing back cattle to the high country to reduce fire risk. Opening more areas to hunt to manage introduced animals such as deer. Sustainable logging practices by using the full resources of good timber locked up in parks. This could be done by listening to the users of the bush ie, the people who live and work in the areas not the city people who visit areas 3 long weekends a year
68183	Protection of all existing forests for biodiversity, increased safety from global warming. Re-establish logged areas to promote re-forestation of plants native to particular areas.
68202	Many of these images represent the vision I would have for the future of Victoria's forests: forests which are protected and cared for in partnership with Traditional Owners, conserving a unique part of our natural heritage and made open and accessible for all to enjoy.
68216	Forests protected for future generations
68246	I see the environment not the unplanned exploitation
68264	For visitors to see nature as it had always been from the beginning of time in it's pristine beauty.
68278	All of the above....forests should be for everyone and everything....I don't support radical views of activists that want to ban and lock everything up
68290	I see Victoria as a beacon of restored forests, woodlands and grasslands, having preserved and maintained all existing forests as a basis, the people will have worked with the government to establish biolinks to connect the larger blocks of forest and ensure an ecologically sustainable future for our society.
68324	Fully functioning and sustainable timber industry
68325	Access for all!
68326	Great places to visit and to provide the community with a range of resources.
68333	Ecological integrity and biodiversity are the wellsprings of human transformation. Only through our deeper connection with and understanding of nature has our capacity for positive change flourished. Creativity including technological is fuelled by nature's complexity. Destroying the complexity is reducing our potential.
68334	Timber harvesting, hunting, fishing, free camping and access for all
68335	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg
68345	My vision is to allow all people access to the bush. Including hunting, 4wd access sustainable wood harvest. Without locking it up and charging people to use what is already ours.
68353	Exploring, experiencing and recreating in Victorian forests is a great way to unwind.

68354	<p>I liked nearly all the pictures. The click and select feature for picture selection doesn't seem to be working.</p> <p>I enjoy bushwalking and in the past have been able to cycle, camp, hike and paddle. I think this has mainly been in National Parks though I have to say. The State parks seem to be smaller and with rougher roads which I guess aren't as accessible. I would like for the ecotourism industry be able to be developed maybe through the state park system. I would like plantations be planned and implemented to take the pressure off logging old growth forests in Victoria.</p>
68360	To use and enjoy our forests.
68362	<p>Image 2</p> <p>A beautiful freshwater river surrounded by lush forest.</p> <p>We must protect these forests and rivers, and all the species that live here.</p> <p>It is simple to protect because all you need to do is leave it alone, no logging, no pollution, no (human) destruction.</p> <p>And when we see an area that is suffering from human interference, i.e, the Howqua River, we must find the cause of the issue(s), and then quickly resolve them. Why can't you drink the water? Why is so much vegetation allowed to be removed? What effect does the Mount Buller village have? What effect do the pit toilets, and the chemicals placed in them have? How can we better manage these areas to maintain their health? Humans need water and oxygen to survive so it would make sense for humans to protect these areas.</p>
68363	Logging, fishing camping, hunting,all actives that a state forest provide
68364	Natural ecosystems with healthy environments for generations to enjoy. Strong protection of environmental assets and biodiversity. Zero impact and unique ecotourism potential.
68373	I want to see managed national parks of all our remnant old-growth and state forests preserved for nature's sake.
68375	<p>The destruction of native forests must stop. Now.</p> <p>VicForests must be wound up forthwith.</p> <p>The Forests (Wood Pulp Agreement) Act, and Regional Forest Agreements must be repealed.</p> <p>Where timber is the only suitable material, it must be plantation timber.</p> <p>The importation of wood products from rainforests and other threatened ecosystems must be banned.</p> <p>No burning of "forest waste" for biomass electricity generation.</p> <p>There should be a hundred research projects aimed at replacing wood products with more environmentally responsible materials. Examples;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Paper made from fibre from annual crops. * Furniture made from recycled plastics. * House frames and roof trusses made from steel. * Fence posts, power poles and railway sleepers made from metals or concrete. * Pallets made from metals or recycled plastics. * Toilet paper made ONLY from recycled paper or non-wood materials such as bamboo, or annual crops. * Firewood ? Nyet.
68378	Our forests are the living lungs and beating heart of Victoria - our living centre which extends from our Gondwanan past to our Millenial Future, embedding the spirit of Murrindindi and our indigenous elders statewide in a generation thirsty for natural connection.
68381	Having the best water in the world means looking after thrw natural biofultration of some of the oldest and tallest forests in the world. It's special. It's ours. And it's protected.

68383	<p>The great forest national Park was created in the year 2020. From the sea to the summits to the edges of Melbourne the entire remaining South eastern Australian ancient forests were saved from continued wide spread logging to support a dying industry and make...paper.</p> <p>It's hard to believe now that the government managed the forest in such an irresponsible way and a state wide Day of morning is held annually for the lead beaters possum who's population was driven to extinction once their habitat was so limited.</p> <p>The remaining forest is now considered a national treasure and cherished by Victorians and the wider Australian population.</p> <p>The loggers were all retrained to work in the conservation industry and many of the clearfelled coups were replanted and are on the way to recovery.</p>
68392	<p>A forest that is well maintained, looked after and includes all forms of recreational activities, 4wd to motorbike riding... everyone enjoying the forests.</p> <p>The people involved in the designated areas of logging. To leave their office seats and physically have a care factor, on where they are logging and what they are logging, so the greenies don't get up in arms, because you've taken a big chunk of forest out of the horizon... prohibit old trees being logged, by big fines.</p> <p>Look after the forest floor by cold burning in the traditional ways, instead of hot roasting the environ because it costs less and is quicker.</p>
68405	<p>Camping should be encouraged. Designated types of camping which are separated so people who want an isolated quiet time have a camping spot within walking distance of a car park, and people with families and big tents can actually park beside their vehicles.</p>
68418	<p>Ethically harvested, sustainable forest products.</p>
68419	<p>Forest are places where one can enjoy the flora and fauna undisturbed by destructive, noisy activities such as generators, chainsaws, motor boats, motor bikes, 4 wheel drives hooning around. Quiet to hear the bird calls. Distant vistas that reveal endless mountains without any logging. Places where natural values are more important than human exploitation, where humans feel both humbled and privileged to be in and proud that we have been able to save and protect all living things related to the forests and have not destroyed them for short term greed.</p>
68423	<p>In a perfect world, future generations will see that in the 2020s, more of our forests were declared National Parks than ever before, logging operations ceased in our native forests and logging workers were retrained and employed by Parks Victoria to look after our forests, Victoria became a leading international ecotourism destination promoting our unique forests for passive, low impact recreational activities, degraded landscapes were rehabilitated by 4WD drivers and mountain bikers to allow them ownership of the forests they used, as Victoria transitioned away from logging native forests, they became a world leader in hemp production as a sustainable resource and most importantly, due to added protections given to vast tracts of forests, there was a substantial decrease in the number of fauna and flora species listed as critically endangered, endangered, threatened and vulnerable.</p>
68442	<p>My vision is the retention of old growth forests which attract rainfall & use less of it than establishing trees. Native animals & birds safe from extinction. Clean air, water & natural beauty for future generations to enjoy.</p>
68446	<p>Clean, pristine, environment over leisure and jobs. Respect for what we have. Let's keep it that way.</p> <p>I prefer to take a global view on our globe's forests and not just our little State of Victoria. On a global scale, our little patch of earth is a treasure beyond none. It provides the air we breathe, the lungs of our state and contributes to our rainfall, which Australia dearly needs. We need</p>

	more forests all over our country, so deforestation is my lowest priority for Victoria. We need more, not less trees.
68451	My vision for our forests is one in which people can explore and watch natural settings, delighting in simple pleasures that are free to low cost to participate in. It is one where we can experience a range of native species in their natural habitat and respectfully watch and learn about their interactions with their environment. We can sit by a stream and rest our feet after exploring through designated tracks, breathing fresh air and hearing the peace that only nature can provide us with. Camping, trail riding, hiking can all be done in a respectful way to maintain the integrity of our forests for future generations following specific pathways to prevent habitat destruction. Above all, we can rest peacefully knowing that our climate and planet is being cared for by having access to places that remind us of nature's importance.
68456	Unique, clean, functioning ecosystems that people can still enjoy now and in to the future.
68462	We need to preserve our beautiful natural forests and environment for people to enjoy with an absolute minimum of human impact and development.
68470	Our forests should be primarily managed for their biodiversity values. All sawlog harvesting should cease. They have the ability to provide clean water, camping, bush walking, bird watching and many other experiences. These need to be managed so that excessive pressure is not placed on areas that are visited. ParksVic are in the best position to do this. We are lucky to have these wonderful forests, stunning birds, great flora and fauna, mostly not found anywhere else in the world. We need to value and protect our forests
68488	We have to protect the immensity of our forests. Stop logging wild forests. When there is no more air to breathe what will humans do ??? Recreation activities are the key to sensibilisation of common people. Low education and zero interest in the environment make most of the population unaware of the importance to protect forests. By allowing and maintaining recreative use of forests people realise the beauty, the importance of them
68495	Forests in my mind should be a place to, in my dad's words (he would be 112 this year) a place to commune with God. A place where you can be a part of nature, whether that be fishing walking or just sitting. In Japan they call it Forest Bathing, just being able to bathe in the energy of the forests.
68502	A large healthy forest ecosystem for the protection of future generations of Victorian species of flora and fauna.
68552	access and use for all and sundry
68555	Obviously a natural and healthy forest is everyones goal. Use of forests for commercial activities such as beekeeping should be promoted, but tree felling and quarries rejected. Some parks with significant attractions should be maintained for visitor use such as camping, bike and horse riding and hiking. Permits for all activities should raise some revenue to contribute to maintenance of parks. People paying for permits will also have more respect for the land they are using.
68560	My vision for our state forests and national parks are a shard space that allows for public amenity as well as opportunities for those who make a living through beekeeping and tourism.
68563	Giant, Lush, Quiet, Natural. I can't help but notice there aren't any non-human animals in the "inspiring" collection of photographs... I hope that there will be someday.
68575	My vision of the forests is one that allows for the public of Victoria to access, enjoy and benefit from the products that the forests produce in a sustainable way, from timber to honey, from hunting to motor bike riding whilst providing biological diversity that will provide an environment for flora and fauna to prosper. Forests should be for everyone to enjoy. We should understand our forests environment and ensure we continue to invest in that knowledge so all can continue to benefit from the forests.

68594	Not sure how you select a image? But the second image shows enjoying our forests without destroying.
68599	Camping by a river in the bush is a key part of who we are, but too many places are being closed off to all but very keen bush walkers. Keep tracks open for all to access. Install toilets in as many places as possible to help keep the bush clean. Our Nation Parks people in Vic could learn a lot from WA who do it really well.
68605	All of the above images are inspiring as it show people enjoying the natural beauty around them, seemingly in a sustainable way.
68606	my vision is for the Wombat forest to be accessible to all, with the urban sprawl on our doorstep the Wombat forest is close to Melbourne, it is a wonderful place for families to go camping and offer a new opportunity for learning. Children of today are sitting in their lounge rooms or bedrooms missing out on this wonderful, beautiful environment so close to Melbourne. You have a photos above that I hope will inspire a new generation to love the Wombat forest and forests in general as much as we do.
68633	Clean, flowing rivers through mature, lush forests, saved for all Victorians to enjoy and benefit from the ecosystem services they provide. We have learned from our past mistakes of taking too much from these forests and we now value them for their myriad of intrinsic qualities as well as what they provide people. We have learned we are part of nature, and our survival and quality of life depend on how we respect and protect our forests. Decisions about how to use our forests are not political, they are not swayed by interest groups or unions, they are made made with long term protection of ecological values as paramount and saving the environment is considered a fundamental pillar of our society along with acces to education and health care.
68686	Our forests are strongly protected and valued by the Victorian community for the essential ecosystem services they provide and the incredible recreational and health benefits they provide to individuals, families and communities. Forests are a place Traditional Owners can practice and strengthen their culture and connection to Country. Humanity depends on its forests and natural areas so the forest will be managed for its benefit and health and that will translate down to benefit and health for humanity.
68695	I wish for forests that are expansive and diverse, places that hold secret lives and communities of diverse plants and animals in safety. Forests that heal the soul and whose streams run like liquid crystalflowing through emerald light and moss. A greater knowledge and emphasis on the history - both indigenous and colonial.
68727	The photo depicting a well maintained roadway through the forest best represents security of access to ALL forest users.
68729	Multiple use forests and full access to forests and parks by the Victorian public.
68739	The photo on the bottom right shows what my family have enjoyed over holidays - an activity handed down and practiced for 5 generations. Walks, hikes, educational strolls where we observe and understand the natural inhabitants of these beautiful places. Clean water rushing downstream of creeks and rivers. Lovely shaded spots to put up a tent and sitting by a campfire after a meal cooked over the coals with the kids at the end of great day.
68743	continued use of timber products and ongoing work of artisans

68745	I would like to see a forest with substantially less smaller trees and more understory. This would provide the floristic biodiversity to assist invertebrate sustenance and diversity with positive impact on associated food chains. Current practices of substantial fuel reduction burning in spring and autumn would not be practiced as these are the times when invertebrate life-cycles are in full swing. In spring and eggs and larvae largely cannot escape fire and in autumn many plant feeding invertebrates are on the wing and about to lay eggs. Suppressing living plant material at this time disrupts life-cycles severely. While small patch burning is advantageous for floristic diversity larger scale fuel reduction fires severely impact food resources for higher animals. These food-chains are already currently compromised by the reduced floristic diversity that is part of the recovery process of regenerating box-ironbark forest.
68755	Stop destruction of habitat and natural carbon capture
68756	Crystal clear waters that are weed free.
68775	Industry/ jobs and economic growth; new forest to start eco system over again.
68777	Each one of these images represent what every individual that uses the park wants to be able to do in them I want to see more people using the great outdoors we have in Australia and learn about the parks and what they can offer. I would like to see all sides of the argument working to maintain the parks in a manner that allows people to enjoy them but sustains them for the future. We also need to help with the forestry and logging sustainable logging is a needed industry but not at the cost of losing the forest by doing it
68781	Sophie is middle aged and likes to ride bikes and plant trees. Be like Sophie.
68783	A healthy forest environment with strong and improved biodiversity will be attractive for sustainable recreational use helping develop our local economies.
68784	Camping adventuring and exploring to get away from the busy city and experience the bush like the old days
68790	I would like: the inherent beauty of native forests to be restored and maintained (last photo); the habitats of native flora and fauna to be protected; current and future generations of humans to benefit from contact with nature in peaceful, healthy, beautiful forests; and for traditional owners, concerned citizens and government agencies to be adequately resourced to protect these precious forests.
68799	It's a low impact use
68809	A biodiverse wonderland with no destructive four wheel drives with trays full of timber. Managed in the collaboration with first nations peoples. A bushwalkers wonderland.
68813	Cycling a track circling around the edge of the forest, I feel immersed in the forest, a million miles from the city. I hear the calls of native birds around me, and check with my guide to see if I can identify them correctly. My guide points out a currawong in the brush. Ahead, I see a small brown mammal scurry across the track - an antechinus perhaps? It disappears deeper into the forest. We cross a fire break, which extends deeper into the forest. It's been cleared for fire trucks to pass, but we are prohibited from entering; too much chance of us introducing invasive plants and disturbing struggling native species. A viewing point has been constructed: we climb up and use our binoculars to look down the fire break. We spot wallabies grazing, and a koala in a tree. Our guide has access to webcam footage from a favourite site for koalas; we get close-up look at the animals which are just a couple of hundred meters away.
68818	I want there to be appropriate access and use of the forest by beekeepers to aid in boosting bee populations and improve ecosystems throughout Victoria.
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68830	Victorian forests are prioritised for sustainable harvesting of integrated wood resources in order to support robust communities and embrace recreational opportunities in perpetuity.
68901	Places of serenity with free flowing clean rivers and streams, views of old growth forests and places to walk and camp free from the destructive intrusion of logging.
68916	<p>I am most inspired by the image of the pristine flowing river. I think that we must preserve places like this as much as possible. They will become more rare as our environment is increasingly challenged. They are impossible to replace. Increasingly, they are refuges for insects, plants and animals which are also under threat.</p> <p>I like the images of cyclists riding through the forest path, as this is a 'low impact' activity which brings people more closely in touch with their environment, while making them healthier and happier at the same time.</p>
68919	I notice none of these images show a burning logging coupe. Regrowth consumes SO much more water than intact forest.
68937	Actively caring for country. Clean, well vegetated waterways.
69064	We can be confident that those tasked with forest management know what they are doing and do it, where multiple uses are respected and interest groups don't dictate the vision for all. Where people know and understand natural systems, renewal and regeneration.
69099	A pristine refuge for wildlife - strong, diverse, healthy ecosystems - with solid connectivity for native species to thrive.
69130	Native forests and waterways with integrity and natural ecological function to provide essential values for everyone, not one industry (timber industry) that destroys all the special values, especially biodiversity, for future generations.
69143	<p>Yes more Parks for all to enjoy, whilst creating thousands of new and old Jobs.</p> <p>SDLG (Southern Dandenongs Landscare Group).</p>
69178	<p>We understand that forests are complex systems that we can easily damage but cannot replace. We also know that they are vital to the survival of many species, including ours, as well as our history and culture. Realising that the value of a living forest is infinitely greater than the potential return on harvesting its timber, we source timber from plantations instead. While protecting the wellbeing of the forest, we improve our own, through low-impact recreation, cultural activities, education and research.</p>
69182	<p>Aren't you logging the proposed sea to summit as we speak.</p> <p>And according to Japanese data Australia is a major supplier of chips for the 5 billion a tonne a year toilet paper industry which requires our hardwoods for the quality of dissipation in the sewer. I have a vision of a Japanese man bowing to Australia and he is facing the wrong way giving the land of the rising sun new meaning to me.</p>
69218	<p>The very Bottom left & Bottom Right.</p> <p>A Pristine environment that hasn't been altered in any way. Pure genetics in the location that nature wanted it to be.</p>
69245	Even untouched forrests are at risk from climate change. Climate change finds it's way into and impacts even the most hidden and remote forrests. Managing forrests while inaction on climate change continues is like rearranging deck chairs on the titanic.

69321	<p>A land where our rivers, animals, plants, trees are protected. Wilderness. Places to explore. People feel refreshed and in love with their land. History is preserved. People can camp, swim, feel wild and free No noise of machines.</p> <p>As I said above.</p> <p>Save all Native Forest in Victoria. Stop Industrial Clear-fell logging. Encourage farmers to plant trees on bare farmland by giving them incentives. Make sure the incentives are not a tax-dodge for Melbourne's rich as in previous schemes, but genuine incentives to plant and LOOK AFTER TREES on farmland. Much farmland is degraded and in need of tree cover. Retrain timber workers to plant and care for trees on farmland. Maintenance of trees is important not just planting. Fence in all rivers and water courses on farmland and plant river verges with original tree and understory species. Rehabilitate our Native forests (damaged by clear-fell logging) with varied plants species (understory) and do not convert them into Mono-culture planta</p>
69361	We should be preserving our forests and its biodiversity for future generations.
69363	<p>If 4wd are permitted, every bit of ground will be turned over by their presence. They rarely stay on tracks, they try and climb steep hills and they love puddles. They always thrash along at what ever speed they can attain, the dust bellows from behind them covering walkers and cyclists. Push bikes are a great way to see and hear the bush, if more bikes were around, with small camp grounds fenced so 4wd can not get near them that would be good.</p> <p>All of those images can only be inspiring if more resources are used to prevent damage by humans. Rubbish, tree cutting , firewood stealing, etc</p>
69365	My vision is that our forests should be havens for our wildlife. Safe, clean and peaceful. A place where indigenous culture is respected and traditional owners work in partnership to maintain and manage our forest. Our forests should be beautiful, awe inspiring places to renew our energy and lift our spirits.
69368	<p>VISION</p> <p>A forest area with larger hollows ,less invasive weeds and a proper fire management plan in consultation with residents rather than large areas burnt resulting in a more fire prone environment.</p> <p>The area already has Powerful owls which are the top of the food chain indicating that the current forest is in good condition . We have seen good growth in large trees and the gradual dying of smaller trees, so the bush is gradually returning to it's past grandeur.</p> <p>Some off road motorcycle riding is causing erosion in some areas which could be policed more with cameras and patrols.</p> <p>Any roadworks MUST be with clean machinery as we have experienced weeds such as saint johns wort ,bridal creeper and Patterson curse after road works .</p> <p>We would like to see the area of Tarilta Gorge incorporated in the Diggings National park even if it meant losing an area around Pound lane .</p>

69380	<p>Our forests are valuable in their own right and should be protected. The flora and fauna they provide habitat for are our ecological heritage and it is our duty to preserve and protect it for the survival of species both animal and plant.</p> <p>Humans also derive great benefit from the protection of our forest, outdoor activity, peace and serenity, connecting to nature, all have scientifically documented benefits for human health and well being.</p> <p>The creation of the Greater Blue Mountain National Park was finally completed only recently in the 1990's yet in that short time it has demonstrated what a valuable asset it is for the whole state of NSW. Victoria can learn from the vision and lead of NSW, create the Great Forest National Park and protect the forest and all its inhabitants. Logging is doing enormouse damage and it is making a huge loss on top of that. It makes no sence to destroy our wonderful natural assets and waste taxpayer money on it.</p> <p>Stop that and leave a beautiful legacy!</p>
69425	<p>My vision is for clear, free flowing streams fringed with ferns and mosses and full of aquatic life: For abundant bird life, insects and native animals.</p> <p>For limited roads and vehicle tracks, some bike tracks and walking tracks.</p> <p>For some camping retreats with basic facitities.</p> <p>For preservation of First Peoples' sites</p>
69460	<p>My vision is of a forest open to all users without fear of wildfires caused by excessive fuel loads and poor park management.</p>
69478	<p>The large old tree and the beautiful river are the what I'd like to see most as the future of our forests.</p>
69494	<p>Forests belong to all Victorians. They should be managed to preserve high conservation areas while allowing local communities access for recreation, jobs and forestry.</p>
69503	<p>Returning traditional Aboriginal burning to our forests.</p> <p>In tact and healthy bushland and waterways. Attractive and serene places to visit that are full of life.</p>
69510	<p>I was a member of a 4wd club in the early 70's, but now I can only see problems with a lot (but not all) of these clubs as they are absolutely TRASHING the bush.</p> <p>They fit huge mud tyres to their vehicles and seek out muddy tracks to see whether they can churn their way up these tracks, these tracks often end up as gullies up to 1500 deep!!!!!! The end result being NO ONE can drive on the track!</p> <p>Yet I see the photo of the bubbling stream and i'm instantly relaxed.</p>
69517	<p>mylti use forests that are not just locked up but are managed.</p>
69529	<p>My vision would be an approach to forestry management that embraces the idea of rehabilitation of existing forests and cleared land. This would ideally result in more forests over time, with few or any being exploited for profit, save those where it's absolutely necessary. Where commercial exploitation is unavoidable this should be done in sustainably managed forests, where tree and animal health in addition to air, water and land quality are prioritised over jobs.</p>
69535	<p>I want to see a state that places value on forests and protects them from logging and development. The biodiversity in our forests is unique and has taken many thousands of years to develop, and activities and events such as logging, clearing for development and bushfires, has devastating effects on these environments.</p> <p>Our forests are beautiful and wild, we should be keeping them this way and utilizing their beauty and uniqueness to position ourselves in the eco-tourism economy.</p> <p>The immense knowledge about forests that the indigenous Australians hold, should be shared</p>

	with the community and celebrate. Schools could educate children to place a higher value on our forests and to respect them.
69573	I know the Errinundra Plateau and this image is typical of streams and their riparian zones there. It is important that the remaining small proportion of old growth forest is retained and selected regrowth areas managed to return to that state. I have seen so-called regenerated clearfells and their lack of life is palpable. They need management to increase age diversity as well as understorey plants.
69578	Natural spaces where the requirement is that people accessing the space will minimise their impact and footprint. Access should be restricted to only people who are willing to learn about the natural environment and modify their behaviours to be respectful of the ecosystems and environmental needs of the forests. Economic uses should be strictly limited to only some areas of forest.
69592	I would love to see weeds and feral animals controlled Ideally releasing locally extinct indigenous animals once ferals have been controlled. A huge effort put into weed eradication. Money spent on doing rather than millions wasted on studies.
69613	My vision is that parks will still be open for all families to use and enjoy various activities eg camping, 4WD/ driving, walking, gold detecting & fishing.
69649	Sustainable Native forestry growing a greener future
69653	Our forests aren't logged for paper and are managed so that they can contribute to the fight against climate change and habitat loss, and to the health and well being of Victorians
69657	No environment no economy no future
69663	The last image includes two elements of forest that appeal to me - free-flowing water, and a mixture of plant species. I can only imagine the smell of the fresh air and the presence of diverse native birds and animals. Every forest should have places like this, where human activities are minimised, as well as places where people can enjoy the forest - like tent sites, Puffing Billy, hiking, bicycling, and river kayaking.
69680	Clean air, thriving environment, clean free flowing rivers, abundant wildlife, no logging, sustainable, targeted, risk-based fire mitigation.
69692	The unique experience of connecting to a natural (as opposed to humanly-created) leafy environment, with all the health benefits associated with this.
69717	Victoria's forests are some of the most magnificent forests in all the world. They have been looked after for thousands of years by our First Nations people, who still rely on these magnificent places to practice their culture. Our forests are precious in that they provide us with ecosystem services that are irreplaceable, storing carbon and mitigating climate change, safe clean air, abundant pure drinking water, home to many unique and endangered animals, and they are places of recreation, health and well-being. I would like to see our forest estate protected from clearfell logging and slash burning, and I would like to see Traditional Owners involved in land management decisions. I would like to see high conservation value areas protected for threatened flora and fauna, to guarantee their future survival. Water catchments must be closed and protected to ensure clean and abundant drinking water. Tourism and recreation must be the industry going forward. Please protect our forest now.

69749	<p>There are now thousands of well-paid highly educated forest carers working to restore and protect Victoria's forests.</p> <p>Most of these staff are indigenous and are deploying traditional knowledge as well as excellent science to maintain the health of our forests.</p> <p>The public are fully aware that these forests (and the newer plantations that have nearly doubled their area and are carefully harvested for a sustainable timber supply) are what have saved Victorians from the worst impacts of climate change unfolding elsewhere.</p> <p>The restored forests are now the number one destination for recreation in Victoria as people flock there to find solace and inspiration in their climate-challenged world.</p>
69776	<p>Life is precious. Our ecosystems have taken millions of years to evolve. They should be preserved at all costs.</p> <p>Without them, life cannot exist. Preserving the forests' and oceans' ability to thrive will allow humanity and other species to thrive as well.</p>
69782	<p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>PRESERVE PROTECT AND REGENERATE OUR NATURAL WORLD AND FORESTS</p> <p>Experience and be regenerated by the wonder and diversity of the natural world.</p> <p>Experience our parks and reserves and understand they contribute to environmental and cultural health.</p> <p>To see natural and wild places, and the plants, wildlife and birds that live there.</p> <p>Experience the benefits of the outdoors and the activities it has to offer.</p>
69788	<p>No smoke - be it recently invented smoking ceremonies with no relevance to the lives of majority of Australian citizens, or artificially lit forest fires which destroy thousands of animals, habitat & alter flora - instead install easy access fire tracks.</p> <p>No old-growth (pre 1939) forest logging.</p> <p>Establish more well-advertised, maintained & overtly supervised camping areas (rangers should visit to keep campers aware of their responsibilities) with solar electric barbeques, some sites with reasonable admission charges & restricted periods according to seasons, eco-friendly toilet systems and water supplies. I believe strongly that our forests belong to all Australians & that no particular cultural group is entitled to lock out the rest of us, eg current consideration being given to beautiful rock-climbing areas of The Grampians - this can also be regarded as land acquisition by cultural stealth.</p> <p>Dogs on leads are unfortunately being increasingly denied access to bush tracks.</p>
69797	<p>I love the forests our life-blood to be left in as pristine a condition as possible. Walk where you will, leave nothing but footprints, take nothing but photos. It is NOT our forest it belongs to the planet for all time. We need clean, abundant water for nature and then us, NOT the other way round. Get a life.</p>
69802	<p>Victoria's public forests are used for multiple purposes of conservation and utilisation of wood and non-wood products, for nature study, water production, flora and fauna habitat, for protecting historic sites and important places, and open to the community to enjoy. They are safe places where legal activities take place without spoiling the current moment or the long term survival of the forest.</p>
69803	<p>We need wild places for our mental health, for non harmful recreation, for quiet reflection, for education and exercise. We need to be able to be awed and filled with wonder at the natural world.</p>
69805	<p>Undisturbed bush land, with no mining, logging, 4wd or damaging activities. An increasing area of forests as climate change becomes more prevalent,</p>

69869	State forests should continue to be managed for multiple purposes, to provide recreation, timber and water. The removal of harvesting from many of our forests has seen the removal of local "ownership" of the forest, the loss of fire fighting expertise, and the serious deterioration of infrastructure, particularly roads.
69882	Untouched beauty where the only thing humans take are photographs
69883	My vision is a legacy- having my children and future generations able to walk in the beautiful forest that we have. Old growth, hollow bearing trees filled with wildlife! Leadbeater possums, greater gliders, spotted quolls and more- in abundance. Mountain ash trees so grand- you get dizzy trying to lift your head back far enough to see the tops of. Healthy water catchments and eco systems thriving under forest canopies. STOP LOGGING MY STATE FORESTS!
69884	Trees should be harvested sustainably. There seems to be the thought that lock it up and throw away the key is the required result
69886	My vision for our forests is: For all to be able to reap the benefits of its true and wonderful splendour while maintaining and improving the environment to enable enjoyment for many future generations. We need to involve the original owners of the land and return the forests back to what they once were.
69887	what a completely nonsensical request - I mean really...
69897	Nights away from the city, rugged up in a swag. Early morning in the crisp air, listening for the movement of a potential meal or potential adversary. Taking everything you need when you enter, removing pests during your stay, and leaving only footprints when you depart.
69908	Forests remain protected from harm by humans.
69912	Higher value but far fewer products should come out of our forestry industry. Wild spaces should be available for providing therapy and peace to Victorians and visitors, while improving the environment for everyone.
69919	The picture with the 2 children standing at a tent... Everyone should have the opportunity to make wonderful memories whilst enjoying time spent in the bush/forests as a kid. Memories that induces calmness whenever you think of seeing our beautiful plants and animals, giving you a reason to preserve it all.
69920	I would want for most of our forests to be lush and full. To find balance so we may enjoy nature while also looking after it.
69936	Large swathes of undisturbed forests which are interconnected to allow wildlife to travel between different areas. Well managed public infrastructure that invites people to enjoy these areas without trashing them. The cessation of logging of our native forests - an industry that is NOT sustainable.
69937	No logging or other economic activities in existing open access forests. No restrictions on who owns the land and who can enter for recreational use
69945	Forests should have basic tracks maintained to allow access by public for a variety of uses. Uses should have minimal impact on flora and fauna so all can enjoy the natural environment.
69952	Victorias Forests, the heart of the state.
69954	Beautiful lush forests are sustained in the future because we took action on climate change!

69963	I envision wild protection areas where people can visit
69983	<p>I see an expanse of forest that is managed by an authority who appreciates that no matter what your interest of pursuit is, it's your way of enjoying the great outdoors. I want a forest system that has fair access to challenging terrain, provides appropriate protection for our giant E.regnans and E.cypellocarpa and historic sites and has more power to hold the people who do the wrong thing to account.</p> <p>I want a collective of EVC's that are able to shake off the detriment of feral animals at little or no cost to the taxpayer through community involvement and that can be appreciated by all Victorians.</p> <p>I'm okay with building timber to be harvested, but not for pulp. I would also like an authority in the State Government to externally regulate VicForests as I do not believe the self-regulation of them is effective.</p> <p>I want to see forests that people can enjoy for generations and that are not impacted by urbanization.</p>
69998	The Future of Our Forests needs to give much more thought to the preservation of these special places. Much of Victoria has been cleared of forests and we need to manage what we have left to focus more on keeping logging away from the habitats of rare and endangered species and have more areas of old growth forest. The areas that are logged need to have a longer time frame between harvests to reduce the amount of water that the trees are using as the science has shown that young forests use more water than older forests.
70061	<p>We loved our local beautiful pristine stream, tumbling over rocks, clear water, platypus, fish! Enter Vicforests! TRASH TRASH TRASH!</p> <p>YOUR marker screen and 2 DRAG BOX Sections do not work on my machine! Very frustrating! My main interest is Strathbogie forest, however my comments are for the preservation of all Victorian forests.</p>
70066	Clean and healthy waterways that are fed by native forests that can continue to provide ecosystem services to future generations.
70080	The nature world is inspirational, irreplaceable and essential for all life.
70087	This is extremely biased photo based representation as does not cover the social purpose nor the context of the current reserve system that is outside the scope of the RFA.
70094	As a bushwalker I appreciate the alpine areas and respect their fragility. Parks are only interested basically in what money they can get from popular areas like Wilsons Prom. Unfortunately with the constant removal of trees and forests being compromised there is a high chance of most of these scenes never being seen by the next generation. Bush fires which burn hotter and longer have already changed many of the popular spots people want to go to have nature experiences. I have had the experience of Black Saturday and while most of the area is green it has changed.
70112	<p>Mainly for natural environment to keep animals and plants safe.</p> <p>Water safety also</p> <p>Areas for bushwalking. Also some for canoeing etc</p>
70134	future generations must have access to natural habitat and biodiversity with carefully managed recreational usage including camping, walking, cycling etc. We must protect unique and amazing treasure we have , but are rapidly loosing.

70175	<p>My hope is that Victoria's forests will survive to see the second half of this century. If they survive, so may we as a society and as a species. Our forests are our lungs, our water catchers and filters, our havens for plant and animal diversity, our buffers against desertification, drought and catastrophic climate change, and our connection with the natural world.</p> <p>My vision is that we, as a society, realise the value of our forests and recognise that we will not survive without them.</p>
70194	Victoria's forests are a valuable part of the State's network of protected areas - providing a haven for biodiversity, opportunities for traditional owner management, and recreation for all.
70202	Healthy, productive forests open for all and managed together using knowledge gained through science and 50,000 years of experience.
70212	My vision for our forests is that they are protected, in a way that subsequent governments can't reverse. The practice of industrial clear fell logging has ceased. They are places we love and care for, as we know they are storing vast amounts of carbon, protecting us from dangerous climate change. People drink high quality water, in gratitude and awareness that it is our forests that enable the volume and purity. Families walk together, following the course of this creek, feeling the stress of their modern lives ebb away. They see galaxias fish, yellow tailed black cockatoos and feel renewed. The trees are over 80 years old and have hollows, home to Greater Gliders, Leadbeater's possum, powerful owls and thousands more species. It's blissful because they are all finally safe! No more threat of bulldozers destroying their homes. A strong network of properly funded national parks. Successful industry transition. Australian Paper (Nippon) use a renewable timber source from plantations.
70290	Thriving, productive and well used forests that are looked after by land managers and forest users. A forest that we see an extension to our kitchen cupboard; one that is opened up to allow better access and hunting opportunities. A forest that has opportunities for recreation with facilities provided, maintained and actually promoted. Opportunities for business investment in eco-tourism. Free of red tape around holding events and activities like raves, adventure races etc... A forest that isn't exploited by Victorian government owned business ventures - what is the government doing owning a timber mill that private business determined unviable? This is madness!!
70328	Appropriately protected but appropriately accessible forests across Victoria.
70338	Victoria's forests and natural areas are protected in perpetuity. Their natural and cultural values are recognised, protected and enhanced by all. Forests contribute economic values to all Victorians without needing to be disturbed. Forests provide health and wellbeing benefits, as well as essential services such as clean air and water. They have sustained species and ecological communities for millennia, as well as indigenous persons for thousands of years. They are now used by communities for recreation and recovery from busy lifestyles. They are essential to human life but also depend now on human management to ensure they are sustained into the future.
70341	Logging, sustainably practised as is the current situation, in conjunction with traditional fire management, for people to enjoy. My experience is that tourism impacts the forests more than logging - rubbish, etc, so we still need resources managing and supervising. And access and growth and education from the viable industry that we have.
70361	cycling, indigenous heritage, biodiversity and ecosystem services, clean and healthy aquatic ecosystems.

70429	<p>The image of the tree fern lined pristine creek: Is the vision of what I hope our future forests will look like because it is a forest that has a right to BE, a right to live, unmolested, and not just as a place for human beings to have fun on the weekends. It is the life support system of species and entire communities. Why do we always reduce everything in the world down to what purpose it serves human beings or how economically valuable it is?</p> <p>The second image I like is the Indigenous person doing a smoking ceremony in the forest. We should definitely follow the example of indigenous people who would never have destroyed 500 year old forests for Reflex copy paper or toilet paper! They think 7 generations ahead, not in short-term economic gain. Those benefiting from the logging industry are an elite group of people who are destroying the world's lungs for their own families' gain. I like the idea of unions protecting vulnerable workers, but the CFMEU are complicit in the ECOCIDE.</p>
70486	<p>Indigenous custodianship that listens to the land, respects the land as an ancient living entity. Pristine waterways.</p> <p>Diverse, complex forest ecosystems.</p>
70508	alive and free, away from busyness and consumptive values of human settlements.
70551	I'm inspired by all these photos because there's no Parks signs locking people out of OUR forests.
70552	Our forests: where recreation meets conservation
70647	Stronger forests for our future.
70805	<p>My vision is of intact ecosystems with few introduced species, excellent diversity, significant examples of old growth and clean waterways. Visitors come from around the world to walk, ride, swim, climb, paddle, drive or camp. Impacts are well managed with a variety of access options and activities available that are in keeping with the value of the surrounding forest. Forest visitors will have excellent, well designed and easily accessed web based information with quality maps. Access (at least for all Australians) is free to all public land, but where necessary, booking systems (eg for camping spaces) are done through the same high quality website. The timber industry has transitioned fully to plantations as the range of forest values are now managed for with emphasis on values that are complimentary (water, carbon, tourism etc). Our forests are resilient to climate change, Threatened species are in recovery and Victoria has a growing employment sector from tourism and recreation.</p>
70882	Sustainably managed forests that are managed at a landscape level to maintain biodiversity, create regional employment, supply sustainable timber products and mitigate the affects of climate change.
70906	A beautiful place to enjoy hiking, swimming, bird watching and non-destructive camping to enjoy pristine natural areas and scenic views.
70930	My vision for the future of our forests is all of these pictures. My wish for future families to enjoy these areas, sustainable logging, fire control camping, sports, heritage and locals can use these beautiful areas and be proud of this magnificent bush for the future.
70953	Open tracks not close national parks clean rivers and areas that can regrow after fires
70968	<p>All of the images should be part of the forest future.</p> <p>No one aspect should take place at the expense of any other .</p> <p>Responsible Timber harvesting can take place & still maintain all the other uses.</p>
70986	Victoria's expertly managed native forests and plantations providing jobs, timber and timber products to the world, together with a reserve and parks system which protects and enhances the environment for our wonderful flora and fauna and provides a recreational experiences for all.
71004	Flow with the rhythm of nature.

71022	All of the above, if properly regulated and managed to protect and sustain the natural environment. Regrettably, there is too little money allocated for management (control of people, weeds, pest animals) and infrastructure to expect that will happen.
71031	I would find it hard to choose only a few of the images provided and only comment on them, as all these images are in my vision of the future of our forests. From the beauty, respect of the aboriginal ideologies, haven for our fauna and flora, history of our past, recreation and an environment that proved valuable jobs and resources, this is how I see our forest.
71052	Victorian forests, sustainably managed for everyone.
71089	Create a balanced approach between biodiversity, resource management and recreational uses.
71131	Respect and protection of our irreplaceable natural heritage.
71157	Our forests are a great place to go 4 wheel driving, sightseeing & camping. To have access to all these by well managed tracks, bbq areas & facilities.
71234	All the images inspire me. Our native flora and fauna and scenery is amazing but there is also a place for industry and culture all along side one another with careful and unbiased management. It will take some careful steps but it is attainable if the far left dont take over before its too late. I want my grand children to be able to enjoy the bush as I have for all matter of uses.
71242	Our forests are the envy of the world for their sustainable, precious timber production. They are a place where the perfect climate, altitude, rainfall are leveraged for timber and forest products.
71248	A healthy, thriving landscape of exceptional beauty that is freely available for all users to enjoy. For example, a place where the family can pack up the 4WD, dog included and head out exploring tracks, camp where they like and be able to try their luck at catching a fish to cook up on the camp fire for dinner.
71297	all these places are what most people including timber workers live for, to spend some time relaxing in the forest is the best time spent with our family
71351	My vision is to conserve the outstanding remnant forests in Victoria, and for an increase in strategically located biodiversity zones (national parks?) in East Gippsland, where there is the last continuous unbroken vegetated areas on the east coast of Australia, from alpine environments to the coast. My vision includes an increase in ecotourism, where 'tree top walks' are allowed, with more hiking, 4WD and hunting opportunities for the community to access places of natural wonder at low cost with low impact. There are no cats, no deer and 200 year old trees with hollows. The EPBC Act applies across the board and there is active compliance. My vision includes the end of divisive attitudes, where forests in East Gippsland are visited more by locals and visitors for increased recreation opportunities and a shift away from timber harvesting of very old native trees.
71384	Control handed back to the indigenous owners. Clean waters. Clear air. More trees, rivers, plant-covered mountains. Access dictated by the traditional owners.
71422	My vision is for forests that are healthy and biodiverse. These forests can help us prevent runaway climate change and provide us with drinking water for a growing population while also providing places for nature-based recreation and jobs in the tourism and recreation industries.
71468	The last photo of water, with river over rocks in a forest looks untouched not manipulated to represent something that humans can use, but will leave an environment that will actually continue to function and sustain our existence by having clean water and producing oxygen both things that we need to sustain life.

71487	Fine visions of some regrowth forest and historic sites thanks to the timber industry. I believe that most of these images would not have been available unless the timber industry opened up the country. The first image shows a smoking display as part of welcome to country. 2nd image shows a river and people enjoying it. 3rd image recreational drivers enjoying the views. 4th image cyclists enjoying a ride on a bush track. 5th image landscape of bush with harvested cupes in the distant. 6th People camping. 7th Trestle bridge. 8th regrowth bush. 9th More bike riders. 10th Old growth tree left to grow. 11th Forestry checking grade. 12th Mountain stream. All of these images have one thing in common, in some way or shape, logging has had an impact on every one of the activities, camping, bike riding, driving, bush walking.
71503	Please see above.
71626	My vision is characterised by every photo posted above. All values need to be managed in conjunction with each other. I have described my vision in my answer provided for the second question.
71637	Timber, jobs, hunting, fishing enjoying state forest
71663	All these images represent my vision for the future of our forests. They can, and should, co-exist.
71667	History of the bush people work and lived in. Beauty of our rivers and streams enjoyment of fishing and all things that go camping bike riding 4/4 driving
71673	I do not see logging so quite misleading that this does not fit with forestry. We should be proud of the heritage of logging in Australia. Whilst all scenes are pretty, they are not alone helpful in the overall upkeep of the land.
71690	Keep the timber industry alive. It's a valuable sustainable resource
71691	Forests managed for all purposes just like Finland
71692	Forrest's free to all to use for any activity they choose including sustainable logging
71697	Untouched native forest as far as possible with the characteristics existing pre-European settlement.
71698	Protected forests maximised for conservation of ecosystems waterways and tourism for and by local rural communities and traditional owners. Stop non-plantation logging and ensure resources and facilities for tourism experiences that enable harmonious economic use with conservation and ecosystem services
71753	Forests can be and should be used for all activities above why just pick 1 or 2
71768	Certainly learning from the traditional owners and their practices, and engaging their services would be paramount. Keeping our forests as pristine as possible with reduced access, helping to keep them pest free.
71787	My vision is for every picture here to be not only a picture but a way of life and what the future will continue to hold for Victorians and our forest/parks. Imagine we took the opposite of these photos. Photos of industrialisation and mines or buildings and concrete, deforestation and dams/rivers run dry. Take those photos and put them side by side with these photos above, now ask every Victorian what they would prefer to see in the future. I know what I would pick and I reckon 99 percent of the population would be there right with me. We need to do everything we can to protect our beautiful state.
71813	A healthy sustainable ecosystem that provides climate refugia for threatened species and diverse flora, fauna, fungi and healthy waterways, while encouraging community connection and appreciation of the outdoors with non-destructive recreational activities. Ideally, forests could provide various natural resources including small-scale localised selective timber thinning with no impact on mature hollow bearing trees. Experience in the Strathbogies, however, suggests that existing controls are inadequate.

71814	My vision is restored and protected forests where native flora and fauna can thrive and therefore provide humans with amazing scenery, excellent air quality, drinking water, protection from imminent disastrous climate change, and at the end of the day, a future of more than a few hundred years.
71830	Forests left to develop into mature ecosystems, pristine and free from pollution, places for people to connect to nature in various ways, clean water, clean air, rich soils, abundant plant diversity, abundant wildlife, no clear fell native logging coupes.
71857	A place where we can enjoy some space and have peace to just be in touch with nature and ourselves.
71872	My vision is that more of the public understand that forests can be managed to provide multiple benefits and that conservation and timber harvesting are not mutually exclusive
71876	<p>Forests will be managed using a combination of western and traditional knowledge. IPAs will become more common, employing more Aboriginal people in their local area as well as becoming an educational resource. Engaging local elders with forest management queries will become more common practise for all authorities in the field.</p> <p>Local forests should have community days for management or simply bringing the community together.</p> <p>Any forests that are closed off to the general public should be granted special consideration for Aboriginal cultural practises.</p> <p>Natural waterways in forests and urban areas should be clean enough to swim in. More storm water drains and creeks should be filtered by natural processes e.g. planting reeds. Forests should be managed with an ecosystem wide approach making sure to create habitat for important species within the area and maintaining the original landscape. Education on our local ecosystems should be part of the curriculum in primary schools.</p>
71888	<p>An intact forest landscape that holds multiple values for many Victorians. I hope that this landscape will include a mix of land tenures, including National Parks, Wilderness areas and State Forests.</p> <p>I hope that this forest will not be decimated by fires.</p>
71893	The bush is a great family escape and always affordable
71897	<p>Pristine clean forests with clean running water, plenty of natural habitat for animals. Designated nature trails for people to enjoy the beauty and scenery.</p> <p>Educate the community to look after these areas for the enjoyment of everybody.</p>
71898	Forests have a right to exist in a healthy state for their own intrinsic value. We are therefore obliged to protect forests from the misuse by many existing users (eg. vehicles and mtn bike damage to biodiversity and soils) and from the large scale timber and wood chip exploitation and mining of the past - so as to provide improved biodiversity and all the benefits that would accrue - including a safe climate and a model world leadership in action on climate change. We owe this improved care and restoration of forests to the forests ecosystems themselves, to traditional owners and to future generations - for without it this change the planet will collapse.
71900	All off the above there is room for all we have great national parks & historical sites & old growth forest& there is still room for harvesting & looking after our environment.
71904	I want to know that nature, as represented by our native forests, exists. Without a connection to nature our existence is meaningless.
71932	My vision for our forests is to see equality for all. Controlled timber harvesting, cattle grazing to reduce fire fuel, weed control to improve our forests.
71960	Healthy trees help to protect the environment and our food chain. Allowing access to beekeepers is vital to food security. Sectioning off certain areas for 4WD, camping and mountain biking will help protect the forests and food security for all. Beekeepers/Apiarists' protect our forests as food security is vitally important to all.

71996	Sweeping tracts of forest and other landscapes which are as close as possible to native and natural. Large trees to absorb and store carbon and to be the lungs of our state and to help cool the local area. Wealth of biodiversity which allows flora and fauna to thrive without pests or human threats of endangerment or extinction. Opportunities to study and learn from the biodiversity. Some access by peaceful methods eg walking, bikes to allow people to exercise, learn, enjoy, appreciate, find peace amongst nature - good for physical and mental health. Clean water with a functioning water cycle and clean air. Where there are breaks in forest, allowances for significant wildlife corridors to maintain biodiversity health.
72001	My vision for the future of our forests is one which ensures that the current health is not deteriorated any further and natural habitat and biodiversity is maintained or improved. Education of natural environments is core in our schools and opportunities to immerse in activities within these natural environments is made available to every person in particular school aged children. The vision includes the idea that governments regardless of persuasion and ideologies will hold natural habitat conservation at the highest level and employ all powers vested in them to uphold these values and educate all others around the importance of maintaining healthy environments.
72002	I hope to see an immediate end to the logging of old growth forest and to see all forests and remaining wild places one day back in the care and management of Indigenous Australians.
72026	Support the Logging Industry to continue to harvest for a sustainable future. This will support families and small business in local communities.
72054	Victoria leading the way in forest management by developing sustainable practices that put a stop to further destruction of forests and promote forest regeneration. Forests being valued for a diversity of environmental, recreational, cultural and non-timber based economic values. Inclusive forest management that respects and involves local communities and traditional owners. Timber industry jobs being maintained by shifting the focus to plantation sources.
72062	Large areas of ecosystems with lots of biodiversity and levels of vegetation, tracks for people to experience the forests by walking or riding, attractive camping and picnic areas with adequate facilities to encourage people to visit the forest.
72082	Victoria has the best "managed for biodiversity" forests in the world. The survival of native animals and plants is considered as important as the survival of the human race. Without intact and functioning ecosystems, the human race will become extinct.
72099	I imagine an ecosystem able to continue to evolve and develop unabated by civilisation. Humans observing and learning to benefit our own cause for health and community. Intervention only limited to sustainable harvesting of natural resources with an equal give and take attitude.
72105	Through the employment of best practice forestry management it is possible to have a viable logging industry, balanced with environmental, recreational, and cultural values, while increasing employment through value adding secondary industries.
72163	They all look reasonable EXCEPT THE LOGGING.
72164	The maintenance of an intact ecological system is the only way to ensure the continued existence of biodiversity, safeguard water supplies and provide spiritual nourishment for ourselves and future generations.
72175	Heritage river protection of the Head water of the Wimmera river would be good start. Does look like these streams, as these are all from the much wetter east of the state.
72191	The forests are essential wild and remote places. Forests should be accessible but not overrun by roads and bike paths. A little effort makes the experience all the more enriching.
72194	Natural, healthy, unspoiled landscapes.

72240	<p>Bottom right image, with creek and ferns.</p> <p>I have a vision for a future for our forests. That future is not in logging, it is in ecotourism, securing our water supply and creating a safer climate.</p>
72243	Protected.
72260	<p>My vision is paddling in the river with my 3 adored grand children. I will tell them how I responded to this survey and how I passionately tried to have my voice heard, to protect these special places, so they can experience and enjoy them. I'll tell them we're not separate from the forest, we rely on it and by destroying these places we're damaging ourselves. I hope they will stand up and be strong voices and advocates also. We'll paddle, paint, talk and maybe volunteer with citizen scientists, to learn more about these deep relationships within nature. Leadbeater's possum? survived! Greater gliders? survived! Barred galaxias fish? survived! all our other delightful species currently being logged to extinction? all survived!</p> <p>I hope I can tell them that the Andrews government cared and under Lily D'Ambrosio as Environment minister took decisive action to finally rule out logging of our native forests - that they had skills and the will to quickly transition the industry.</p>
72262	<p>One day I hope that there are more campsites for future generations to enjoy overnight. I hope they have fun exploring the wilderness, swimming, kayaking, playing and learning. I also hope that we can save all the wildlife and one day not worry about their extinction and the forest burning to the ground. I hope for a enjoyable forest to be used at will - I'll have to wait for society to advance, them to stop littering and to them to want to protect the land. I want a future were everyone cares, not what we have today were those who care are called "greenies".</p>
72273	A haven for all life. A place for humans to be and connect to, to respect, to use and to enjoy.
72280	<p>Bottom right: A beautiful place to visit and see the pristine waters that will reach our rivers. My vision is preservation of these areas. They must never be contaminated.</p> <p>The sound of water cascading over rocks and the beauty of the ancient vegetation provides an unforgettable experience and reminds us that the world has been here for millions of years and does not react kindly to our excessive intrusion.</p>
72283	<p>My vision is for the wet rainforests of Victoria to survive climate change. For these wet gullies to remain wet and full of life. My vision is of controlled bushfires that aren't so catastrophic. Of people working together to care for the forests. Of children in 100 years time going to this place where those trees still remain, healthy and vibrant.</p>
72296	A place for all to have fun
72304	<p>Too much focus on people. The government's job is to protect our resources to ensure they will be there for future generations to do all the things we currently do without damage or harm.</p>
72314	<p>Looking out over the mountains or down flowing rivers should all be available into the future for low impact legal motor bike trail riding.</p>
72315	<p>A Government that honestly and sincerely values and invests in the true value of our forest ecosystem by protecting and properly manage the essential ecosystem services our forests provide.</p> <p>For future generations to be able to benefit from a thriving, biodiverse forest ecosystem, clean water, clean air and associated health benefits.</p>
72317	<p>Hiking through the rugged terrain to hunt deer or fish in a remote stream, and camp alone in the wilderness is a magical thing that needs to be protected.</p>
72324	<p>The high country, I spend alot of time hunting up in the high country. It is upsettinh we dont have hunters in your photo. I also visit a lot of non hunting bush walks and historic landmarks.</p>

72331	As already stated everyone should be able to use the bush , timber workers also play a big part as does logging
72334	Stress and poor mental health is a major social issue for Australian males. Providing people with a place where they can enjoy their sport whilst supporting the local community is good for all. Keep tracks open for trail bike riders.
72337	The 4wd, the camping, the rivers, the views , the hunting, proper fire management. All these things make the bush a great place for the people who use it for what it is. So much history can be found within the hills. Taking that away will be devastating for many and solve absolutely nothing. It's the recreational users who keep access to these places open or many others and emergency services I.
72343	<p>Government allowing resources to be under utilised is a shameful waste. Forests are healthier if regularly "farmed" like aboriginals used to do with fire farming. Properly managed timber harvesting and regeneration uses the resource sustainably and improves the forest, especially if combined with fuel reduction burns. Otherwise the forest is more vulnerable to intense bushfires that destroy large areas of forest and destroy the wildlife that live in it.</p> <p>Allowing a diverse range of activities also increases the value of the forest to the people who use it and the communities that live near the forest providing food and accommodation etc for the people who use the forest. Locking up a forest as a National Park with limited use just diminishes the value of the forest and is a shameful waste</p>
72344	Ancient Australia that still breathes today. Precious wild and loved for its unique diversity and rich cultural meanings. A land of names that talk of the first peoples stories. I want the world to see our strong respect for this land, water, plants and creatures. Their future now depends on us. Lets be proud of using best practice in our approach. Ensure nature is properly funded. (All wealth originates with the earth. To undervalue nature is our biggest mistake.) We are better people when we are encourage to stand within a wild place filled with love. We find our souls and we belong.
72347	My vision includes all the above not one person or user group should be discarded when we think of who gets the right to our native forests. I understand the reason for rules and guidelines to be in place but all should be in couraged .
72348	Rail trails benefit i minority not the majority.
72349	To ensure sustainable management of our forest resources and the protection of our native wildlife and fauna. And to allow access for all user groups to partake in recreational activities including, but not limited to, camping, hunting, bush & trail walking, hiking, bike riding, fishing, four wheel driving, horse riding and motor bike riding.
72365	To be a living "friend" & use it for all our various needs. Open all accessible areas and allocate specific access & usage suitable to areas. Set limited times, cooler periods when people can collect fallen branches & litter from forest floor (reduces fire fuel). Allow tourist & camping activities in suitable areas, allow limited logging in various areas (look at regeneration times so that we can always have our timber products & sports). Maintain access tracks which assist with fire fighting - when previously logged areas have been closed totally as national parks the existing access tracks have been allowed to "grow" over. Also with logging in limited suitable areas it often means that suitable heavy equipment is nearby to assist with fire fighting if needed. Naturally it would be necessary to close to all activities from time to time to protect both users & forests - no access on fire ban days, days of dangerous winds, periods in winter when vehicle access would damage tracks.

72373	<p>We have limited pristine environments. These need to be protected with as little human damage as possible.</p> <p>Access should be be human power only (walking, pushbike) except for maintenance.</p> <p>Leave no footprints.</p> <p>Feral species of flora and fauna should be managed/ eliminated in order to eliminate further damage or extinction of natives.</p>
72375	<p>A place where old growth forests become even older and species that are currently endangered are able to thrive and increase in population.</p> <p>A place where humans have learned that you can drink straight from the rivers as there is no contamination in these areas to spoil the water.</p> <p>A place where there is no rubbish and it becomes second nature for humans to make sure they are as low-impact as possible to the area and encourage others to act the same.</p> <p>A place where indigenous plants and species thrive and those that are invasive and a threat to the long-term continuation of biodiversity are removed.</p> <p>A place where indigenous Australian culture is recognised and the traditional owners of these lands have a direct say in how these lands are managed and presented to the wider public.</p>
72383	Enjoying and experiencing nature and discovering history
72397	Bottom right picture (stream in the high country). Because it is wild and beautiful and one cannot see the hand of man anywhere...To know that this is still there...
72403	Where are the hunters and fishermen.
72409	<p>Clean healthy rivers which support biodiversity and are untainted with chemicals and runoff.</p> <p>Rivers where highly sensitive micro organisms are not threatened by human created contamination. Healthy rivers support strong environments and are indicators of proper landcare, strong regulation, sustainable agriculture and long term planning.</p>
72410	A beautiful natural world filled with greenery and clean air and water that adheres to landcare management systems of traditional owners which provides a place to be enjoyed respectfully by all humans and a safe home for all creatures
72411	Access to large forests where you can camp, 4WD , and hunt with your family and friends. An easily accessible wilderness that everyone can enjoy.
72414	Fresh air, pure water, eucalyptus aromas in the air. Reduce destructive industries. Look at revenue generated by places like the Overland track, Tasmania. Forests belong to the people and tourism can generate massive revenues.
72416	<p>We need accessible old growth forests for all users. Walkers, bike and motorcycle riders and 4WD's.</p> <p>Need to stop logging of native forests.</p>
72422	All the above inspire me ! Camping, 4 X 4 and motorbike riding is a great way to experience the Australian bush and see native wildlife.
72424	<p>A sensible balance between sustainable economic and environmental benefits.</p> <p>Recognition and promotion by the Gov to the community of the economic benefits of forest resources (the environmental benefits are well known)</p>
72427	There should be areas where people can do all of the above in the photos, but they all need to coexist and not impact on each other. There is always going to be areas where the public will impact on the ecology, but the species need an opportunity to have alternative habitat if that is not available. Equally if there is forestry agreements in place over an area, but a threatened species move into that area that needs it to increase habitat to maintain a healthy population, then that should be reassessed accordingly.
72434	coexistence of cultural, economic and social benefits of a well managed forest and forestry industry.

72440	<p>I love these natural landscapes, with clear flowing rivers and lush forest. It is regenerative and powerful to stand in the forest. It helps us (me) stay grounded and reminded that we are also part of the earth and shall return to these energy cycles one day.</p> <p>We LOVE the chance to go camping in quiet places amongst the trees and bush.</p> <p>Maybe there is a place for some highly protected areas, but I do think that multiple use of these landscapes is OK provided it is protective and sustainable. Large scale commercial development is not (in most cases) welcome. It is critical to maintain the current character of our forests as much as possible.</p>
72457	<p>Less deranged leftard hippies destroying the bush, go back to destroying the cities, you're good at it.</p>
72458	<p>The website doesn't want me to select an image.</p> <p>Preference 1: bottom right shows clean water, a beautiful diverse ecosystem. I can smell the forest just by looking at it.</p> <p>Preference 2: top row showing people in water. This picture shows a lush forest with clean water and the opportunity for people to engage with it in a low-impact way.</p> <p>Preference 3: top row with view of hills. This picture shows a great expanse of in-tact forest not scarred by logging or fire. It would be home to many native birds, animals and flora allowing them to survive into the future.</p> <p>Preference 4: bottom row in middle - large tree. This picture shows an old-growth tree that would provide habitat for fauna, shade for fauna and flora, beauty and the capture of carbon.</p> <p>Preference 5: Middle row on left. This picture shows people camping and enjoying nature in a low-impacting way</p> <p>Preference 6: bottom row second to left. Cyclists enjoying nature in a low-impacting way.</p>
72462	<p>Victoria's forests should primarily be valued for their ecosystem services and the benefits they have on community health. Clean air and water is not possible (or will be extremely costly) without healthy forests.</p> <p>Destroying an ecosystem for consumables such as letterbox catalogues, magazines, and newspapers ought to be banned in our current digital age. They are obsolete, ineffective, and unethical. Our forests bring far more value to us when they are still erect and healthy.</p>
72493	<p>Exploring rich, old damp environments full of history and life.</p>
72497	<p>Stop logging our forests and start managing them for their ecological values.</p>
72528	<p>As above to be able to continue to live my life, every week, using our state forest to walk the dog, take the kids mountain biking and spend time with my mates dirt biking and four wheel driving.</p>
72534	<p>My vision is for a forest that is allowed to grow old in peace so that we do not continue sending our endangered wildlife down the path to extinction. A National park in the Central Highlands would be an amazing asset for Melbourne. Attractions such as a zip line and guided tours would bring tourists to the area, create jobs and the viability of small regional towns in the area would be assured.</p>
72540	<p>My vision is of tall trees, crystal clear water, bird song, astonishing flora and fungi, endangered animals like the lead beaters possum being appreciated and understood by the whole Victorian community.</p>
72542	<p>all types of outcomes need to be catered for. Recreation for people is integral in the developement of families through group contact happy people interact better within their communities and then care for their surroundings.</p>
72544	<p>Tourism is shit for the bush. I work all around Mount baw baw and every year in snow season the tourists line the road to mount baw baw with rubbish. There is toilet paper all up the sides of the road genral rubbish its disgusting. Dont belive me go up snow season and have a look your self.</p> <p>Logging is the way the forest should be managed.</p>

72545	My vision is that our forests be able to be used and enjoyed by all, whether a recreational vehicle enthusiast, hunter, hiker, horse rider there is enough land for us all to co enjoy safely. Unfortunately some dont share this dream and wish to shut some groups or minorities out rather the learning to share peacefully
72546	More outdoor activities enjoying nature in every way they can
72549	Freedom and adventure
72550	All activities as long as they're in designated areas.
72553	Ongoing use for many of thousands of people to continue there outdoor activities
72556	Access for everyone to use. Teach the next generation to love and respect the bush
72558	Forests are ideal for mixed recreational use.
72562	Exploring and experiencing for multiple outdoor pursuits. 4wd, trailbikes, mountain bikes, ebikes, bushwalking, camping, kayaking, escaping.
72564	I don't see any motorcycle pictures above? I want to see motorcycle and the forestry groups bridge the gap, I don't want to see a 100% lockout of recreational riders. I want to see the people doing the wrong thing punished, including riders and also people stringing up wires. I think if both groups rec riders and greenies got together and worked on solutions both groups would have each other's respect and sustaining our forests can become both there jobs
72568	Siting buy a beautiful river with the family camping having breakfast getting ready to go on a nice 4wd trip to take in some scenery
72574	My vision is of forests being used by all. Where hunting is accepted as a natural part of human existence. Not only native culture but European heritage as well. One where families can hunt together and get back to their natural roots and refill their souls without harassment by emotional, unrealistic activists.
72575	Access for all to our beautiful forests. New camping areas. Sustainable timber harvesting. Collection of dead firewood. Hunting, camping, motorcycle riding, four wheel driving, cycling, bushwalking in a shared environment. Harsher penalties for the small minority that ruin it for others.
72585	Open for access
72586	I want to see the forests protected but also want people to have access for camping and recreation
72588	Camp, fish, swim and hunt from a riverside camp spot. Awesome.
72589	Preserved, pristine environments that protect our precious biodiversity and humanity by the clean air and water along with the sense of well being that our forests provide.
72592	See the sustainable use by all, no one owns it, not even the indigenous. Allow the continued access for all to enjoy. Allow the communitys to be able to sustain the life style and look after there area and to be proud of it. Aren't we trying to un clutter the city's.
72594	More access for all.
72597	I notice there are no hunters in the images, and my vision includes. Me being able to continue to freely hunt, and being able to pass on the cultural tradition of hunting to my children. From the images that are included. It entices me to go camping in a remote area, beside an alpine stream.
72600	No more logging. Areas for low key recreation, walking trails. Healthy eco systems, rivers.
72601	The image of the river running thurgh the rainforest is what I picture when thinking of our forests. The wildlife and the ecosystem surrounding that is something future generations shouldn't miss out on.

72630	Ecotourism and passive, low impact enjoyment of the ancient forests should play an integral part of our future forest management. Research and keeping indigenous culture alive and present should be of utmost importance. If we preserve our natural environment and maintain the integrity of our ecosystems then we have an indefinite source of income and fulfilment for future generations. If we degrade our forests by logging old growth areas then we effectively hand the largest value of our natural resources to a few centralised groups and retain nothing for the future of Australians.
72635	A society that recognizes that if we take care of our environment we take care of ourselves. There is nothing money can buy that is more valuable than the essentials: clean air, clean water, healthy environment with intact natural heritage and biodiversity values. Protecting our remnant native forests as the treasure troves they are serves to protect the most valuable assets we will literally ever possess - our air quality and climate, our water security, the truly sustainable enterprises that afford us the opportunity to make an enriching living without destroying and desecrating the magnificent other species with which we share this planet.
72638	Our self perception should be informed by an acute awareness of the wonders of nature. It's so important that our natural world not be perceived as a commodity to be consumed for its 'useful' values.
72661	Somewhere people can go to feel and understand the Aboriginal connections to the land. I want to see nature how it was when humans weren't destroying it and feel and see the real beauty.
72666	A world of beauty and complexity, with an ancient history that moves through it and teaches all who walk through it and on it.
72688	My vision for the forests is to love them and use them as a tool for educating future generations.
72709	Clean water and a healthy ecosystem for future generations
72714	A place where everyone can enjoy the outdoors. Where the forest is being managed by the DWELP, or whatever their latest name is, not only keeping forest litter down and keeping fierceness of fires at bay, but removing introduced plant species from rivers and gullies. Where sustainable timber harvesting can be achieved. Where you can collect fire wood from fallen trees etc. A place where our rivers are clean and free from unacceptable mining. The cultural and historical aspects saved for future generations. No one body of people having a lopsided view of how they want the bush run, aks those that live there, work there, relax there, we know it intimately. And if you do ask LISTEN AND ACT.
72734	Please save our forests, especially old growth forests which are so important for our biodiversity, carbon storage, healthy water and natural beauty for tourism.
72739	The importance of engagement and enjoyment of areas. Unfettered use of 4-wheel drives and dirt bike must be controlled - too much damage already
72749	I would like to see more tracks and camping areas to be able to take our children and their children to so we can all enjoy..... Dirtbike riders, four wheel drivers and mountain bikers hikers everyone
72774	Enjoyment by families, education, history, of culture, shows no animals or reptiles or fishing. why have the aboriginals first, the feature needs to be the forest. Displays the peace and tranquility of the areas.
72776	We have some of the worlds best reserves set aside as different types of forest. The mix between state park , state forest, national park and water catchments is proportional to the current usage. As our population increases, more and more people are discovering these natural assets and wanting to discover them also. If usage parameters are redefined, our future generations may only be able to experience the forest through a computer interpretation display as all the natural entrances will be locked gates I feel there would be massive economic backlash to small communities adjacent and en-route to forest destinations if our forests were to become a great

	forest national park, as people just wouldn't go in the same numbers as previously. All the activities we have grown to love doing in state parks should remain. .
72812	7 of those images above are not fully possible in national parks. Unless camping in three possible spots in a 30000h area is still camping
72816	It's hard to choose one of these images because I have experience most of them myself Looking at great ranges of mountains from the peak of another Or camping in a valley by a creek I love the thought of exploring Australia's bush on my Mountain Bike, pedaling over and under historic bridges, stopping to see vast views, having a rest by a cool river, then setting up camp for the night somewhere quiet. But I also want to one day work in forestry, not so I can just kill trees, but so I can provide to those who need timber; for houses, bridges, signs for greenies who say "save the trees" and many other uses for timber. I want to experience everything the forest has to offer and I hope it isn't taken away.
72821	An environment preserved and maintained in a pre-european colonisation state. Camping and low impact leisure activities are great. Logging, mining and high impact tourism projects are not.
72824	Big green forests, clean rivers, good respectful people, no derros.
72851	I would like to see better fuel reduction plans in place, so that our children and their children can enjoy the wonders that we can access today.
72857	The trestle bridge image tells the story of the timber industry which 'opened up' the forests. The forests are still there despite being logged or harvested to provide important basic building blocks for generations of humans. State forests are 'working forests' and should continue to be managed as such.
72866	Pristine creekline, this leads to a healthy ecosystem which the flow in effect is priceless. Clean environment = healthy systems (tangible and intangible)
72877	Second image: to have a healthy natural environment where all ecosystem services have value in the eyes of the community and where the balance of the environment, the economy and the people are not in antagonistic adversarial competition but are working together for everyone's benefit.
72883	the oldest of lands... ragged mountain ranges, sweeping plains, nobody for miles - the only sound the birds in the canopy, or the rustle of a snake or lizard in the undergrowth. teeming with life from the smallest microbe to the largest marsupial. narrow trails, clean water, far from any city lights so that the night sky can be seen in all its glory. no 4WDs, no bikes, no industry - certainly no quarries or logging: our heritage needs to be protected from the almighty dollar and human hubris.
72887	Intact, old growth, biodiverse forests that store carbon and produce high quality drinking water.
72905	Wilderness with beauty for nature and people to share
72907	I love the bush and would like to see it as a hydrated viable ecosystem. Too many fires actually turn a rain forest into a forest then a woodland, a grassland and finally a desert. We must be very careful not to over burn the environment and one way is to plant some deciduous trees in stands and corridors which will deflect and mitigate forest fires. When forest fires burn out of control the forest itself can take years to really recover and will often lose some of its character and species of plants and animals. Too much fire dehydrates a moist forest environment and its tree ferns. I have seen this happen at the forest around my home. The lushness is gone and is replaced by a new and more desiccated environment with fewer species.

72963	All of these images represent the diversity of cultural and natural values our forests offer. I think it is critical that we recognise that aboriginal communities have the longest (and often strongest) connection to our forests and that they have a central role to play in their management. These images show that not all activities can occur on every piece of forest. However across the landscape there are opportunities for all to coexist in a manner that does not impede on each other. Our forests need to be for every one and that means appropriate planning of how who and how we use our forests and where.
72970	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg Vision: healthy ecosystems which enable stable flora & fauna populations. Ability for communities to explore the forests on limited pre-formed tracks.
72973	One of Australia's greatest assets. They need to be protected and managed in a sustainable way - ensuring access for all. Not chopped down but not locked up out of reach. Better roads (smooth out some of those 4WD tracks!), transport, facilities, and lower cost to enter alpine areas in particular. Unlock some incredible tourism potential with activities, attractions, and accommodation. e.g. glamping, flying foxes, snow tubing, better and more alpine huts, restoration of historical areas / ghost towns, upgraded walking trails, more campfire spots. Oh and fewer blackberries and feral animals! Big ask I know. In a nutshell, please ignore the extremists on both sides whether they use handcuffs or bulldozers, and keep the forests open and accessible to all.
72975	I would like to see and be involved in improving biodiversity quality, conservation and ecosystem services and see improved capacity for forests to survive and even thrive in the face of climate change. I would like to see communities, government and industry stakeholders working together to find and implement the most sustainable and sound ways to preserve and promote forest health, while simultaneously having their needs for resources, recreation and culture met.
72984	we need a more balanced approach the greens have all but ruined every thing for all victorians
72986	Victoria's Natural Wonders - A sense of adventure - Nature's calling you to experience all its wonders and splendor. Escape the rush of the everyday and relax and rediscover your inner self in peace and tranquility.
72992	The bottom right hand picture which is typical of rainforests in Victoria and Tasmania shows the role forests play in both the production of rain, and the feeding of clean water filtered through tree roots to streams, and in many cases to drinking water for towns.
73000	When I look at these photos my current vision of the forests is no cultural burning, charred riverbanks burnt heritage bridges and vistas of dead trees. Given current policy and plummeting fuel reduction burning targets I don't see any change, as fire chiefs worry more about owning more water bombing aircraft, than actively managing forest fuel levels.
73006	A Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative Reserve system as the backbone for properly managed forests across the landscape. Victoria is not in isolation, we cannot just shut down industries and capacity here and expect to import substitutes so we also need a sustainable timber industry and minor forest produce utilisation including apiary, fenceposts, firewood and products for traditional ingenious use.
73009	I prefer the pictures that represent either little or no presence of humans or humans contributing in a positive way (volunteering, fire management). Low impact human activities that represent respect & stewardship of natural places.

73011	<p>The values for Our forests is the biodiversity. This is not understood by most Victorians. We need to communicate what this means and what are impacts do to these areas if we continue to eradicate the true reasons for protecting our forests.</p> <p>Sessions on fire ecology in fire prone areas and why management choose to manage the fire risk a certain way is widely misunderstood due to the limitations on the current knowledge of our forests and how damaging repetition of back burning can cause, the limitations on back burning on a moderate or intense wild fire. These aspects along with a lot of others need to be taught to the wider community.</p>
73021	A multi use forest estate producing a variety of benefits for all.
73031	natural beauty for future generations
73035	I would like to see all the images that depict care and and appreciation of the forest, its traditional owners input for its protection to be part of the future f our forest. Logging should be excluded.
73037	Tall forest fern gully, with no tracks, no weeds and hopefully allowed a century or more for the mountain ash to mature.
73038	<p>1) Consider the forests needs first and use second 2) fund Parks Victoria properly for conservation 3) update the forestry practices so that they better align with Ecological science and not just production quotas. 4) Keep passive recreation free and charge for high impact use such as 4WD and motorbikes 5) continue to invest in timber production on agroforestry sites on private land.</p> <p>But I do not want the use of the forests to be a higher priority than the conservation of it. I certainly do not want to see our native forests cleared to sell as low value products. Parks Victoria have been severely underfunded for too long and do not have the ability to do the conservation works that are so important, rather focusing on toilet and trails to keep visitors well serviced. This can lead to sections of our forests being totally overrun with weeds, especially where visitor numbers are low.</p>
73112	The Great Forest National Park - a connected landscape offering all the above benefits.
73116	A forest well managed by professional natural resource personally will be a much more diverse and robust landscapes than one locked up and forgotten about.
73133	Untouched bush. Amazing and thriving ecosystems. A time when we value above our own needs, not just the value we get out of them. These ecosystems have a right to exist outside of the value we perceive them to have.
73134	Mature healthy forests full of biodiversity is the best way to restrict the encroachment of invasive species, and provide clean water and air for all to enjoy
73135	Use of our forests being actively managed to maintain a pristine environment for all to enjoy. Recreational activities are encouraged and enhanced by improved facilities and increased interaction with rangers, including indigenous rangers.
73142	<p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>Sensitive tourist development.</p>
73164	<p>I envision beautiful natural spaces that are not impacted by human greed, but preserved through human compassion and innovation.</p> <p>Camping, trail walking and bicycle riding and other low impact activities within marked areas would all be supported to educate communities about preserving our forests.</p> <p>There would be no logging - instead, we would focus on reclaimed timber, and crops that grow quickly such as hump which can produce 4x as much as trees due to its growth rate, reducing the need to clear land for unnecessary resources.</p>

73169	Forests to be sustainably managed into the future with a primary emphasis on protection of biodiversity, to ensure that the benefits of provision of ecological services, water supplies, recreational activities and the beauty of the natural environment are preserved for current and future generations.
73178	Intact vegetation as far as the eyes can see. Large old trees with hollows occupied by birds and arboreal mammals. A plethora of bird calls and sightings of common species. The gush of waterfalls and flowing waterways. Clean water. No rubbish, no fishing lines. Few weeds. The potential to see or hear one or more of a number of threatened species which are recovering in numbers.
73197	The most ideal future for the remaining native forests of Victoria, is where they are all protected from commercial clear-fell timber harvesting. Where teams of scientists and researchers are employed to monitor and model and give advice for the best possible ongoing protection for the forests, and where the ultimate goal is the rejuvenation of all our remaining forests to as close to a pre-1750 era as we can get. The aim of this is to ensure the continuous spread of forest ecosystems across the majority of Victoria, which will allow for wide corridors for native species movement, as they will be forced to adapt to climate change. Science has proved that Old-growth forests are the healthiest and most robust and biodiverse forests, and if we can aim to restore Victoria's forests back to a balance of approximately 60-70% of all forests are old-growth, then we will have done the best possible service to the environment in a climate changed world.
73200	Future of our forests looks protected, as people begin to see is value for the health of the planet rather than its source of economic prosperity. This way people can involve themselves in activities that are outdoor such as camping, rafting, walking and hiking brining people and nature closer, and connected to the planet.
73201	That we can all indulge in the absolute purity natures offers if we seek it with respect and care for Mother Nature - I wish that everyone can experience the awe and serenity of natures abundant gifts.
73205	Enhancing our forests is the work at hand for humanity. The Wellsford Forest is an enormous natural asset being so close to Bendigo. Provide resources to re-establish Traditional land management practices particularly indigenous burning techniques.
73224	the images above tell me forests provide many services which we value both individually and collectively. My vision is to manage them as a portfolio of services rather than a discrete set of issues - be visionary. NOTE: I don't see any images linked to First Nations!
73225	The bottom right image shows the value of water catchments in the natural environment, the uncontaminated stream, aerated water, beauty, habitat for multitudes of species.
73250	The stream within the cool temperate rain forest. Allowing the natural order of the environment to proceed without the over-exploitation by humanity for personal greed and foster support for the environment to be replenished and respected as without it life can not exist on this planet.
73254	The biodiversity within our state forests represents over 2 million years of research and development done for us by nature. This invaluable natural resources must be preserved for future generations who will hopefully possess enough intelligence to recognise its value to themselves and the planet they inhabit.
73288	Habitat. Inaccessible to the public. There in its own right.
73302	To see young children walking, free camping and enjoying the forests. To see a sustainably managed pathway where needs for both parties are met, protection of old growth forests with new jobs created through tourism, park management and research. To actually see steps being taken to sure up the future of our forests and climate.
73306	Bottom right, the undisturbed stream. Just as you see it, beautiful and in its natural state.

73317	The above images remind me of my happiest times in our forests. Hiking, swimming or watching native wildlife. My vision is for a thriving, health forest ecosystem that can be enjoyed and cared for by all Victorians.
73347	<p>Flowing streams and blue mountain tops epitomise for me what we have here in Victoria, along with heath dry forest and grassy woodlands plus grasslands to the north. What we have lost and what we may yet lose more of are these plus the wide expanses of kangaroo grass and fields of yam daisy flowers from pre-1750 . I find this loss more than terrifying for future generations. It makes me terribly sad sometimes and yet I can still walk in these places and feel regenerated. To be able to walk to a freshly trickling stream take a drink of pure water and a second helping from the stream before walking on to the next would be bliss.</p> <p>I like the photographs, but what is missing are the insects, the animals and the birds. Is this missing element a message about the mass extinction that we are in the midst of.</p> <p>We need a new way to effectively manage & protect our forests & green spaces. Current spending by government is large, but for little success. Review current enviro protection laws</p>
73360	<p>Forests are protected and valued as treasured resources for carbon storage, clean air, clean water and fire management; ecological balance.</p> <p>People recognize the innate connection between environment and their own wellbeing.</p> <p>People respect and enjoy the benefits of protecting forests and harness opportunities to experience these benefits.</p>
73369	<p>Restore public forest policy to benefit local communities and the silent majority of taxpayers, not the ideology of a centralist anti-civilisation minority. Reinststate a forest policy determined by common sense, land capability principles and community benefit, so that renewable forest access, products and services can be returned to the local communities and economies.</p> <p>Encourage staff to maximise value on public land as a source of on going local revenue. This enables maximum biodiversity as a biproduct and we will have a great range of flora and fauna species in good numbers.</p>
73371	<p>I see a future where we live in full harmony with our natural world with respect and mutual interdependence; a world where our natural environment including our native forests can flourish and restore themselves from the past extreme degradation of ignorant, self-interested and apathetic over-use, economic exploitation and damage from human actions since white settlement .</p> <p>I see a future where we can interact safely with our forests for specific, carefully managed activities which cause it no harm and where we can benefit from via eco-tourism and certain activities such as bee-keeping which respects and enhances the biodiversity they contain.</p>
73442	<p>Cyclists, campers, broad vistas, rivers.</p> <p>People being able to access nature is important for them appreciating why it is important, which is essential for environmental protection. Good access to quality walking trails, cycling facilities and camping areas allows people to have that connection to nature that in turns helps the natural world.</p>
73479	<p>These images are all very well but I also see damage done by historic indiscriminate logging and mining, idiots dumping and trail bikes riding off-track down 'roo trails. What I would like to see is management that is a bit more proactive - especially with climate change and an ever-increasing population. By the way, there are no flowing rivers where I live - it is very dry box-ironbark country. The upside of this is of course - less fuel load.</p>
73482	<p>My vision is for the successful and immediate transition to a healthy climate and respectful relationship with the natural world in which humans will learn from school, home and Government to revel in the gifts of nature - clean healthy waterways, pure air, abundant rain, abundant wildlife, rich and diverse soil and plantlife - and to honour and conserve it rather than destroy and exploit it.</p>

73491	The following response is related to East Gippsland Water interests only: Forest management which ensures healthy catchments
73510	Natural, old growth, minimally touched, tracts of land which people can enjoy with little or no footprint to the environment.
73531	Are those 3 blokes in the 1st image carrying out a controlled burn?! Or having a smoking ceremony? Forests for human recreation include: walking, cycling, kayaking, swimming, camping, nature observing, etc, acknowledging and understanding heritage (Aboriginal and settler) - I enjoy doing all these things. NOT hunting or shooting with dogs or guns. I can't see any visions of forests that aren't anthropocentric. Are forests just there for humans to use, enjoy and exploit? I'd like to think we can acknowledge that forests are there for the animals as well.
73545	These beautiful images shown are increasingly rare, I see plenty of 'mongrel country' that could have, and should have been hardwood plantations.
73574	All uses are appropriate the key is balance across all aspects of the resource with no one view being more important than any other.
73579	Camping, 4x4ing, fishing, horse riding, bush walking, hunting, motorbike riding, prospecting, timber harvesting, bird watching, relaxing.
73600	People enjoying the outdoors in healthy forest
73601	Beautiful views with no buildings in sight. Natural flowing rivers and streams. Areas where families can camp.
73603	Leave more land untouched and protected. We love our planet and want our kids to be able to love it too
73605	The tumbling stream shows the importance of maintaining health forests for the benefit of our native fauna and for our water supply. Something that forestry degrades.
73608	Spend time with family and friends in clean and wondrous surrounds. Learn about bush tucker and natural medicines.
73611	well managed natural reserves that exclude human initiated deforestation.
73612	My son growing up and being able to traverse from one side of VICTORIA to the other through a great national park.
73613	Nature has worked for billions of years to perfect forests, with clean water, clean air, providing habitat for wildlife. Humanity must treasure and respect nature as we surely are doomed if it turns against us. All the money or power or fame or possessions will mean nothing if we don't have clean water to drink and grow our food, or clean air to breathe, or a natural environment to lift our spirits.
73614	Pic 1. Growth industry in forest management based on a combination of traditional and modern scientific practices with the client being the natural forest.
73615	I value a healthy, thriving forest ecosystem that benefits all Victorians and encourages wildlife proliferation.
73616	Heath and well being, clean water, clean air, taking time out to see our natural heritage
73617	Native forests should be preserved as a significant natural asset, water catchment and carbon sink. A forestry industry is important but should rely entirely on plantation sources. Major investment is needed to boost the plantation industry.
73618	We need our native forests more than ever at the moment. We need them as refuges for our staggeringly diverse ecosystems with their assemblages of plants, animals and other living organisms. We need them to provide us with the "ecosystem services" like clean air and fresh water and we need them to provide us with places to go to learn something about how all living things, including us, are connected on this fragile planet.

73619	Native forests should be preserved as intact , complex ecosystems, which provide a home to a range of plants and animals. We have destroyed and degraded so much of our natural heritage, it is morally unconscionable to exploit , in the current fashion, what is left.
73621	water quality, air quality, caring for other species, places to be quiet, silence...these are all part of a fulfilling life that shows compassion, understanding, communion with the earth
73622	It's about management for bio-diversity and the mitigation of climate change. There is no higher or more urgent purpose. Of course people should be able to enjoy the forests but without compromising the forests.
73626	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg My vision for the future of Victoria's forests is that they should be even more magnificent than they were when i was a child. That rivers and creeks should have ample levels of water, and fish diversity, and be clean for swimming in. There should be larger areas of forests, and the forests should be protected from logging, from commercial race-horse training.
73628	Let forests do their thing, stop cutting them down for short term gain and take a longer term view of the benefits they offer.
73629	My vision for Victoria's forests is that they are preserved from logging and protected to protect us and animals against climate change, deforestation and other man-made threats which threaten us and our biodiversities' way of life (and very extinction in the case of many animals and maybe one day us). I see our forests providing spiritual, natural and physical sanctuary from our busy world, heat, noise and tranquility, places to camp (take what you bring, leave only footprints), low impact and sustainable recreational activities (kayaking, cycling, hiking, wildlife observation). Obviously our forests require careful management and stewardship for renewal and growth (according to evidence-based best practice) to continue to ensure the provision of sanctuary and support for the natural world into the future in a sustainable and protected manner. Public spaces for public enjoyment; NEVER PRIVATE PROFIT, and SUSTAINABLE public profit only as benefits forests & (human/wild) community.
73630	The damage that has occurred over the last 150 years needs to stop. Our natural resources need to be cared for, firstly by nature itself, and secondly by indigenous knowledge. Small sections should be available for people to experience and wonder at the complexity, but should be respectful and sensitive.
73631	I want well managed forests that are cared for during the winter months to protect them from mud vandals.
73634	Drop the logging and the 4wd access. The rest are low impact. Recreational and natural spaces as close to pristine as possible. Not scared by logging or vehicle erosion. No vehicular noise pollution. No dumped rubbish. Minimal or better still no invasive and exotic animal or plant species.

73635	<p>Before me is a vista of dense, tangled forest. A place of such beauty I'm over-awed. Struck dumb by this stillness, this peace, The perfection of this age old and ageless place.</p> <p>The water is clear, sparkling and bright. Reflections bounce back in this magical light, Giving, twice over, the mountains and forest, Two-fold beauty – a bonus, a feast.</p> <p>Trees to the water's edge draped in hair. Logs and rocks softened by the damp air. Moss abundant, yellowish-green. Again I am awed by this perfect scene.</p> <p>The creatures of the wild -- You are safe from me, my friends. The magic of your home has touched my heart, has soothed my soul. I am restored, refreshed, renewed and immensely grateful.</p>
73642	Clean water flowing through undisturbed native forests, trees providing clean air and capturing carbon and low impact recreational enjoyment. No logging.
73643	<p>Our forests should be managed so they keep growing and reproducing and cleaning the very air we breathe. So people can experience the sound of water rushing over rocks, sparkling, tinkling, clear and clean restoring our faith, spirituality and awareness of our need for this refreshment after a week or a year of city living.</p> <p>That our Native animals have a safe environment to live, reproduce and feed as it is their right to do.</p> <p>So that coming generations will be able to enjoy these opportunities. Opportunities that are diminishing quickly under the present logging regulations.</p> <p>So that areas that are sensitive and historically significant to the Aboriginal people are preserved and that they can continue to visit and use birthing trees, and sacred burial sites.</p> <p>And simply so we can stop and wonder at the beauty of the mountains and forests, even if only on a brief car stop, to help us understand the beauty that we must protect.</p>
73644	Flourishing wilderness is the best thing we can hand down to our children.
73645	I cannot seem to select any images, but the ones that mean the most to me are the view out over the forested hills, and of the river running through the forest glade below it. It is the expanse and health of the forests that we need to keep, with thriving, clean water sources and large enough expanses to be viable. The large areas also benefit tourism in that it is still possible to get away from other people if desired, but also that the pressure of the tourism is dispersed over a much larger area and is therefore both more manageable and less destructive. This allows more people to benefit, and the forests to still thrive.
73650	Healthy, peaceful haven. Refuge from urbanisation and agriculture. A bank of healthy land for all species.
73652	Cool leisurely walks with the children appreciating the natural environment, clean air, clean water, observing nature, getting away from the city and consumerism etc.
73655	I can't select an image on my phone, but any that show unspoilt natural habitat.
73656	Stop all logging. Conserve native areas and prevent development of areas that should be preserved as national parks. Grow more trees and create more national parks

73657	Clean flowing water overhung with lush ferns, the sound of wind in the trees and the crystal clear call of birds. The crisp crackle of leaves on bush paths, a scurry of life in the bushes. Above all, the quiet immensity of nature, the spirit of generations past and a respect for the bounty we are privileged to enjoy.
73658	- Thriving healthy ecosystems, - community engaged in low impact recreation and opportunity to enjoy, learn and protect the bush - no species loss - clean water
73659	Do I have the right to compact soil, disrupt fauna or inadvertently damage the ecosystem by my presence? Vehicles, noise, light, detergent residue and odour all have a negative impact.
73660	the last image of river/ creek through rain forest is my vision of our forests. The other photos are all about human intervention and I do not agree with those.
73661	I envision that we value a healthy, thriving forest ecosystem as shown in this image of a wonderful stream flowing through a healthy forest, which would benefit all Victorians.
73663	Recreational activities
73664	These forests should be saved so that they can be shared by all. Don't lock them up or chop them down, create the Great Forest NP and Emerald Link NP and let everyone see what an amazing places they are.
73665	I think that all of these pictures have a valuable place in our Victorian forests. Balanced conservation of ecosystems should be accompanied by responsible management and sustainable management of industry which utilise the natural resources. I don't believe that one should come at the expense of the other, and I'd like to see future generations be able to enjoy the forests in the same way that I have.
73667	To sustainably manage Victorian forests for the longevity of the forestry industry, tourism and the Victorian economy.
73668	Tread lightly on our forests. Visit with awe and respect. Enjoy the beauty of nature at its most optimum level of health.
73671	Bottom right - looks like Cement creek on the Donna Buang Road near Warburton. The purity of water and air and light with the sound of water, there to drink just as it is, with the trees all around filtering and nourishing the atmosphere with their majestic and eternal presence - that is my vision for the highest life available on earth. Better than any drug or drink, etc., and giving to the spirit rather than depleting it.
73672	Untouched natural environment
73673	Wilderness reserved for plant and animal diversity, some areas accessible to walkers. No logging of old growth or native natural forests. The protection and preservation of our endangered waterways. More management of existing forests.
73674	I'd like to see multi use of forests by indigenous australians, walkers, cyclists, hunters, motorcyclists and 4WDers. BUT only if they've been trained to use these areas responsibly. Access to state forests and national parks should be a something people can earn and lose.
73682	multi purpose forests for all Victorians

73683	Victoria's forests should be conserved and protected at all costs. My vision for Victoria's forests is a range of different services within the forests. We should leave some areas for commercial logging (however we need to tighten regulation and we need to reduce the current amount), we should have some forests for mountain biking and hiking. It is important to note that we also need to leave some natural forests as they are- humans have no place to live in definitely in forests- we created cities because the means of subsistence in forests is unsustainable. Thus, some forests don't need a track or a path, they should be left to be their natural environment without disruption from humans. For the forests we have, allowing space for camping is necessary (with no waste- if you leave bins people will think it is okay to generate waste in excessive amounts). What I ask is please look to the DOC in NZ because they have amazing management.
73684	My (ideal) vision for the future looks green and beautiful, with the Great Forest National Park having an amazing impact on the health of the natural forests. Clean water and air ensures the future generations a long and healthy life. They also allowed to marvel at the wonders and beauty of the forests. By truly appreciating and caring for the natural world, future generations ensure that our world is preserved for centuries more.
73687	Keeping our forests for the health of the planet, our plants, our native animals and for the enjoyment walking and camping
73688	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg The sheer beauty of untouched wilderness
73689	Indigenous led, appropriately managed (see old ways, not CFA style) bushland and forests, enjoyed by the people who inhabit it, in a respectful and appropriate way. Informed by the delicacy of the eco-system, with minimal intervention and sculpting just for *our* sake.
73692	I value healthy, thriving forest ecosystems that benefit all Victorians without exploiting them. I can't work out how to choose the images, but the one's I choose are: Rainforest stream, landscape of mountains, camping, swimming, bike riding
73693	I'm originally from a dairy farm in Gippsland. I've spent a lot of time walking, camping in the Victorian alps over the years, and cross-country skiing. I have walked in to Tarli Karng, camped on the Macalister and the Snowy, camped with the children at the Den of Nargun; skied on the High Plains to Bogong and Mt Nelse. I love the mountains and the forests and I want my children and my grandchildren to be able to enjoy them as I have.
73695	I have chosen the image on the bottom right of the flowing river over rocks with trees and ferns. This evokes for me an example of a healthy ecosystem. Plentiful water, trees potential for water life to exist and thrive. All of these things benefit all Victorians. Just knowing that places like this exist provides me with a sense of comfort. I don't feel the need to actually have the ability to access directly these areas but knowing that we are protecting ecosystems such as these is enough. I don't wish to see an increase in access roads into native forests for the convenience of vehicle users. Our forests need to be protected from over use and exploitation. I do not want to see the exploitation of our native forests for a short term gain to a few we must now think of future generations and what they are going to inherit.

73698	Protect the Oldest Trees on this continent, they are our very own unique National LIVING Treasures. We as humans have no way of living to the great ages these trees can attain, generation after generation after generation must wait and watch for the passage of time to see the fullest splendour of these majestic creations, After 900+ years of growing we now have the machinery to destroy this life form in a matter of minutes, for money(?), the last 230 years have seen an environmental onslaught/catastrophe/arboricide of the Australian old and ancient treed landscape. We have only the remnants of the the mighty forest that existed, it is imperative that these last surviving trees are allowed to live protected from the mediocrity of the felling for the enhancement of humanity's appreciation of life in all its variety of forms. The health of our biodiversity is a reflection of our national health.
73699	Bottom right - looks like Cement creek on the Donna Buang Road near Warburton. The purity of water and air and light with the sound of water, there to drink just as it is, with the trees all around filtering and nourishing the atmosphere with their majestic and eternal presence - that is my vision for the highest life available on earth. Better than any drug or drink, etc., and giving to the spirit rather than depleting it.
73700	To allow this generation and future generations to experience the raw beauty of our land, with its unique creatures and flora.
73702	Except for the imagery of logging all other images represent a vision for the future.
73703	I'm surprised there are no pictures of the fauna.... the forests are thriving ecosystems of plants, rivers, rocks, bacteria, animals, birds, micro-organisms, soil and weather. My vision is a world where people understand we are but one species of the countless bio-sphere. We know every species has equal right to thrive, play and live in the forest.
73706	The image of the blue sky with the ranges in the distance reminds me of the feeling I get when I can look across a large expanse of natural Bush land disappearing into the distance with out farms or cities in view. The understanding that all sorts of animals and birds etc are going about there business in molested and that when I feel like it I can just walk as far I want and be surrounded by nothing but the natural environmental that our species evolved in.
73711	My vision is for our forests to remain in as natural a state as they were for the centuries before humans interfered with them. I think that people should be able to bush walk and camp in wilderness areas - in a controlled way - so as to protect ecosystems as much as possible.
73715	All of my vision for the future of Victoria's forests is underpinned by healthy, thriving forest ecosystems that benefit all Victorians.
73718	Being in contact of nature is essential to us, not only for our pleasure but for our survival ,without it the human race would mutated into something a lot more sinister
73719	If anyone clicks only one image here, they are biased and selfish. Every photo represents (should) our forests.
73720	Thriving old growth native forests for unique Australian species, clean air, pure water and vast spaces for generations to respect and cherish. Love the nature. Peace.
73723	My vision for Victoria's forests are that they remain protected and intact so that they can be enjoyed by future generations and create habitats for the great diversity of species that Victoria has. If the forests are not protected, we are doomed to lose them and will never get them back.
73724	Clean water, clean air, no logging in native forests and water catchments. Encouragement of passive recreational activities in forests. Shooting of deer in state forests concerns me because of multiple use areas there could be conflict and someone could get killed. Duck shooting should be banned: Trees should be left to provide habitat and carbon storage not logged for a pittance. They are worth so much more standing than loaded onto a truck and chipped for paper. Plantations

	should be taking the place of native forests. Our eco systems are under great stress and need to be protected.
73727	Places of peace and quiet to visit for a day or to camp in (camping must be carefully controlled, however, so as not to spoil the very beauty people have come there to admire).
73728	Beautiful places for people to enjoy and appreciate and animals and birds to thrive
73731	I value healthy, thriving forest ecosystems that benefit all Victorians. Native forest logging in Victoria is unviable and unsustainable ⁴ , with State Government loggers, VicForests, routinely bailed out by taxpayers like me. It's time to transition away from this failing industry. Our forests should be managed for the best use and value—which means managing for water and climate, as everyone needs clean drinking water and we all rely on a safe climate. Logging destroys water catchments and makes climate change worse.
73732	To see be able to visit the wild places of Victoria where I can see no sign of human presence or alteration of the landscape and environment. There are no feral plants and animals to destroy the environment.
73733	Forests left to just be....beautiful places to walk in....catchment of water supply.
73736	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg Healthy forest ecosystems that benefit Victorians and the planet, that are protected by law
73737	Wonderful natural beauty areas where flora and fauna are valued.
73739	My visions for Victoria's forests is of a national park where endangered species are preserved and biodiversity thrives. This would be a space where the natural environment is respected and valued as a space of unique heritage, our living lungs helping to maintain our atmosphere, clean and safe water catchment area, and where vicariously, victorian's will be drawn to enjoy and explore through carefully maintained hiking trails, cycle paths camp grounds and education centres. This would be a healthy vision for all Victoria's while keeping the imperative need for preservation and restoration of our natural resources at the heart of future endeavours .
73741	Vision to inspire others through spiritually connected places
73742	My vision for the future of our forests is that they should be protected, and where necessary and possible regenerated, so they can be our 'lungs', our sources of clean water and places where we can fulfil the basic human need to connect with nature. I have spent many wonderful times camping and walking in forests in Victoria like those in many of these photos and have learned much from the National Park rangers, including indigenous respect for and understanding of the land and the interdependence of ecosystems.
73743	I want to see traditional owners empowered to carry out traditional practices and management in our forests, and consulted first and foremost before any projects that will impact the forests are begun. Burning must be small scale and low intensity to foster maximum biodiversity rather than intense napalm-induced post-,going burns. Industry must move away from forest harvesting and towards revenge ration, regenerative management and protection of our natural assets. A transition must be sponsored by the government and see current industry professionals supported to adopt new, sustainable jobs
73746	Our forests will provide more than water, we must have an earth that will have some hope of not getting too hot. Climate change is real and we need to address it. It starts in our backyard.
73747	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg The crystal clear water filtered by the forest crashing unrestrained through wild and beautiful country. This will produce a thriving and everlasting ecosystem for generations to come

73748	<p>I value healthy, thriving forest ecosystems that benefit all Victorians.</p> <p>The future of our forests, to me, is one of protection. All logging is stopped. Nature is allowed to do nature. All that entails - beautiful rivers, trees, underbrush and ferns, to moss on the rocks of the river banks and more - is all allowed to be as it needs to be for its own health, and the health of all who dwell within.</p> <p>I envisage amazing, sacred places unharmed by humans, where Victorians, other Australians, foreign visitors etc., can visit and experience our indigenous forests in all their unadulterated grandeur.</p> <p>We have the gift of forests in Victoria found nowhere what on the planet. Monotremes, possums and other beings who also are found nowhere else.</p> <p>I envisage a safe harbour and home for all of these special and unique beings, in their natural habitats for generations to come.</p> <p>I imagine responsible, intelligent governance of these areas, so no harm can befall these places ie logging, development etc.</p>
73749	<p>I choose the wilderness</p> <p>Jobs in sustainable tourism</p> <p>Unique experiences</p> <p>No other country has this environment /experience</p>
73751	<p>The great outdoors will always be an adventure as long as we protect it. Sitting by a stream or swimming in the river while listening to the twitter of little birds. Butterflies and dragonflies landing on a rock nearby, tiny fish dart around your feet and a rustling draws your eyes to a small mammal or reptile foraging in nearby grass. At night after eating a fish caught in the river beside the campsite, cooked on a solar BBQ installed at the site, it is delightful to spot the nocturnal wildlife; most thrilling is greater glider. The composting toilet is odorless and it is time to explore more. The historic trestle bridge stands tall and provides a nice view point to top off a relaxing weekend. All of this is what every person travelling in Australia should be able to enjoy for generations to come. by Eveline Collins</p>
73752	<p>I clicked on a few images but nothing happened. Bit like my experience earlier in this survey when invited to click 'add marker' and drag and drop a pin - what was that about? I couldn't get it to work.</p>
73754	<p>Our parks are for the people, the planet and the possums!... not for profit. We need healthy, protected spaces for wildlife and humans to enjoy.</p>
73755	<p>Clean, pristine waters. Ecosystems intact. Native flora and fauna in abundance.</p>
73757	<p>I want to see the forests of East Gippsland heal from the wounds we have been so wantonly and thoughtlessly carving into them for the last two centuries. I want the places between such remnant stands of old growth as we still have to be allowed to age unmolested by chainsaws and axes and heavy machinery for the hundreds of years it will take them to become old growth in their own right, and for everything that lives in the present remnant stands to have the opportunity to spread and re-knit and recover until East Gippsland is once again blanketed in old growth from the mountains to the sea.</p> <p>The forest logging and woodchipping industry has had its day. It's time we started to think of it in the same way as we think of the methamphetamine supply and distribution industry: as a provider of jobs that we as a society deem to be unacceptably destructive. There are endless ways of making a living from and with our forests that don't involve cutting them to pieces. Let's do those instead.</p>
73759	<p>Natural environment for all users to enjoy</p>
73761	<p>my vision is we should be able to provide all the leisure activities as well as the beautiful scenery you see above whilst having enough wood to harvest. This should be done in a consultative approach with all sides aiming for the one goal - a sustainable forest for all!</p>

73763	The impact on human emotions of time spent wandering the quite serene bush is an intrinsic aspect the human psyche. More people need exposure to passive recreation as urban densities climb and people become more alienated from nature. Preserving and expanding forested areas as well as planting trees and gardens in urban spaces helps mitigate against anxiety and build better communities
73767	Our forests should become our greatest asset in Victoria. We should prioritise forest and environmental spendings in the budget to ensure our state becomes the enviro-tourism capital of Australia. Enough of treating these areas as a resource for the taking. There are too many species and systems at risk of being lost all for the sake of our greed. Without aggressive protection of these areas, future generations will never get to experience that unexplainable feeling of being out in the forest.
73768	My family and I love being in Victoria's forests. We hate seeing logged areas and knowing that our precious native species are being brought ever closer to extinction thanks to logging, land clearing, feral species, global warming, etc. The fact that logging is currently exempt from the federal Environment laws is a disgrace. Stop putting logging jobs before protecting the environment. There aren't even that many of them in native forest logging - most jobs are in the plantation sector though the logging industry tries to keep that a secret - and thousands more jobs are in tourism which is impacted by destroying our forests via logging.
73770	Take out what you bring in
73773	If we are serious and we really want all that is in these pictures in the future. We need to listen to all the stake holders and not just the noisy activists who have very narrow minded uninformed views on what needs to be done.
73774	I feel the forests need our stewardship because of the infinite relationships that exist within that ecological environment. We are part of that ecology and need to experience it from time to time as it renews us.
73776	The freedom of a birds eye view over the tree tops
73778	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg A diverse, inspiring, precious, self-sustaining and enriching natural environment.
73779	Beautiful pristine water that tastes almost sweet. Everyone should have that experience. Once you have you will treasure our water supply.
73782	Sustainable production from, and use of, forests. Low-impact recreation. Biodiversity conservation.
73783	ive enjoyed camping, bush walking, horse riding, swimming, fishing in lots of forest in east gippsland. i hope to have the opportunity for the rest of my life, and future generations of people to. if we dont look after our backyard it will turn into something quite different, not so good
73784	What is good for the natural environment must always take precedence over human recreation activities.
73785	Places open to the public for recreational activity. No shooting limited 4wd and motor bikes, better tracks like many that have been created for mountain bikes. More free camping places and large skips for Rubbish. Protection of habitats and natural features, more on site education.....
73787	Bottom right hand corner - trees and ferns - as once covered Gippsland - Perhaps there are lyrebrids scratching among the leaf litter, or rufous fly catchers hopping on a log
73789	less 4wd on fragile tracks.

73790	<p>I choose all if education and preservation and at the forefront of our thinking so they can be enjoyed by future generations, the only picture I'm not fully onboard with is probably 4WD, however with designated tracks.</p> <p>Below drag and drops have no feedback box which it should. When we talk about economic factors re forests it's difficult and you divide thinking. Again policy, education and transition to renewable/sustainable wood industry alternatives need discussion. We have to retain the forests we have for many reasons.</p>
73791	<p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>Wilderness is vital for the planet</p>
73793	Undeveloped, not plagued by intrusive activities, such as trial bikes, drone activities, logging, noisy parties, radios, generators, etc.
73794	I want to see an unwavering commitment to the protection and restoration of forests.
73797	In addition to the general considerations above, the beauty shown in images such as the above is invaluable, and provides precious opportunities for bonding with family and friends in visiting and enjoying our forests.
73798	I strongly believe that all old growth, and native forests in Victoria and indeed across Australia, and indeed across the whole planet should now be protected from clear felling, protecting our atmosphere from further global warming, safe guarding water supplies to Melbourne, and providing natural places for our children and grandchildren to visit, and for the traditional owners to practice their cultural activities on country. I believe all native forests should be ring fenced, protected as national parks.
73800	A pristine untouched place, where humankind is not the centre of attention, a place beyond our everyday where animals, plants, river, insects and mountains can be left alone. A place we can visit and treat with respect were we don't expect to get anything out of.
73801	I value healthy, thriving forest ecosystems that benefit all Victorians.
73802	I would love to see wild areas still existing, vast areas indigenous plant and wild life. Appropriate tree density in the hills and areas prone to flooding will reduce the impact of other environmental issues.
73804	My vision is to prevent logging and save our forests which in turn will give us oxygen, pristine waters and crisp clean air. This will save endangered species and protect them for our future generations.
73805	<p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>My vision is to protect and preserve our native and old growth forests. I would also like to use more revegetation.</p>
73807	The natural beauty and the benefits of Victorias forests need to be maintained. Water supply from the creeks and rivers that run through these pristine areas needs to remain untainted by the effects of logging.
73809	Clean air, clean drinking water. Biodiversity and animal habitat sustainable. Forests are for the future!
73810	Healthy thriving ecosystems benefit people as well as the wildlife. They are necessary for people's well being and mental health. Imagine a world where you only had the city, cars, noise, advertising, money. It's distressing and this modern world is sadly moving further and further away from any actual meaning. Forests allow people to return to nature and offer someone the city and money never can. They need to be protected because they protect us in so many ways. To not protect them is devastating, depressing and distressing.

73811	Forests protect and clean rivers. It is important to keep these ecosystems to protect catchment areas.
73813	Take nothing but memories and leave nothing but footprints.
73816	pristine, clean water, free from toxins and chemicals. Clean fresh air.
73822	Forests should be left in as natural state as possible, whilst still giving people the opportunity to spend time in them safely.
73823	Free for all Victorians to enjoy, untouched, self sustaining, protection of sacred indigenous land
73824	The world is suffering enough and we need places like forests or bush land for our native wildlife to survive. We can't keep going the way it is. The government needs to stop putting corporate greed before the health and safety of our state and country.
73825	My vision is a native forest free from human exploitation with clean and sparkling streams and rivers. Areas for low impact camping, where one can wander during the day, listening to bird calls and watching bird behaviour. At night lie in my tent listening to the sounds of the forest to lull me off to sleep. I can take my grandchildren walking and point out to them the native trees and shrubs and help them identify the species in my identification guides.
73826	Health thriving forest ecosystems that benefit all - Priceless!
73827	The stream surrounded by forests and ferns.
73828	4WDs damage out forests. The demand of roads and other facilities. More likely to attract commercial development.
73829	Beautiful un-touched wilderness of Victoria
73830	Clean and green
73835	A healthy natural environment.
73837	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg These images show the forest areas in more mature and original beauty and also the provision of areas that provide for low impact access for people to enjoy the natural beauty and diversity.
73838	We desperately need immediate protection of our forests and our biodiversity. Greater natural environments means greater biodiversity, healthier rivers, air quality, better mental health outcomes, stimulates greater physical activity and develops a far stronger appreciation of the important things in life.
73841	The natural beauty of untouched pristine forests. .clean beautiful fresh water and air....forests filled with our precious animals and plants thriving before we destroyed them with careless logging.
73843	The door opens and the air is like wine - the thrill of the scent of eucalypts fills my being. I hear water - pure and life-giving, rushing over ancient stones through a pristine world. A community of ancient trees stands together, giving me strength and perspective. I listen - time slows and I feel 'dadirri' - a deep inner stillness of elders before me. I know that my children's children to the seventh generation will come here to drink deep. I feel proud that this precious ecosystem is linked in a great chain.
73844	The natural beauty of our native foersts
73845	I have not been able to select images on my ancient computer, but I like the ones that have only unblemished nature in them, followed by ones with caring rangers. I hate the ones with an SUV or hard-hatted men against a devastated, woodchipped background.

73846	Beautiful and abundant forests and rainforests are the iconic delight of all of Victoria. What a fantastic state to choose to love and idealise and respect it's natural flora and fauna over and above the utilisation of its precious resources.
73847	My vision for the future of our forests is for healthy natural habitats where our unique native flora and fauna can thrive, and as healthy catchment areas for our water. Key areas, such as the Great Forest National Park and the Emerald Link, should be protected as National Parks, with stewardship providing jobs for rangers, educators and tourism. The old growth forests in particular should be preserved for all Victorians to enjoy. They have taken hundreds and thousands of years to grow and if we destroy them can never be replaced.
73848	I am mostly inspired by the picture of the stream and ferns in amongst the forest. Then the pictures of people enjoying the forest environments outdoors. Our culture desperately needs to experience more natural experiences to truly value these places. Children are taught about it in schools, then somehow we go to work and forget about how important these places are; for the environment, for animals, for our life's necessities; clean air and water. I want to see a future where we truly value these natural wonders where we can enjoy the beauty and the animals that live there, where people go to be re-invigorated and understand their responsibility to look after the world for the generations to follow.
73852	Victorian forests should be wild places where the community can enjoy their natural wonders without impacting negatively on these places. Tourism also needs to be properly managed.
73853	The image of a mountain stream is my vision for native forests. Wild, unspoilt places are essential for human (and wildlife) wellbeing as they provide a sense of our place in the world and a corollary to our man made world of concrete and steel. Native forests that have healthy and thriving ecosystems are for the benefit of everyone and not just small groups of vested economic interests. If they are destroyed they are gone forever for very little short term monetary gain. What a disaster that would be! As someone famously said "You can't eat money"
73854	Our forests should be kept pristine. Clean air, clean water, healthy soil, habitat for native species. Not used as a commodity for corporate greed. Humans could enjoy the forests by biking and responsible camping however I would personally discourage 4WD and dirt bikes due to noise, pollution and damage. Quiet, peaceful places that is protected from urban sprawl / over development.
73855	I love the outdoors, and children love it. They get a real perspective on life when in nature. They connect to themselves and each other, and the simple things in life. It's so important for our mental health, as well as physical. Not to mention the air and water quality. I don't know why I have to write this, it should be so obvious!!!!
73856	I envision forests that can be enjoyed for what they are. A natural environment that must stay that way. A forest that can be enjoyed by all. Activities that have low environmental footprint. Hikers, campers etc. But with that comes centres at the entrance that include information, signage (in multiple languages), shoe cleaning stations before entering tracks, so everyone can still enjoy the forest but also know that they have a footprint too...ie.. avoid going off track, to take their rubbish out etc. I envision that the forestry/parks wildlife staff are able to maintain the forests, protect them from damage, look after wildlife, and educate future children. And be paid well!
73858	Environments in their natural (as possible) state, accessible for walking and quiet enjoyment. Carparks and walking tracks only; no vehicle access or sporting activities; no 'development'. Our remaining parks must be preserved as the (diminishing) habitat for non-human life too.
73862	Unique, unspoiled and conserved forever

73863	<p>My vision is to see OUR native forests healthy and flourishing. Free of invasive ,non-indigenous plant and animals.</p> <p>Peaceful and quiet where people can relax and enjoy the natural beauty without the eye-sore of clear felled areas and the associated logging traffic.</p> <p>Beautiful tall old growth forests with the associated understory and native animals.</p> <p>Clear running streams and rivers that can be drunk from and where people can swim, canoe or simply relax by.</p> <p>Preserved heritage areas and past native occupation explained, preserved and respected.. The forests should be accessible to all regardless of race, religion.</p> <p>All our native forests free of clear fell and commercial logging.</p>
73864	<p>A mix of recreational opportunities geared towards experiencing the natural beauty and wilderness modeled on areas like Wilsons Prom and Tasmanias world famous wilderness experiences. Limited opportunity for 4x4 camping and only where it can occur without causing environmental damage. A rich opportunity to learn and appreciate aboriginal cultural heritage.</p>
73865	<p>Great expanses of largely unpopulated natural reserves for everyone to enjoy, and providing habitat for all forms of life. This is important to existence on this planet.</p>
73866	<p>Australians love nature but unlike Canada and NZ, the hiking and camping facilities are sub-standard to enjoy the remnant patches of wonders with a minimum of amenities. Terra Bulga National Park is a great example. More impressive and closer than the Grampians, poorly publicised, poor amenities</p>
73867	<p>Peaceful, calm and very quiet areas that allow me to listen to the birds, frog or silence, that provide clean air, clear water and a haven for the wild life to thrive, allows me to also thrive. Restricting cats, dogs and invasive weeds, focussing on bringing back quolls, threatened or extinct animals, the huge trees and necessary understory, ferns and plants indigenous to the region, separating from Colac Shire to allow the Otways to thrive, restricting use such as the collection of firewood (actually house a huge variety of animals and many who nest and raise their young and eliminating feral cats, all of which provide work opportunities. Ensuring people understand why we in Australia, Victoria and the Otways are unique in terms of our environment and why we should be protecting it, rather than clearing because its a swamp, river flats, just bush or somehow useless for our developers and those seeking profit for themselves.</p>
73868	<p>Clean rivers where fish can thrive, clean rivers so native animals have clean water to drink, pristine mountains clear of all logging etc.</p>
73869	<p>Here I stand, tall and strong. A home to many. Birds nest in my branches. Animals feel safe in my embrace. I shade those who come to rest. I send my breath for you all. Let me live among you. I will continue to rise up, for you.</p>
73870	<p>Looking at the image, bottom right, of a healthy river system flowing over moss covered rocks with ferns and trees surrounding it makes me feel so happy and fills me with a sense of serenity. This is the core of how all healthy, thriving forests should be and should remain for future generations to enjoy.</p> <p>Other images such as swimming in the river, or the view of endless hills covered in trees are also wonderful images of how nature should remain for all Victorians to enjoy.</p>
73871	<p>Forested mountains unmarred by the lines of devastated coupes.</p> <p>Mountain streams with native species like platypus. The water is held by the roots of the forest, instead of rapidly draining, taking topsoil with it.</p> <p>Little humans communing with mountain giants.</p>

73872	Forests are the healing spaces for individuals, communities and the world. It restores us when we live in a busy, chaotic world. When we are burnt by this chaos it is a healing ointment to our wounds. I have lived in third world countries where this has been lost, never to be regained. No places of healing and getting away from the chaos. I am always grateful and thankful for our forests in Australia. Thankful to our forebears for having the insight to protect our green spaces, our forests. Please, please, please may the current and future leaders have even more wisdom. I
73873	I see our forests as a place where people can appreciate their beauty and biodiversity. They are a natural sink for carbon. They are not a place where logging should be as it has little concern for the wildlife who have lived there for centuries. We have already deforested so much. The forests are important to our own wellbeing as a species,
73874	My vision is of beautiful natural habitat that can be enjoyed by the public as long as their activities are not harmful e.g. bushwalking. This habitat should also be a safe haven for our native wildlife that promotes biodiversity.
73875	This looks like a healthy and thriving forest ecosystem that could support a rich variety of life, and that's what we need above all else.
73876	My vision is all of the above, except for the logging image. Care for forests and open them up to the public to encourage forest recreation, including properly managed four wheel driving and camping. The blackberry infestations must be cleaned up and deer eradicated.
73878	Keep it like this forever.
73879	I want to see intact non-farmed or harvested areas of forest where my family can camp, explore and learn about the natural environment and indigenous plants and animals. I want my children to have access to the natural, untouched environment as I did growing up and to learn how to respect and treasure the forest and its inhabitants. I also want clean water and air provided by our forests.
73880	Forests are very special places. You already know the answers - that's clear from the pictures. Apart from human recreational use, forests are vital for the climate, for native animals and plants, and should be preserved even if no human ever goes to one. Wilderness is needed for the planet.
73882	Visions of natural forests, creeks and rivers promote biodiversity. Loggers just cause destruction of beautiful forests and natural wildlife habitat for corporate greed.
73884	Recreation and environmental care are important in a state forest. We have the natural resources, so we should also be using the forests for sustainable industries, both timber based and non-timber based.
73886	A place that I can take my granddaughter and show her the plants and animals that are so special and unique to Victoria. A place where I know all the animals that were once there can exist in safety and reproduce. A place where I can visit from the city and know that we have these areas protected and safe and not being degraded.
73887	There is no better thing than a swim in a mountain stream. If you can do it once in your life. There is majesty in and unspoiled view and great beauty in the hidden places. We must study our forests and find the secrets they hold. We can see the wood and the trees and everything else.
73888	My vision for the future of our forests is for a healthy, thriving forest ecosystem unmarred by human "progress" or destruction. A forest environment that is allowed to exist for the sake of existing. We have cut down so much in this state and pushed so many animals to the point of extinction, it's time to stop and value the natural world and appreciate it for the wonder that it is rather than for what profits a few individuals can reap from its destruction, and ultimately the destruction of this planet of ours.

73889	This is a good selection of images. I am inspired by the prospects of gazing from a height over unspoiled forest-covered mountains, knowing that life can continue undisturbed there; of crossing a tumbling creek, where rainforest species abound on land, and aquatic creatures thrive in clean water; of riding my bicycle along a forest path, to enjoy in quiet the magnificence of the trees surrounding me; of walking beside giant mountain ash trees, admiring their huge girth, and pondering their age; of pitching a small tent in a clearing near a water course, and hearing birds, watching reptiles, catching sight of nocturnal native mammals, seeing and identifying wildflowers and orchids; of walking or perhaps cycling across an old rail bridge, thankful that the logging that put the bridge there has now been ended, allowing the forest slowly to recover, and the contribution of trees to the absorption of carbon to continue. The overall image is one of a healthy, diverse forest ecosystem.
73892	I come from Benambra in the high country of Victoria. I have knowledge of many sides of the argument, including farmers and loggers, but from a conservationist view point I feel we have reached a point where we have to stop exploiting our native forests for economic reasons and start focusing more on preservation and restoration of our forests and our wildlife. I highly value our native forests for not only their unique beauty but their value of terms of their vital contribution to our survival. We simply cannot survive without Clean air and clean water; neither can the species of native animals whose homes have been destroyed by logging for almost two hundred years. We simply cannot sustain this destruction of our native forests.
73894	Our forests are valuable just as they are.
73896	end logging.
73899	My vision is to see everyone glorifying God when they look at the nature, forests, the waterways, the wildlife, the beauty of creation, recognizing that we are nothing but God is everything. We should always fear God who richly provide us with so much we do not deserve and pay for. In view of that, we should work together to enrich and protect our environments all around so that we can have clean air to breath in, clean food to eat, clean animals for pets, clean water to drink, roomy space to move around and engage with all kinds health-promoting activities such as camping, hiking, bush walking, studying, reporting, fishing etc...
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73903	I see the greatest forests in the southern hemisphere, prized and valued by the Victorian state and the entire nation for their natural beauty, biodiversity and ecological contributions to our societal resilience. Forests that are the foundations of our globally-envied tourism and proud and treasured recreational activities, the foundation of the regional economies surrounding them, also pictured in this vision, lest we ever forget and repeat the mistakes of the past, are the historical relics of the past, the- well intentioned but sorely misguided- state-owned loss-making native foresters, completely lacking in social license, operating from a flawed reductionist economic system that failed to account for the costs of native forestry and the true benefits of leaving the forests standing. It is a vision of mistakes and change, of learning, of resilience, recovery and natural wonder.
73904	Clear flowing rivers, vistas of distant mountain ranges and deep forested valleys. Sensitively maintained and signposted walking tracks (including long distance), bike trails where appropriate. Forests that are allowed to mature and therefore become more moist and fire retardant (i.e. protected from logging and not so-called fuel-reduced; Planned Burning more often than not results in the regrowth of fire loving species) .
73914	Tent and smoking ceremony. Would be great to encourage and build infrastructure that supports hiking through the area and also includes cultural education.
73915	Sustainable access, appreciation and community education to the varied and biodiverse environments Victoria has on offer, be it camping, hiking, four wheel driving, skiing, biking, tourism, resource management (ie. water) etc. Protection of flora and fauna, indigenous cultural

	areas and established recreational and economic benefits that exist. Development of new access in a mindful and considered manner.
73916	Preserve more pristine areas of Australian environment before it's all extinct.
73919	With the increasing population pressures on our forests, education is paramount to ensure our society understands how to respect, care for and love our magnificent natural environment
73920	Clean unsilted creeks with frogs, yabbies, fish and insects abounding. The sounds of the forests rustling leaves and bird and animal calls. The moist smell of the forest deep within its shaded understory. A sanctuary for Leadbeaters Possum, Swift Parrots and Koalas. A place to explore and and enjoy for its natural beauty. A place to be cherished.
73923	Well managed forest landscapes ecological and recreation benefits for generations to come.
73924	The two rivers look magnificent, the vision of the mountains, the tent erected in a bush setting, the trestle bridge reminds me of my childhood.
73925	<p>Clean water and and low energy access are the things that appeal to me. Hoons in 4 wheel drives should have no place in our forests.</p> <p>The implication of professional management in the first photo is appealing while the bare earth in the bottom photo is obscene.</p> <p>Lastly - referring to the What are we doing well questions below, I'm not in a position to pass meaning comment. Victoria has too many forests to enable me to be familiar with them all and pass judgment</p>
73926	Get people in the bush. They can then appreciate the majesty, the cool of the forests and the diversity of wildlife.
73927	Bubbling, clear rivers with children and families having fun is a joy. Camping, riding a bike or walking for miles amongst tall trees, setting up a tent in the "wild" is something I want for my children, grandchildren and further descendants - as I have been able to do all my life. Preservation of relics of our past is also important. And the knowledge and participation of the first peoples of Australia can help enormously.
73929	<p>Traditional controlled burns and traditional practices still being practiced.</p> <p>Large areas of untouched forest kept for their biodiversity and also to reduce the intensity of fires and impact of climate change.</p> <p>Areas of access to forest maintained in careful way.</p> <p>No clear fell logging.</p> <p>No logging of old growth forest. No logging of intact forest.</p> <p>Access by artisans to use timber if appropriate.</p>
73930	<p>Forests as far as the eye can see. Standing majestically contrasted with the wide blue sky.</p> <p>Breathing in the cool crisp air, in amongst the draping canopy of shivering green leaves I can hear the whispering forests saying please protect us, we are the nurturers of all life on earth.</p>
73933	<p>I wholeheartedly value healthy, thriving forest ecosystems that benefit all Victorians. I enjoy many nature-based experiences in Victorian forests - camping, 4WDing, bushwalking, cycling.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: I cannot select an image, however I choose the bottom right hand image of the stream running through the mountain ash and ferns as well as images of people camping, 4WDing and cycling.</p>
73935	As more and more people become urbanised the need to get back to nature is imperative

73937	I see a pristine waterway not ravaged by a loss making timber industry that has special treatment under RFAs. I see the Great Forest National Park and the Emerald Link preserving bio diversity and giving recreational opportunities to the public and providing environmental tourism opportunities for local communities.
73938	Healthy forests and waterways with minimal human impact. An end to logging, managed in active , REAL and respectful partnership with traditional owners.
73939	I like travelling through the forest by bike and reaching up to peaks to enjoy the views of the high country. Unfortunately in some areas, Mountain Ash is struggling because of bush fires and what's remaining should be conserved.
73942	Keep our lovely forest areas maintained we live in Australia we have bushfires,we have floods as well as disasters in the snowfields,but everyone can do their bit.
73945	See above.
73948	Cool, clean air, cool, clean streams, with enough sensibly thought out camp areas with ample toilet facilities & rangers to enable people to enjoy & leave the environment intact.
73949	Clean, free flowing water, weed free, cool, temperate species protected from fire.
73950	I love the image on the RHS of the fresh water, temperate rainforest, undisturbed, a delightful environment full of peace and life.
73951	I want to see 50% of the land we have taken returned to nature. This could be done if we wanted to. Only the lack of will holds us back.
73952	Breathtaking natural beauty.
73955	Our forests should be available to a range of recreational and scenic opportunities, such as bushwalking, kayaking, camping etc etc. We must also protect our forests for their cultural values and significance to the local indigenous people - education programs (run by indigenous people) would be great, to learn more about the land upon which we now all share. Respect and honour the forests we are so lucky to have in this state - it's our responsibility to look after them.
73957	A paradise of nature which can inspire generations to come, and be enjoyed by all. Better than any medication!
73958	Actively managing our forests for the future.
73959	the beauty and natural wonder of the forest evident in the image I most admire from the selection should be protected passionately. We need to stop logging and give the forests time to replenish and recuperate from our constant assault. together with our indigenous peoples we should manage and protect these eco systems that are so vital to our future and the future generations. the logging industry must not exist in the near future. the majority of people live in urban areas, forests are a refuge that allows us to connect to nature and our true nature.
73960	It would be great to be able to visit an untouched natural habitat, unfettered by the greed of man, as it has been for millennia. Abounding in wildlife and clean air. I'm sure our children would also appreciate this. It is in everyone's best interest. "I'm just doing my job" is the worst cop out statement to hide behind whilst ruining our natural environment.
73961	My vision for Victoria's forests is to have large tracts of natural areas that are untouched by people, where nature can be left alone to do what it does best. For when it is left alone it provides people with access to clean air and drinking water, allows animals and plants to flourish and creates areas outside of our cities and towns where people have a sense of place and a location to learn, admire and appreciate nature, such as the picture in the bottom left corner above.

73964	My vision is for people to be able to have wilderness on their doorstep. Few global cities boast wilderness on their doorstep and this is well worth achieving for our own population and for visitors from around the world to experience. Being able to immerse in unspoilt nature is priceless.
73966	We need to plan LONG term for our forests. Timber for paper building furniture should come from plantation forests. We actively need to prevent clear felling of native forests in countries like Indonesia
73968	I envision our forests to be a place of connection between person and nature, as well as an area to foster person-person connection. I also see areas largely closed off from people, allowing the environment to exist for its own purpose, not for human sake.
73969	Having native forests along this stream has a bearing on its water quality. We will need cool shady places like this if we are to survive the climate catastrophe.
73977	Like I said previously they are for all the people not just those to make a profit out of. I could make 10,000 a year from cutting down 1 tree but I figure the tree is more important and especially to those that live in it.
73978	Clean air, clean water, healthy flora and fauna encompassing clean and healthy human activities. https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg
73982	Protected network of reserves that allow species migration and adaptation to a new climate regime. Large tracts of untouched old-growth forests that are protected from industry and tourism. Supported by efforts to rewild and reforest previously cleared areas.
73983	<p>Forests have the capacity to be a place of beauty for all Victorians and visitors. Their ability to provide space for camping and 4x4 driving is valued by the outdoor type. The healthy conditions are fantastic for families and young people to pursue an active lifestyle, The environment itself allows us to connect with our greater world and see life in its most beautiful. They have the capacity to allow people to exercise in the fantastic wilderness. Finally, this is this the home of our local species, they have a right to live.</p> <p>I know from experience how incredible these forests can be. When training for a 15km fun run, my cousin from the city joined me at Lysterfield Lake Park. After the run he commented on how incredible the air was and how fresh everything was. From having to use an asthma inhaler everytim he runs in the city, he ran for an hour and didn't need it once. I know that I am far more motivated to exercise in a forest than on my local streets for this reason - clean air.</p>
73984	Untouched, pristine environment for everyone to connect to
73985	I want people to gain the benefits and pleasures of walking in forests. It's so good for our health and well being. I want people to enjoy what great beauty there is in our forests
73987	A world of balance trees and fresh water everywhere if I could make it happen. Nature and forrest is the true time to be with a higher power or creator nature is god
73988	My vision for the future of Victoria's forests is free flowing waterways, that support a myriad of wildlife living in old growth trees that we don't (as the community) have to petition against the logging of- that we have the freedom to enjoy at any stage without the worry that it will soon be gone.

73991	Our Victorian forests are unique and unrivaled in their diversity and beauty. Every one should be able to immerse themselves in the atmosphere of sights, sounds and aroma's the forest provides. I support multiple use of the forests. There is plenty to go around for all activities whether they be recreational or commercial as long as it continues to be managed wisely.
73994	Educate people going to the forest. Make rules to take out everything you take in. Manage access, weeds, feral animals Monitor populations of birds and animals. Protect them
74000	Everyone needs these special places to heal away from the hectic towns. Birdwatching photographing camping none of these interfere with with our national parks and so everything possible should be done so that the public can access them for this.
74001	Our forests are beautiful. They are crucial habitats to many endangered species - which should be preserved at all costs. Our forests are also crucial to our survival - being as they are, oxygen providers. This country is being destroyed by over development, and our wonderful forests are frequently the first victims of corporate greed and the politically corrupt.
74002	I would like to see hills way into the distance covered in native forest. People need to access these forests to learn to appreciate them, but they must be managed well by qualified rangers, particularly indigenous rangers.
74004	Forests for all- they belong to all of us so we can recreate, appreciate nature, and heritage, and have forests for conservation and industry (yes, we do need trees)
74005	Camping grounds should have quality spaces set in secluded spaces that have both self sufficient camping and spaces where facilities are provided. Well managed spaces which induce local residents to caretake the forests in partnership with government bodies. Extra publications and education of the responsible use of the lands.
74006	Unspoiled nature of highly bio-diverse landscapes connected throughout the state reflecting natural landscape conditions, stabilizing the climate, providing water resources and for all Victorians to enjoy as treasure with low impact recreation.
74009	The very last image, and the third last image. Flowing healthy rivers and abundant water catchment areas. Tall old growth forests which are right among the tallest trees on the planet providing clean air for everyone, capturing carbon on a scale younger trees cannot possibly and providing habitat for our precious and endangered wildlife.
74011	All but logging activities. However, since logging is a required activity it needs to be done in areas outside of the state and national parks/forests to better allow natural fire mitigation practices
74013	Old growth forests need 100% protection & Native forests need 100% protection. Some parts of the forest should not be open to human ecotourism. Wild places need to be left to be wild. Free of human disturbance
74014	Healthy and protected forests which can be appreciated by all creatures, not just us.
74016	I would like to see all of these images co-existing. we need to increase the % of wet sclerophyll forests which can only occur by ending logging and increasing low intensity back burning to reduce the events of high intensity catastrophic fires. I would like to see a great Forest National park Gazetted to Connect all of the State and National parks in Melbourne North East* and a Errinundra National Park that is far larger and connects the Croajingolong National Park with the alps: The only place in Australia where the forest is still connected from high country to coast. Increased Hunting for Deer, Boar, Rabbit, wild dog, fox etc as a recreational item would also be advantageous.
74017	Forestry workers working for australians and not for the cfmeu/labor party money roundabout.
74020	Pristine waterways surrounded my native flora providing habitat to all native animals.

74021	I see the future of our forests as: stop the clearing, all together. Stop the senseless logging before it is too late. So much has been lost already, we have little left to conserve. Conserve and learn about our incredibly unique and ancient land. Work with our First Nations people who know their country, who can lead us to a sustainable relationship and to further understand our obligations to country. Encourage responsible tourism and promote education for our children in regards to these incredible environments. we must act now.
74022	I value healthy, thriving forest ecosystems that benefit all Victorians. Pristine rivers for our fish and other riverine creatures and plants. Forests that can support our native flora and fauna, insects, birds, fungi. Places where people can recharge their batteries; be amazed by our biodiversity; swim, walk, birdwatch.
74023	Protected, well managed forests rich in biodiversity
74024	Bottom right image - of the stream. I value healthy thriving forests that support wildlife and biodiversity and diverse ecosystems. I have no problem with low impact tourism; hiking etc, but say no to adventure 4wd's in delicate or fragile areas. I support the consultation of indigenous peoples for advice on how to selectively burn forests to reduce undergrowth and fire-risk. I am totally against logging in national parks or catchment areas.
74025	I envisage a place where beautiful clean water flows freely from the mountains. Where groups of school kids can head to, to watch the water flow freely. Where kids can throw sticks, jump in puddles, skim rocks, play on and in over grown moss pools. Touch the freezing, fresh, pure water. Drink the clean water. Smell the clean unpolluted air. be at peace in their crazy worlds.
74027	not feeling poetic right now and don't have an excess of time, but the images all capture the idea.
74029	If forests keep being logged, nature will be drastically diminished and outdoor relaxation and enjoyment will virtually disappear.
74031	Preservation and protection of these diverse, beautiful landscapes is of the utmost importance.
74033	An undisturbed forest ecosystem, designated areas for camping, walking, cycling. NO leggings happening in our ancient forests.
74035	A place of natural and unspoiled beauty where wildlife can live and thrive in safety. Available to the public for non invasive recreation and enjoyment.
74036	I visualise a forest of trees, running water and native life that to some extent can be accessed on foot. There would be some areas that would not be accessible to the public. There would be a quota on the number of people visiting a set area who sign in and out. There would be certain camp sites set aside for those who wished to camp out but these individuals would need to take out what they went into the forest with, to minimise their footprints. For those individuals who can not traverse the terrain there could be set viewing platforms in certain areas or camping sites that they could access near the edge of the forests.
74038	Forest villages, Eco-harmony and reverence for the source of our life.
74039	The love of natural places can inspire all those who visit such magnificent places.
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74041	The love of natural places can inspire all those who visit such magnificent places.
74042	The love of natural places can inspire all those who visit such magnificent places.
74043	Clean water, tall, unthreatened trees, unblemished wilderness, homes for native animals and plants

74045	<p>My vision is an end to the exploitation of our remaining forests. We have so few wild places left and we need to treasure the last ones that we have.</p> <p>Logging needs to finish. I often travel in many of our forests and my young children ask 'where are all the big trees?' They then ask me how could anyone allow entire mountain sides to be removed for paper? I tell them that some say it's ok because the forest will regrow. 'But what about all the animals?' they ask me.</p> <p>Maybe we should ask the children.</p>
74046	<p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>The images I have chosen reflect my vision of the importance and urgent need to protect healthy, thriving forest ecosystems for the benefit of all Victorians.</p>
74047	Forests that are protected from logging where low impact eco tourism is encouraged and a healthy, thriving forest ecosystem is the key consideration.
74048	<p>Maintaining natural landscapes</p> <p>Preserving water catchments</p> <p>Walks and hiking opportunities - no vehicles!!</p>
74049	<p>Victorian forests should be a sanctuary for wildlife and vegetation which people can visit respectfully and with laws which should prevent damaging recreational activities from occurring. These places should be peaceful, intriguing, provide the opportunity for all members of the community to learn and be inspired by the natural environment.</p>
74051	My vision is for our rich biodiversity to be preserved. Native wildlife will thrive. Native flora will thrive. Species endangerment will be a thing of the past.
74052	<p>Photo 1 more indigenous rangers to give advice on the protection of forests, to educate all Victorian about indigenous culture, land use and connection to the land.</p> <p>Photo 7 Camping sites to connect with nature, promote ownership of our forests and thus protecting the forests.</p> <p>Final photo Clean healthy forests for biodiversity, maintenance of the ecosystem and natural environment preservation for flora and fauna</p>
74054	Walking in the forests is good for your heart, mind and spirit!
74055	Logging gone. replanting started. Feral pigs and similar hunted as part of tourism. People staying in nature drinking pure water and living a dream.
74057	Lets have more areas set aside to just leave the forest be, for ecosystems to regenerate and threatened species to recover

74058	Victorian's are proud of their native forests. They nurture them for current and future prosperity. No longer are our native forests used as a commodity crop for woodchips, paper and low value timber products - these come from plantations that are better managed to produce good sawn timber. We better understand the role of fire in our forests, and it is not used as a political tool, or to further vested economic interests when there is a fire event. Biodiversity indicators are improving and species habitat protection is paramount. Victorians visitation to forested national parks and reserves is sensitive to environmental needs. Our wilderness forests are managed for wilderness values. We have a World Heritage area inscribed for the magnificent ancient forests of East Gippsland, which benefits local communities like never before. No longer are native forests treated like a political football, we value them for environmental values and move the timber industry into plantations.
74060	Large open national parks, dense and rich in native fauna and flora. A place to share with the world for powerful tourism gains while remaining at their heart centres for the world that literally allows us to breathe, to coexist with us. I want a place for all the other things to make up our home to have a home of their own.
74061	A beautiful forest untouched by society. For everybody to enjoy. Including our native animals: Who..... So much need it to survive.
74064	Ecosystems are fragile and essentially invaluable. Real native forests have evolved and survived for millions of years - while human intervention, especially by the European invasion, has already destroyed more than 80% of what we had in just a couple of hundred years. We are destroyers of our natural environment. We need to stop doing this. The beauty of nature will never be surpassed by the "built environment".
74066	Standing forests with clean watercourses running. Access for recreation and wilderness experience.
74067	My vision for the future of our forests does not exist in any of the photos depicted. My vision is of a scarred landscape that can now be seen in many places across Victoria. The destruction of our natural environment is becoming more obvious every day. My dream would be to still see wide vistas of rolling hills and ferny gullies; pristine forests and crystal clear streams.
74070	My vision is all the pictures of people enjoying these areas with large trees and flowing rivers. Camping, hiking and responsible four wheel driving are all great ways to enjoy the fantastic forests that Victoria is home to and I want to see this continue.
74071	Balance is the Key to Life and the Planet is the best way of showing us that. The Earth wants to provide Clean Water and Sustain Us, But it needs our help. Science and Data provides the premise of providing better outcomes, history tells us with we are doing a positive or negative job, it usually shows in one form or another. The Region in which I live is unique, magnificent, lush, healthy, thriving and sustained, most of these areas are remote based on inaccessibility, that's currently it's only protection from being priced as a commodity or resource. The future is about changing parts of the past that show us we got it wrong. The Future looks at the Heart, Lungs, Water and Food that sustains all beings of Great and Small, without all those we have a life that's unsustainable.
74072	If I go walking into the woods I want to hear and see the wildlife and the beauty of the magic that the surrounding scenery gives me on a natural scale No the destruction of tree being cut down.

74073	I see Victoria's forests as a haven for native wildlife and biodiversity where populations of animals such as the leadbeaters possum flourish. The respect for these places that visitors have supports the protection of our forests. They are protected from logging and a return to traditional management by our indigenous brothers and sisters ensures that bushfire risk is reduced. These forests provide a space where people can escape from the city and reconnect with natural environments. Melbourne's water security is ensured due to the abolishment of logging in the water catchments supporting society as a whole.
74076	Camping and being able to drive around in the bush, do a bit of fishing, a bit of prospecting, bird watching and relaxing.
74079	Sensible available outdoor for Victoria. And sustainable logging.
74080	Forests need to be protected, with their health/welfare coming first, and human use should happen when considered not to drastically upset this. We should use forests with respect, not destroy and trash them. Rainforest canopy should not be opened up, as it acts as a terrarium and keeps the water in. Good quality grey water should be added to the streams in there to increase this effect in times of drought. Forests will become increasingly used for tourism as more people want to see "wild" areas which are becoming more rare every day.
74081	The future of our forests is one with people enjoying and benefitting from their integral protection, free from the absurdity of logging and other destructive forms of land, water and natural resource abuse and degradation which VIC Forests unfortunately currently promote.
74084	Wild places to house explore. Clean water and bird calls.
74086	Forest use and access managed for the benefit of all users with bicycle travel encouraged at the most sustainable means of experiencing the bush
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74093	Clean water, lush forests, clean air. A quiet place to visit and be with nature. And nature in balance with itself, so the flora and fauna are healthy, carbon is stored within the forest and extreme weather events decline in number and ferocity. It all starts here with nature itself.
74095	Clean water, great bushwalking and camping opportunities, preservation of important and historic built-environment structures within our parks and sustainable logging in plantations.
74097	Open for all to use and enjoy. No matter what the people are doing. 4x4. Trail bikes. Dog sled racers, car rally enthusiasts. Prospecting. Hunting. Free camping. Fishing. Mountain bikes. Horse riders. Timber harvesting. All the bush should be open to all activities.
74100	No clearfell logging
74103	A thriving ecosystem providing clean water, clean air and carrying on the the spirit of our land.
74104	The scent and sounds of water in the bush. The Victorian bush smells so wonderful. And being in it is so relaxing and refreshing.
74106	4wd touring, walking, fishing all are great outdoor activities. Wilderness areas are a pathetic way of 'management'. Track closures etc. No pets.

74108	My vision is to see forests denuded of invasive flora and left alone with only hikers allowed in. No vehicles, no hunting, no camping, no bicycles. Just walkers with no ability to light fires or camp. Our forests are delicate and we should be appreciating them as is without killing fish or other wildlife. Our forests are to be enjoyed for their beauty and peace - for their unique biodiversity without humans degrading it in any way.
74110	The experience of sitting on a log in the Murrundindi forest and watching a male Lyre Bird come out from the undergrowth of the forest with two female Lyre birds and scratching around the ground and eating bugs and worms and being just 6 metres from where I was sitting. Walking through the Murrundindi forest early on a very frosty morning and the light from the sun as the sun rose being fractured by the trunks of the trees and seeing a male Lyre bird jump up on the stump of a tree, turn its back to the sun and open up his magnificent tail and watching the steam rise from his tail as he dried out in the sun. On a walk up Mt Andrew and having a male Lyre bird following me as I ascended the summit calling out to all the other animals warning them of my presence in the bush. Seeing a Powerful Owl sitting in a Blackwood tree with a Ringtail possum in its claws and intently watching me.
74111	Forests should be places of refuge for all living creatures, they should protect and enhance life, and provide humans with places of calm and rest. We don't know how severe the impact of climate change will be on our world, so it would be wise to preserve our native forests in the hope that they help buffer the CO2 levels, as well as carbon sequester.
74114	Places for protected wild places, people enjoying the outdoors in a responsible way and all supported by highly skilled and friendly staff
74116	Camping, 4wd, resource utilisation, ability to free camp with fires and dogs. These must be maintained in the State Forest estate. No new National Parks close to Melbourne, these must remain accessible to all.
74122	Lush valleys and forest. A place for all to relax. Camping, fishing and hiking getting in touch with the earth in the traditional Australian way. Pathing a way for a new modern Australian culture which is integrated with indigenous culture. Good fresh and healthy resources of water, fish and other native foods.
74123	Victorias forests should have the same respect as the southern ranges in New Zealand, ie as little impact as possible, foot traffic mainly with minimal access roads. Fringe developments that do not impact the integrity of the forests. Fringe bike trails. As little disturbance as possible. A policy of what you take in, you take out. Similar to that at Wilsons Prom, carry everything in and out. Using the guidance of Aboriginal land management which they used successfully for 60000 plus years.
74128	Access for all ,no locked out areas
74129	I see forests that are old and intricate, rich in age, trees 3 metres in diameter with hollows throughout. The cool microclimate buffers fire threat and fresh water runs through the gullies. Leadbeater possums and greater gliders can be seen emerging from their hollows at dusk and the hoots of powerful owls can be heard in the night. This is a forest untouched by humans, as all other land falls to waste and ruin, there are patches of oases where other animals on earth (other than humans) may persist. Humans may come here but only to enjoy and not to destroy. NOTE: I would like to note that there are no images of fauna above which is a disgraceful omission in this survey. 8 of the 13 photos above include humans in the photos and a further photo includes a man-made structure (the bridge). Only FOUR photos are of nature without humans present. This bias must be noted in your survey analysis. We must think on an ecosystem level and stop thinking of forests as existing for us only!

74132	Somewhere cool and green and quiet.
74136	Low impact, sustainable, equitable enjoyment of these forests. Protect them for future generations.
74137	I often go out camping in national parks and state forests,. My vision is that we listen to the indigenous people of this country, the custodians that have deeply cared for this land for centuries,. Since white settlement, we have devastated much of this land. I hope my child can still experience the forests that i camped in and hiked in. I hope that the government sees that caring for our planets is more important than an economic system. Without our planet, we have no economic system. Give more power to our indigenous elders when it comes to environmental policy, and let people have their say when it comes to clear felling, and fracking and oil shipping.
74142	My vision for the forests is that they can have accessible walking tracks and camping grounds without harming the environment. There should be every effort to keep the streams and rivers free from pollution. Logging and clearing the land should be illegal except for providing fire breaks and tracks for fire brigade vehicles.
74144	Keep wild places wild!
74149	Camping and related activities in our forests is vital for healthy and rounded children
74150	Disclaimer: the selected images that best represent my vision for the future of forests are the ones on the bottom right corner of top and bottom halves (the picturesque panoramic view of the horizon, and the fern-lined rainforest creek). These images are inspiring for me, as they encapsulate the breathtakingly beautiful scenery of forests! I am bushwalking/hiking enthusiast, and accessing and experiencing these views is a very invigorating and cathartic opportunity! I also recognise the representativeness of ecosystem services in these images, as therein lies the cycling and purifying of water, and the storage of carbon - both of which have intrinsic value, i.e. they matter with or without a human valuer.
74165	My vision is for Victorians and visitors to care about our forests and National Parks, take ownership and protect them from politics and resource harvesting. For all people to have access for enjoyment and education of this natural world.
74169	Forests protected with the same love and care that we afford our children. Precious beyond words.
74170	Our unique wildlife—endemic species like the Leadbeater’s possum and Barred Galaxias fish are facing extinction because of logging in their forest homes. This destructive logging MUST be stopped! The carbon storage values of Victoria’s forests, and their importance in regulating the climate, is another important point—as is the fact that these forests provide us with clean drinking water! These services the forest provides us should not be underestimated!
74173	Pristine rushing water, wondrous views and a generally healthy environment being enjoyed by respectful campers and cyclists.
74174	A government that supports parks and increases areas of national parks in order to protect the forest
74180	My vision of Victorian forests is a pristine natural wilderness easily accessed by Eco-tourists, with a great emphasis on biodiversity conservation and an end to timber harvesting in our forests. Camping, Protected areas and other recreational activities are far more appealing to me than clearing large tracts of bush for our declining logging operations where our wood is simply exported to make paper.
74181	Clean air, clean water. Rain forests attract rain it's a no brainer. I dream that one day the whole of Australia is GREEN.

74186	<p>I would love to see our forests embraced and appreciated for the resource that they are when left standing.</p> <p>I would love to see our old growth expanding.</p> <p>I hope that people stop fearing bushfire, and accept it as a dangerous part of living outside of the city. So that they know fire can and will happen anywhere, they have a well planned fire plan that can be executed at a moments notice. Then can we all live in harmony with our natural environment.</p> <p>I would love to see more farmers and land owners, educated in the way that trees provide great stock shelter, protect soil stability and improve pasture.</p> <p>I would love to see more land owners that back onto our forests encourage it onto their properties.</p> <p>I envision a better forest economy, rather than the destructive one that we have now.</p>
74190	We want our forests to be able to accessed by all Victorians and that our forests tend on as natural and healthy as can be
74193	Vision; large scale protected forest areas with low impact and well managed visitor centres. Top priority, protect the forests, rivers and water systems.
74194	Mature forests managed for all Victorians, plants and animals. A place of abundance dripping from each leaf. World leader in forest experiences, management and resource extraction/maximization
74196	I love the natural landscapes and the beauty of being able to look across large stretches of forested land. The little creek with its steppingstones reminds me of the wonderful natural way nature is able to purify the water and has done so for eons. The water also reminds me of the wonderful bio-diversity that is the natural result of leaving our forests unharmed and safe.
74199	I cannot choose only one or two of these images, as they all represent different components of my vision for the future of our forests. Each does not occur on every hectare of ground, but they all occur somewhere. Foresters can manage logging in plantations which become part of the forest estate, prescribed burning will occur in critical areas near settlements, different forms of recreation will occur, but separated so the existing clashes caused by the current extremely poor outdoor recreation management will be a thing of the past. Heritage old wooden bridges, old-growth trees, and aesthetic scenery will be abundant. There will be no massive public subsidies for logging as VicForests gets at present.
74204	The mountain stream in the bottom right picture inspires me. Cool fresh, unpolluted water. I love these places and bush walked some of it in my youth. My vision is to be able to take my grandchildren walking, fishing, and camping in the unspoiled forest and to encourage them to understand what the forests do for us, by just being there, so they can
74208	A healthy ecosystem where other species can exist undisturbed. Biodiversity is an essential element for a future that will ultimately benefit humans and nature.
74212	<p>Image 6 from the top left showing mountain range and valley with its forest's intact.</p> <p>Last image bottom right showing a cool refreshing unpolluted stream irrigating the surrounding plant life and providing safe clean drinking water for the local animal population. This is how the wilderness should be kept, indeed the less human presence the better off the wilderness will be. Point to remember this planet doesn't need the presence of humanity to blossom, rather it needs the absence of humanity to thrive.</p>
74216	The rush of water over a stony creek bed lined with massive tree ferns where our eucalypts can grow to massive trees and where we can cycle or drive slowly along tracks without disturbing the forest; people can set up tents to holiday and bushwalk, or swim or paddle in a stream. The tree covered hills often misty in the early morning or shrouded in low clouds provides photographic opportunities for passive recreation, or artistic inspiration for those creative people.

74217	The images that inspired me most are the ones containing mature trees and clean waterways. My vision is that these beautiful natural assets be protected from logging and unsustainable development so that I and everyone else can enjoy them now and for generations to come.
74218	My vision is for all people to be able to responsibly enjoy hiking, walking, camping in our beautiful;l forest. Maybe even bike ride - responsibly. Take in take out, leave no trace, keep nature natural.
74222	4wd, hunting, camping, mining, bike riding and photography.
74226	We can enjoy the clean air, walk and viewing the animals in the forest.
74229	i would like to see forest where people can enjoy nature and isolation in the most natural way possible, so much has been destroyed by roads, vehicles and logging that we are getting down to last remnants of what was there before white people destroyed it
74230	Pristine natural untouched forests with crystal clear fresh water, all habitats left with our unique wildlife flourishing in them. If we allow people to come into them, then strategically placed pathways are created allowing minimum of interference to nature.
74232	clean & pristine
74234	The forests are for native animals & brumbys to live in peace. 4wds ought be banned unless on designated roads. Trees should never be logged for paper pulp or building materials, this should come from sustainable & ongoing plantations. Governments across Australia keep logging Old Growth Trees instead of creating jobs by planting trees in areas where trees will help stop soil erosion and capture carbon.
74238	My visits to have huge, really huge forests. Zero logging. But also accessible to the public.
74244	Environmental protection for wildlife and flora.
74247	Unspoilt rivers with tree ferns are a delight, a wonderful restorative experience. A tonic to city life, and a way of protecting and rebuilding some natural spaces.
74248	Quality urban forest and parks that are easily accessible are a fantastic way for people to enjoy and learn about nature. We also need to have extensive forest reserves in more remote regions to provide habitat for wildlife and rare plants. More remote areas with minimal infrastructure also satisfy more intrepid self supported users.
74249	Jumping into 4wds and going off the beaten track with other people is a great way to bond with others, see our amazing natural landscapes and access some of the most remote and hardest to reach areas of Australia. No place should be locked or restricted to prevent people from seeing all the wonderful and different landscapes hidden away in some of our most pristine environments, such as the Victorian High Country.
74251	Pristine forests brimming with wildlife and fresh air.
74254	Victoria's remaining forests represent hugely valuable ecological systems as well as beautiful and unique experiences for visitors and tourists. They should be managed accordingly - to protect their ecological health, provide ecosystem services (e.g. CO2 capture and water quality), and low-footprint recreational experiences.
74257	I envisage people from all walks of life gaining enjoyment from leisure and recreational activities in parks.
74258	Free Camping , off-roading , fishing ,trail bike riding
74259	Camping in the Forrest is one of the best things you can do, I'm 35 and when we were little kids up to my teens whe my dad passed away he took us just about every weekend to Cheynes Bridge, just neat Licola camping. We went four wheel driving, fishing, swimming in the river and hunting and shooting targets. They are some of the most amazing memories I have of my Dad.

74261	A bush that is used by all to benefit all, camping, fishing, hunting, 4WDDriving etc, logging all contribute to a better forest. The users keep the tracks open that the CFA etc use in times of Bush fire. Locking the area up has increased the fuel load creating bigger fires killing wildlife and destroying huge areas of land
74262	The two photos of rivers (can't select on phone..) My vision for Victoria's forests is as a safe habitat and beautiful space for all creatures, preserved against the global trend of desertification due to deforestation and monoculture agriculture. These forests are VITAL for the security of Melbournes and indeed the worlds water supply. They are the lungs whose air we breathe.
74263	Forest managed for there cultural values not for the profits of big companies
74265	Freely accessible and sustainably utilised
74269	Tall trees like along the flowing river, like a guard of honour, just as nature intended. Mossy rocks that demonstrate the cleanliness of the air, a place where the natural world is showing off, and can do so because it has not been trammelled and irreparably damaged by industry such as logging. A forest which supports a healthy community of wildlife within it.
74270	My vision is pristine old growth forests with canopy walk ways and camping grounds, so that every Victorian has the chance to be surrounded by nature when they need to be. Puffing Billy style railways would be a great tourism boon so long as they were built with minimal impact on the environment.
74271	Forests well managed to ensure protection of flora and fauna for future generations to enjoy. Multiple users who are not detrimental to the forests. Forests accessible for all to enjoy.
74272	Forests for wildlife, water catchment, carbon storage and reduction in greenhouse gas production and natural beauty.
74274	The supply of clean water is essential to life of the forests
74275	I choose the images with water running through the forests. I value a healthy, thriving forest ecosystem that benefits all Victorians. The beauty of nature is so inspiring and of great benefit for mental health. I envision people being able to hike, bike, camp, canoe in our Victorian forests for generations to come. Please don't allow them to be logged, so they can only be remembered in pictures. We don't know if there is more plant life and creatures yet to be discovered in them. And they should be saved for the Aboriginal custodians of these areas. There is so much Aboriginals can teach us all and I hope going forward there could be Aboriginal run tours to explain the use of native plants and how they lived there and looked after the environment in the past.
74281	My vision is that our forests are green and teeming with life. They are renowned around the world for their beauty and the calmness it brings to those who journey into it. People flock to Australia to see it with their own eyes and breathe in the crisp clean air. Trees centuries old still stand tall and healthy. There is no logging here. Important protected areas have been established, and as a result, nature is thriving. Previously endangered animals are recovering their numbers and are sighted more frequently to the delight of many a traveller. Despite many campers, the forest still feels all-encompassing and remote, as it covers many kilometres of land. It is nature respected, left untouched to run its course, and it is magnificent.
74282	I want to see the Bush kept open and free to access for all bush users whether it be 4wding or camping, fishing and hunting, motorcycling or horse riding. Regular maintenance through burns and pest control (weeds and feral animals by hunters)
74284	Going up and cutting firewood and enjoying a weekend with the family.
74285	Bottom right appears to be a pristine forest, south facing , damp with a large stream running through band area of treeferns. I would like to see these forests left as they are .A place of beauty and tranquility.

74289	As part of a bushwalking group, I enjoy visiting wilderness areas and I would like to encourage others to share this experience.
74290	A forest that is a thriving, healthy ecosystem, supporting a diverse range of plants and animals. That humans can enjoy, leaving only footprints.
74292	Forests open free for public access and use, that protect the trees and wildlife that live within it.
74296	Forest should be open to everyone to enjoy as long as we keep to one rule if you bring it in you take it out
74298	<p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>Healthy forests create healthy people and, when done with thoughtful respect, this provides us with an opportunity to maintain a continuum of thousands of years of knowledge and carry this deeply into the future. Plundering the environment provides limited value to a few people only once. Maintaining and nourishing it provides limitless value to everyone ad infinitum.</p>
74299	holistic and comprehensively planned and organised system that prioritises biodiversity, cultural, public and ecological values more than economic (for the timber industry), but where economic values are incorporated as part of the sustainable management process - moving away from clear felling to selective and organised felling of specific trees, with a comprehensive multi-year plan and outlook for management. And incorporate more indigenous rangers and values.
74300	We have men and women who live, work and understand the ways of the bush should be listened to and their opinions or above those of people who visit occasionally, but understand the bush from social media forums and city based environmental groups. My vision if the people in bush are not heard is that all of the wonder, diversity and peace that nature brings us all will disappear if the bush is locked up like a misunderstood child. Nature and her products should be celebrated, utilised, respected and enjoyed! Timber is the ONLY sustainable and environmenttally responsible resource we have. Ask the loggers how to do it right and all of our visions could become a reality.
74301	Increase the size and improve the management of national and state parks. Invest in our green future. It's not all about roads.
74302	I envision a series of National Parks that cover all the remaining native forests in Victoria. This will halt all logging and shooting in Native forest immediately. These areas will gradually be rehabilitated and low impact hiking and camping sites will be made available. Rangers will be employed to care and rehabilitate what remains of our native forests. Growing them into a healthy retreat for humans and a healthy home for our flora and forna. We cannot let short term capitalist logging procedures outweigh the importance of a healthy natural element to our state. What little remains requires immediate protection. Even 80 year regrowth is too much to lose. We need to keep all remaining native forest in the ground regardless of age. Giving us the best chance to combat pollution and climate change.
74308	<p>Expansive, clean, thriving, biodiverse existing forests.</p> <p>New forests planted to replace ex-farmland as a result of more sustainable agriculture practices & less land needed for agriculture.</p>

74309	<p>Happy with all the pictures bar one. The orange hard hats on the bottom row, which I assume, has something to do with timber collecting. It is totally in conflict with the rest of the pictures. I would like to see the central highland forests protected. Timber is uneconomic, it destroys every other activity described by the other photos which have cultural, social and economic positive outcomes.</p> <p>Sorry my iPad can't move the panels below. I suspect this survey was not tested on Safari. If not, sack those responsible and get competent IT/survey people.</p>
74315	There is also a benefit from doing something for the forests that transcends "our benefits" and is not about "us". Ironically (I suppose) this feels good and is something uniquely human, to do good without self interest - so is an existentially rich "benefit".
74317	natural beautiful breathtaking as well as breath making
74318	<p>My vision is for a resilient ecosystems and a healthy environment with large areas over protected old growth and other forest, that protects further species loss and allows other endangered species to recover.</p> <p>At the same time I hope this allows recreational uses (sensitive to their environments) such as bushwalking and camping (both of which my family loves).</p>
74321	our forests offer an wonderful opportunity to experience ageless beauty, tranquility, balance and health, things we can derive from them without exploiting or harming them. Our relationship with our forest and our use of them should be managed in a way that the same relationship and use of the same forests is available to future generations
74328	My vision is for a healthy, thriving forest ecosystem. I envisage people will visit the area to camp, hike, cycle, horse ride etc in appropriate areas. I don't want to put a dampner on anybody's fun but we do have to be mindful that certain areas have to be protected from the damage that over use can do, i.e. compacting the ground, causing stress to tree root systems.
74329	Peaceful, clean, protected. Forest for as far as the eye can see. A refuge for our land and our flora and fauna species. Managed using techniques that are sustainable and help to fight back against species extinctions. Forest connection corridors planted so that there is connection from the mountains to the sea to increase biodiversity and species movement.
74330	As above
74332	Vision is a jargon term for managers and obsessed planners and an affliction of saints . What I would like to see is more untouched wilderness removed from the over-zealous control of managers. Forests can do quite well without human interference and so-called management as they did for millions of years before we evolved. The next question, "What should our forests be managed for?" already assumes that forests are there for human purpose/use only and that they need to be managed. Where is the question, "Do our forests need to be managed and if so, for what?" To manage anything you have to know what it is you are managing. 99% of the animals in our forests are invertebrates, mostly undescribed, and we know nothing of their interrelationships and critical ecological importance. How can anyone claim to be able to manage that? The term plants and animals needs to be clarified - it seldom includes invertebrates and by name excludes the fungi that keep everything going.
74333	Bottom right image. To protect our forests so our biodiversity can thrive
74337	it would be nice if more people could comfortably look at any one of these pictures and be able to call it home, or at least have some kind of strong connection with it. I feel like the modern human is too attached to society, forgetting about and ignoring our planet in its true glory.
74345	Let our forest be multi use like the ones overseas and stop charging such huge prices to stay there, this is why the grey nomads go interstate, you have priced them out

74347	Forests, natural environments and ecosystems must remain untouched by humans. Except for the few who oversee that no destruction occurs within these special places. Too much damage and loss of Flora and Fauna species has already occurred. It's nearly all gone. All Australians own these places, not just the few that see ways to exploit them for their own temporary gain and pleasures.
74353	A number of these pictures represent my vision for the future of our forests. The reality is that not all of these uses can happen in the same area. There should be zoning for the different uses. There should be areas of high protection like closed water catchments or for endangered flora and fauna in ecological reserves. There should be separation of trails for user groups like mountain bikers from hikers and increasing trends by the public for non motorised recreation away from dirt bikes and ATVs.
74354	Sorry, I can't seem to select an image in Firefox. It's the landscape with the big blue sky looking out onto the hills. It's like looking at a city. It looks like a cohesive calm whole, but when you look closer it's full of individuals hustling, getting on with their lives, each with their own story. Together they make something greater than themselves, and work together to achieve balance. We should be a part of that, we should be a part of the forest, but not more important than anything else. The picture makes me think that the forest is a system, and we should be thinking about how can contribute to it, rather than how we can dismantle it.
74357	Forests and woodlands are our best insurance against drought and floods - multi-level vegetation captures rain and protects soil, ground-cover and run-off. I enjoy forest driving and walking as a bird-watcher and native plant hunter, but there is far too much even-aged regeneration - very dull and carries little bird-life by comparison with mixed-age growth. I also used to enjoy camping.
74365	All current area of moist to wet forests remain and other natural forests remain and wherever possible there are refuges for plants and animals against the warming and drying effects of climate change.
74367	My vision is that our grandchildren and all those who will come after them will still be able to enjoy our forests for active physical recreation activities, such as those depicted in pictures 2 (non-motorised boating and swimming), 4 (mountain-bike riding), 7 (camping) and 10 (bicycle touring) and be uplifted by their natural beauties (last picture of fast flowing stream) and the vast open vistas (picture 6)
74368	Victoria must strive to protect and enhance all remaining forests for the benefit of traditional owners, visitors, and the plants and animals that rely on these forests
74371	My vision is of pristine waters and undisturbed wilderness, where both plants and animals thrive. Vehicle access and accommodation buildings exist on the edges of the forest only. Access to the interior is via walking trails only, and accommodation is only in camping grounds accessible by foot, to minimise damage to the area.
74389	1) Maintain "free camping" "Prospecting" "Hunting" "local forest industries" 4wd, access, all in an ecologically responsible manner.
74399	I see a stream I can drink from - delicious cool water, the best you've ever tasted. I see families camping sensitively in the forest, children exploring the natural world, the screech of yellow-bellied gliders at night.
74412	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg Water is life and we need a healthy, thriving forest ecosystem that benefits ALL Victorians, not a handful and international companies. 100 year old Mountain Ash trees can't be replaced.
74414	the beauty of it is amazing, the chance to walk where dinosaurs lived is just outstanding. I want to camp, ride and hike in our forest with my son.

74417	Victorian forests - protected for the health and enjoyment of the planet and humans.
74427	Our forests are complex and stunningly beautiful places for sustainable recreation, learning and quiet contemplation. Forests are ecosystems, not tree farms. They are home to multitudes of plants, animals, fungi and other organisms, all interdependent. The school of nature, the fresh air, the clean water, the sights, the sounds and the challenges of the terrain are all worth infinitely more than any short term profits procured through destruction.
74433	The sight of endless forested rolling hills, large enough to support important ecosystems, is the image I wish to see. Unlogged and protected from destructive uses such as four wheel driving. Sensitively managed old growth that may encourage careful eco tourism but be treasured for it's contribution to a healthy environment rather than auxiliary uses.
74449	open forrest for everyone no locked out areas
74451	Last image vision: Our virgin forests remain protected and cherished by the people of Victoria and are recognised as an invaluable natural resource for the benefit of future generations of Victorians. A recognition that natural forests and woodlands are essential for the health of our environment at the broad scale, for the survival of our unique flora and fauna, and for the health and well-being of all Victorians.
74452	victoria is a large state with many parks, bushland and forests - all of the above are images for now and for the future. clean water, clear tracks, defined camping areas, Nature at it's best
74455	Forests for climate amelioration and clean water is absolutely paramount. Its only intaked stable forests that do this. Not forests that have been disturbed by logging excessively.
74457	Remove financial focus associated with use and focus on gains for broader community Protect and preserve
74458	All these are valuable activities, we can have them all, they are not mutually exclusive!!
74459	Being amongst a thriving natural ecosystems full of life make sme feel alive. It is a destressor.
74464	My vision for the future of forests is for there to be healthy thriving forest ecosystems that will benefit all Victorians and that will make us proud of what we have understood the value of and have protected.
74467	Wildlife left alone
74472	Our forests should be able to thrive and provide a healthy environment for its inhabitants to also thrive, and for those living away from nature to be able to visit and enjoy.
74477	Streams that flow even in summer, cool and shady surrounds on a hot summer day, walking paths that do not have weed infested edges, continued access to a great variety of habitats for walkers to enjoy nature and scenery.
74486	Unfortunately the beautiful, unique and renewable timber products that come from our sustainably managed forests has not been depicted in these images, only one tiny image of a harvesting operation. Everyday people love the end products of harvesting (timber and firewood). This is very disappointing and the images presented here will lead to a distorted overall response. All these pictures depict great aspects of our state forests and they all still exist with a long history of Forestry operations - multiple use management.
74487	A natural world not there for people to use for recreational activities and a playground. But a natural world that is respected by and as a way to teach us how important forests are. The forests are not there to be used and abused by people. They provide such an important environmental service, that is what should be encouraged, clean water, fauna not hampered by roads, rubbish, or people destroying what little is left.

74488	My vision is the recognition of throw invaluable natural ecosystems are in the world in their own right. No need for provenance or fame as in valuing a painting, the intricacies ecosystems are still be discovered and they ARE the only 'wealth'. Balance between recreational use, study, and preservation means that these already over-logged and diminished forests should be preserved for future generations of scientists and children . Forests contribute to humanity JUST BY EXISTING and performing their everyday functions. Protect them.
74489	Victorian forests providing a environment to engage with nature to large cross section of society
74505	Healthy waterways and forest which exist not just for our enjoyment and benefit (although being out in the world of nature is good for us mentally and physically) but also because it has a right to exist and be protected for its own sake....
74506	Clean flowing living environment with bio diversity that inspires one to blend into .. Walk ways helping individuals to learn. Such as Matt's Rest. Signs suggesting quiet tour groups.
74507	High value selective harvesting that utilises the world - famous hardwoods of Mountain Ash, should predominate by selective logging. -Personal development is now seen as the new economy. People are no longer seeking consumer goods as markers of identity. Rather they are now seeking out a richness through experiences. Travel tourism, experimental development. Young people go international to seek out such development. -Contact with Nature is often the key to such activity. River rafting (on the Goulburn River), hiking 'in the bush', heritage values: All these activities and more are contained within the immediate areas of the forest recreation reserve proposal. -Further development can come in the form of a swing bridge across the Snobs Creek Falls and a treetop walk • Climate change means that the practice of clear-fell logging our native forests is over. Now we must log selectively or not at all. Logging that jeopardises the headwaters and watersheds of the source of our waters fo
74511	Managing our forests for the future rather than for the present will benefit us now and into the future. Profits should never be the number one priority when we are discussing the health of the human race and the health of our planet. Under correct management we can do so much better and make Victorian forests a place for us all.
74514	Healthy intact environments, a place for nature to thrive a place for gentle recreation and de-stress. A place for future generations to be in awe of our wonderful amazing planet.
74515	Our country is becoming progressively drier due to excessive deforestation
74516	a quiet peaceful natural place to relax and enjoy with other respectful people who both look after the bush and respect others to their peace of paradise
74517	I think that all of those images should be possible for the future of our forests. We need to put more pressure on sustainable harvesting of wood and stop chopping down what should be heritage listed forests.
74521	Natural spaces for all to appreciate, explore and enjoy.
74531	Sources of pristine rivers and preserving stream side vegetation zones.
74532	My vision is for forests to be protected and never developed. Pristine habitats harbouring wildlife safely and never contributing to risk of damage.
74533	All values and uses for the social, economic, cultural and environmental benefit for the whole community.

74535	<p>Almost all the images above clearly demonstrate the benefits I have briefly described in the previous question, especially the diversity of recreational activities that can be enjoyed in a forest environment.</p> <p>From my point of view I am a keen naturalist (a member of the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria) and as such spend some time in Victoria's forests exploring the biodiversity, especially fauna including birds, mammals, reptiles, frogs and insects.</p>
74536	<p>The clear, flowing stream with moss-covered rocks, ferns, and trees. Never will you see a more refreshing site that money simply cannot buy. The elevated views of untouched forest as far as the eye can see. Trees so big they look like they have been there forever. People on holiday enjoying these surrounds breathing in clean air and drinking clean water from rivers and streams. Forestry workers employed to enhance these forests through conservation projects, research, and improved access thoughtfully done.</p>
74538	<p>Victorian Forests should be a place where everyone can go to reconnect with nature outside of the modern world. They should be accessible but preservation of the natural environment should still be the number one priority. The large sprawling natural landscapes needs to be preserved, and connected to enhance Victoria's biodiversity. Finally, communities engagement activities should involve education of the importance of Vic Forests as well as act as a catalyst for persons to connect with the Traditional Owners of the land.</p>
74539	<p>Like the diversity that exists within the natural environment so to is the diversity of values and opportunities that it provides. There is not one part of the environment that should be prioritised above all other, it's a balance of all the elements. We can make a future where all values can co-exist; Cultural and ecological values protected, water and natural resources managed sustainably, threats from wildfire and benefits of ecological burning balanced, to name but a few. And, all this can be available for us to interact with, enjoy and be a part of. We need to think inclusive, we need to think sustainable, we need to think balance for us to think future.</p>
74541	<p>Sustainable recreation and nature tourism. Transition away from native logging. Protecting our water and catchments. Traditional owner cooperation and valuing aboriginal heritage. Being proud of what we have, and are stewards for and protecting it.</p>
74542	<p>Increased indigenous management of forests for the benefit of all.</p> <p>Remnant and high quality forest areas are permanently protected as thriving, biodiverse places with other less diverse forests utilised sustainably for resource use (adopting emerging cutting edge sustainable forestry practices that minimise ecological impact).</p> <p>Forest experience and wellbeing activities in nature become a bigger part of our everyday lives: prescribed as medicine by doctors and psychologists, a core part of school curricula and mainstream life.</p> <p>Inappropriate housing development in/near high fire-risk forest areas is prevented.</p>
74543	<p>I hope to see Victoria's native forests remain a beautiful place for all people and animals to cherish without the fear of destructive industries (ie. logging) to destroy such significant forest.</p>
74544	<p>Camping as above mentioned</p>
74545	<p>A healthy ecosystem benefits ALL Victorians. I want Victoria's forests to be fully protected so that these unique and beautiful systems can thrive. I want to see species that are threatened return to healthy populations.</p> <p>I want to see our Traditional Custodians acknowledged for their deep understanding of ecology, sustainable use of the land and the profound connection they have with Country that has existed for tens of thousands of years. I want them to be heard.</p> <p>I want to be proud of how we protect our wilderness.</p>
74547	<p>The two bottom right photos are what we would like to know are there and unspoiled by current 'fire protection' regimes, logging and damage by introduced species.</p>

74548	<p>All of these images encompass my vision for the interaction with Mother Nature. in short, there are ways to conserve, protect, manage, economically benefit from and enjoy our forests. Health is now seen as a buy product of exposure and time spent in a healthy forest and water ways. There are hundreds of jobs to be developed in education, eco tourism, regeneration and pest management.</p> <p>Our cultural heritage of non indigenous, as well as that of First Nations are fostered through custodianship, natural burning practices, among many, many other means of accessing the longest continual civilisation and its experiences all offer huge benefit and potential value adding to our future.</p>
74549	<p>Vision :</p> <p>To be able to continue to breath the fresh air we are lucky to have , swim, bike, hike, camp and be in our natural</p> <p>Wonders where I spend much time with my family. Have a future environment that is vibrant and fit to handle the industrial world we live in so my 4 boys can enjoy a future like I have had - but we must act , must act now , we must make changes now !!</p>
74552	Maintaining and preserving pristine natural environments. Maintaining biodiversity. Allowing some access to parks for connection to nature and recreation.
74554	To have areas where nature knows best. Look at the streams above. In Horsham Burnt Creek & in Moonee Ponds the Moonee Ponds Creek were "tidied up". Several plants and frogs are no longer found along Burnt Creek. Moonee Ponds Creek is so ugly that Melbournians were able to prevent other creeks being improved. Changing the course of Moonee Ponds Creek cost the Victorian government thousands of dollars to repair the Pascoe Vale High School when its library started sinking into the former creek.
74555	<p>None of your images contain a single native fauna species which speaks volumes about DELWP's and the Victorian Government's current forest management plans.</p> <p>My vision is for the native fauna to be back in their forests, alive again, properly protected in their rightful habitat, findable, even by tourists, and enjoying life in the forests alongside the humans and as much as the humans.</p>
74556	A healthy forest environment with thriving species diversity and old growth trees. Where people can connect with nature and be at peace. People can enjoy recreational activities in the forest such as hiking, camping, running, cycling, swimming, wildlife spotting
74558	My vision is to have families and campers come out for weekends to camp, hike and relax in the beautiful Australian bush. Get back to basics, relax and enjoy!
74560	Old growth native forests managed to allow access so people can enjoy walking or kayaking or driving through. Stop so much logging and replant degraded land to help the fight against global warming.

74561	<p>I like to enjoy the bush for it's beauty and tranquility. No bush bashing in a 4wd or motorbike.</p> <p>The damage done to the vegetation by logging is also irreversible. The bush will turn green again, yes. But never again the way it was.</p> <p>For many years now I'm a friends member of Glen Nayook. Amazing the work carried out by this group over the years. An enormous diversity on ferns, mosses and lichens. Three out of the four known Filmy Ferns (Hymenophyllum sp.) to grow in Victoria are known to grow in this reserve. The very rare Delicate Hook Sedge (Uncinia tenella) and a special Mountain Helmet Orchid (Corysanthus grumula) also grow here. Maybe should not advertise this to widely? Hate to see this reserve damaged/burnt.</p> <p>The friends group could do with more ranger support in the way of e.g. blackberry spraying.</p>
74562	Unlogged natural bush (virtually none left). Cessation of logging until forests recover.
74563	Continued use of our forests for sustainable timber industry and also for all recreational purposes e.g. camping, walking, bike riding, fishing and 4 wheel driving and continued enjoyment of the natural environment.
74565	<p>Cut the crap</p> <p>This is about organised theft of our resources aided and abetted by forest Victoria. Forest Victoria policy of clear felling Denys Forrest animals refuge.</p> <p>Fails to gain high Value from high value logs. Because you are not growing them.</p> <p>Everyone knows about the baiting of all animals when clear felled areas are re planted.</p> <p>The using of heavy machinery to damage and downgrade logs.</p> <p>The practice of bogging roads near active timber coops to hide the windrows of firewood suitable for locals.</p>
74566	Resilient and healthy forest ecosystems which provide benefits - whether they be economic, environmental or social - to all Victorians.
74569	All the images that have natural bush, trees, Forest, water, grass and forest scenery. I really hope we still have forests and bush land to enjoy in the future. It would be devastating not to be able to enjoy healthy viable ecosystems that provide what we need to survive as humans. My vision includes the hope that future generations are able to have the very important connection to nature, animals that aren't extinct, clean water, healthy activities like bush walking, camping, bike riding etc
74570	I want, as a recreational user, to have minimal restrictions on such activities as I choose to partake in provided they are, of course , legal and have minimal environmental impact .
74571	a natural living forest providing benefit to all. it is showing the the history and engagement traditional management. it also shows the regenerative nature of our living forest as it provides for us all with timber and recreational actives.
74572	I am a hunter a 4WDriver, dirt bike rider, a fisherman a camper. I take responsibility for what I do in the bush and take care of it like it's my own back yard. If it's locked up, I won't need to respect it and won't care for it.

74573	I imagine a future Victoria which continues to have amazing forests and places to explore. But, the benefits are not only outside the city, I imagine a friendly city with less noisy and polluting cars/bus/trucks and more people enjoying nature within the city. People will keep enjoying nature and taking care of it. There is more information available about the benefits that nature provides us so there is more awareness on the relevance of taking care of forests.
74575	Maintain healthy, diverse and productive native ecosystems. Allow for a range of uses of Victoria's public forests that recognise the past, consider the future and minimise the cost to current generations.
74576	Clean air, clean waterways no development, no logging, happy families enjoying the beautiful outdoors.
74578	A clean wooded environment that everyone can enjoy An environment that is sustained for generations to come.
74582	My vision for our forests future is green and crisp, where the animals move freely about and the rivers and air are fresh and clean, revitalizing our souls. It is a space where we can come for peace and clarity to free our minds from whatever darkness perks within and we can leave with a new sense of sense and fulfilment within our beings. It is a place of safety, security and connection.
74584	I have chosen the very last image, of the gushing waterway downstream through a gully in the forest. To me this represents the magnificence of a natural ecosystem that must not be disturbed. It represents clear, clean water that flows into the drinking water taps of all Victorians. This must not be impacted. The forests must be protected. They belong to Victorians. They do not belong to the logging industry for the sake of preserving jobs and economic concerns. As the government you must act in the name of all Victorians not the handful who want to keep their jobs. As the government, you must provide a transition for those people into another industry.
74589	Unpolluted streams, clean air all year around, improving numbers of endangered species
74590	natural beauty and history of all people that inhabit this space survives to present a rich account of who we were and who we are now. We are just the current custodians and our treasure is preserving the richness of the wilderness. I want to see our first australians sacred sites (if permissible), places where first australians camped ie middens and places where first australians ate (ie bush tucker and bush foods).
74591	Let's keep the forest available for the people that actually live nearby to enjoy, if the so-called green people loved the forest that's where they would live.
74592	The fun and exhaustion of putting up a tent when its raining oh my goodness I was so pleased to get inside it was like a hail storm outside but it cleared a sunny day as we went for a walk it was fabulous going through the forests on the defined tracks looking at fungi, old growth forests the trucks so wide I couldn't possibly put my arms around it. WOW how incredible to be one with nature to look and hear the birds, smell the fresh air the scents of the forest the leaf litter. Then return to talk about it with other campers get their views on it and enjoy yourself knowing when you returning next week, ten years from now or 20years it will have grown more with more flora and fauna and thank goodness no rotten logging in it!
74593	I would like to see a vibrant, natural ecosystem. I would like to see the realization of the Great Forest National Park and the Emerald Link to preserve these forests as a unique Australian Landscape. Forests are important for our mental health: they provide a calm focus point that helps to maintain our mental health in a otherwise very unnatural world.
74598	Notable: Not ONE photo includes an Australian Native Animal ??????
74602	I have visited a place such as this in Victoria and been overwhelmed by the unique beauty, serenity, primal nature. The cool, fragrant, cleanliness I can recall vividly. These are completely irreplaceable and should be protected and enshrined as untouchable, protected from logging and tourism infrastructure.

74605	Rivers run through forests, bringing water, the source of all life to many creatures and humans. We can swim and raft and row in the rivers for leisure. We can walk the mountains and behold the sweep of bush untouched by human. We can camp and ride too, in dedicated areas.
74615	I see our forests as places that can sequester carbon and thereby be positive contribution to helping mitigate climate change, this also ensures that we can experience pristine wilderness first hand which is both good for the soul and important in order to understand that we must work with nature and not use it as an endlessly exploitable resource.
74621	Our forests should be a place where all people can enjoy nature and native animals can live in their natural habitat.
74638	<p>This is a really dumb idea in my opinion. How are you going to use the data? I could send you any number of photos of Victorian landscape, none of which would feature any immediate evidence of human activity. We humans are the problem; good if we could also find the solution!</p> <p>My wish is that public policy for forests would start from what long term outcome you / the govt wants to define for the State's physical environment more broadly. Jobs in the timber industry are a short term problem that can be solved by shutting it down. Activities in the forests/parks should be managed / contained to minimise impact and optimise experience.</p> <p>Farmlands need to be managed sustainably, and where the economics are marginal compulsorily acquired and rehabbed. City and town boundaries need to be set to put an end to this horrible march across our food bowls.</p>
74639	Safe, beautiful water courses that feed the forest and then are available for healthy lives in our cities.
74640	Native forests maintained in good ecological health for future generations.
74642	I believe the State Forest are currently being managed quite well. I'd like to see this continue. I'd like to see more walking trails within state forests so I can take my dogs.
74644	Clean, pristine environments don't have to always be a playground for campers, hikers, and people bashing through the tracks in massive 4 wheel drive vehicles. Some wilderness should be left for the animals and birds that were calling these areas home long before we came along and started messing with their environment.
74650	My vision for the future of our forests are that there is access for horse trail riding, bicycle riding, walking, camping, fly fishing and the like, that allows for the integrity of the environment to stay intact. Reasonable guidelines need to be followed such as: following designated trails, leaving the camp spot as you found it, taking out rubbish, filling out a registration book. In addition the forest management is guided by aboriginal fire specialists in the management of fuel load so that massive fires are minimised and prevented. Special conditions may be given for sensitive environments, for example the washing of footwear, hooves, bicycle tyres to prevent phytophora.
74651	I appreciate extensive areas of unbroken forest, beautiful views, rivers and streams and people enjoying the landscape in low impact ways, such as walking, bike riding, camping. I believe people gain a great deal more from walking and camping for extended days in the wilderness than driving through in a vehicle. I appreciate the inclusion of traditional owners in natural resource management - they have been achieving it a great deal longer (and more holistically) than the more recent immigrants and the potential benefit to these individuals, by re-connecting with country, is important. I don't feel positively toward forest utilisation for wood products at the moment because I believe it is conducted in an unsustainable and extractive manner, for the profit of few rather than benefiting the broader community. Any operation that destroys the utilisation of community owned forest by wildlife, community members and other (more sustainable) industries is unacceptable in my view.
74653	The Victorian timber industry plays an important role in our forest which only operates in a small area but a very important part of our heritage, jobs, economic activity in regional towns.

74655	Pristine, outdoor enjoyment, that's life!
74656	Unspoiled natural bio diverse environment.
74661	<p>A tall old tree represents the importance of forests to life on this planet. It never stops giving, even in its dying stages. Plantation native forest is to be encouraged but the logging of native forest remnants is doing irreparable harm, especially when we are faced with climate warming and the drastic loss of biodiversity that is leading to an alarming high rate of species extinction in Australia.</p> <p>I do feel for the those who work in the timber industry and the craftsmen. I treasure my timber furniture and native timber flooring. But the preservation of what is left of Victorian native forest is the priority so water still flows down the rivers, beautiful vistas remain, historic timber bridges delight, and our children's children can walk among the trees, listen to the birds and perhaps at night glimpse a powerful owl or greater glider.</p>
74663	<p>Not sure if you click the images above to select? this dosen't work on my computer.</p> <p>However I choose the image of the blue sky and mountains.</p> <p>It inspires me to get out there and enjoy.</p> <p>images should have included wildlife, walkers and horse riders for equal representation</p>
74666	<p>all images valid, yes to waterways, yes to responsible camping and cycling, yes to fresh air and nature experiences, beautiful views, getting wild in nature</p> <p>prefer no cars, bus to ecologically appropriate facilities near forests</p>
74667	<p>My vision is that the natural environment is perceived by the community to be our wealth and heritage. My vision is that our leaders will represent this understanding and ensure the protection and nurturing of the plants and animals .My vision is that plants and animals are treated with love and respect and not exploited for corporate profit.</p>
74672	the 4wd fun with the family
74676	To maintain/improve Victoria's natural landscapes with a focus on biodiversity and reducing climate change impact. Get communities and individuals involved and engaged to make a difference so that we can all enjoy what nature has to offer.
74681	<p>I envisage our forests with thriving, clean, healthy ecosystems - for all to enjoy, value and respect. I want native species that are currently endangered to come back to larger numbers and expand their range. I would like to see camping fees scaled to income. I don't mind that it costs, but it should be affordable to all. Our forests provide us with clean air and water - we need to preserve what we have and put an immediate halt to all logging. I don't mind hunters going in and culling introduced species. I want indigenous people to consulted more often. There is a wealth of wisdom we need to respect and utilise.</p>
74685	Forests managed for a range of values and uses. Sustainably managed forests for wood and forest produce. Access to the Forest for a range of users. Traditional owner involvement and consultation in management of these forests.
74686	Aboriginal connection with the land; new arrival connection with the land; wilderness for its own sake; protection of natural assets; realisation that when something is lost, it is gone; not viewing everything through political populism and commercial perspectives
74691	The image of the VicForests staff managing the forest sustainably shows what can be done with our forests and the benefits they can bring when managed responsible and sustainably.

74697	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg I have chosen the photo of a very large, very old tree to emphasize that we Victorians understand that only old-growth forests provide the environment that can sustain genuine biodiversity, prevent extinctions, store enough carbon and represent the true Australian forest to our families. My vision is that future generations will be grateful for the decisions of today's citizens to ensure the preservation of these forests by bringing an end to the short-term exploitation and destruction of our natural resources.
74699	With a blend of traditional land practices and current data and science, our treasured forest resources will be healthy and robust and safeguard Victorians in a warmer and drier climate into the future.
74701	Ideally the forest are in a pre European settlement state. Failing this they are no worse than what we have today for all future generations to enjoy, not just ours.
74702	Unpolluted, untrampled native forests with clear water, no signs, no bike tracks, no tourism input. Unobtrusive tracks for safety.
74703	Clean, Biodiverse, affordable,
74704	Many of these pictures remind me of what beautiful native forest places we have in Victoria, along with their deep-time connection with indigenous people and other heritage values. And yet, we continue to punch holes in these beautiful place by continued logging. And for what? A minimal 10-15% contribution to our forest products, much of which ends up as paper and other pulp products, and the maintenance of tenuous logging-related jobs in regional areas that should be transitioned, with assistance, to other types of employment. The experience of the Otways National Park, and other economic studies, like that from Nous, show that regional communities can benefit in major ways by removing logging, and supporting communities to find other ways to develop businesses. If RFAs were about sustainability of forests, jobs and ecosystem services, they have failed massively on every criterion - its 2019, time for a new approach that factors in the benefit of forests for mitigating climate change.
74709	My vision is of a future of our forests where old growth forests and high conservation forests are protected from logging. Where the values of water and carbon sequestration are accounted for and the timber industry isn't subsidised to cut down trees that are hundreds of years old and then woodchipped. Forests should be managed for biodiversity and valued for the health benefits that they provide us. More low-impact tourist trails and camping areas with adequate signage, facilities (i.e. composting toilets, bbqs/fire pits) and advertising. Walking trails like the larapinta which have drop-off lockers and water tanks to allow multi-day hikes. Management of forests to include upkeep of trails and tracks, weed and feral animal control.
74717	Camping with family and friends, extensive recreational trail and track networks that include horse riders and which may incorporate historic features and areas of striking beauty. Preservation of natural systems in balance with providing public access. That our forest areas are not locked up from the public.
74718	Why are we logging our old growth forests? These should be preserved for flora and fauna and future generations to enjoy. From what I hear, logging companies are logging outside their prescribed areas with governments turning a blind eye to it. WHY!!!
74719	All the pictures above have relevance. We need to protect our flora and fauna and we need to also go and enjoy it.
74722	Hunting
74724	Access to the Bush for my family to enjoy. Free Camping, track and area access. Stop being mis directed by groups that clearly do not use the Bush out leave the city but have an opinion that others should be locked out ie greater national park.

74725	Ecosystems that have evolved over millennia should be allowed to exist and should be "managed" only to the extent that is necessary to defend or repair them from the damage we have already inflicted. The wild environment with its plants, fungi and wildlife has intrinsic value. It is not a resource for us to use and destroy. We borrow the land from our grandchildren; we don't inherit it from our grandparents.
74726	My vision for Victoria's forests is that they are preserved, allowed to regenerate and thus provide healthy ecosystems to ensure ongoing biodiversity, protect endangered species, mitigate against climate change and provide opportunities for all Victorians (and visitors to Victoria) to experience the wonders of temperate forests.
74727	My vision includes all Victorians spending time enjoying healthy air, exercise and unmarred pristine views. Families creating memories, artists creating more world famous landscape paintings from these views. My vision is for a healthy eco system full of biodiversity
74729	4wd camping trips with family are wonderful and should be preserved, also challenging 4wd / motor biking tracks to remain open. Domestic firewood collection could be increased without damage to the environment.
74730	I would like to be able to hunt (with licensed owners and legal registered firearms) and go four wheel driving.
74731	<p>I want greater forest management to correct the relentless commercial abuse the Wombat State Forest has been subjected too. I don't want a highly restricted National Park. I want to see all recreational users allowed in it as they are now. Better management means proper thinning of already harvested areas and biodiversity.</p> <p>I want future generations to be able to ride their horses there, ride their trail bikes, push bikes and 4x4 in a responsible way that respects the Forest.</p>
74733	Getting the balance between, Nature, Economy and our well being is not an easy task, our forests could be managed to do that but you have to start with Nature, it has the most important seat at the table and should be listened to. Imagine a world where Forests have Legal rights and then we might move away from viewing it as property to be exploited.
74735	<p>top left - My vision: indigenous workers in the forest industry will play more than a token role. Suffering a disjunct from a custodian role in the past, with regards to inter-generational justice, they have lost more than the rest of us.</p> <p>top right - camped in a forest, doing citizen science, it would be nice if campers did not fear attack or abuse from logging industry workers, if ecologists running the camp were paid, and if we could work together with DELWP, not in an adversarial role.</p> <p>right centre - for a panorama that is no longer disturbed by re-generation burns.</p> <p>left centre - for camp-grounds to contain native rather than introduced species, including plants with bush tucker, such as wild raspberry, lilli pilli, coast beard-heath, so campers can learn about local fruits.</p> <p>second from right at bottom - no more clearfelling of native forest.</p> <p>bottom right - for forestry workers to show reverence for waterways and the understory plants that add to the biodiversity of these areas.</p>
74738	<p>I like to look at the vision of the mountains and valley - no logging apparent. I am hoping it is a photo of the future Great Forest National Park.</p> <p>The chaps in the first photo appear to be having a smoking ceremony?</p> <p>People riding bikes through certain forest types - great; 4WD in certain forest types already degraded - ok.</p>
74739	Natural environments for biodiversity, cultural practices of First Nations peoples, and recreation enjoyment and well-being of the whole community
74741	Our forest should like all things in nature have a good balance of all activities that our communities and tourism can enjoy and also allow the visitors keep these places in high health.

74744	All the green reminds me of my childhood, spending school holidays on a farm in Gippsland. It would be great if my kids could experience something like that.
74748	My vision is for access to our forests for 4x4, camping, hunting, fishing, prospecting without the needless lockouts done "to the calendar", just because that is how it has been, for too long.
74751	Healthy water comes from healthy forests. My maternal grandfather was the primary male influence through my younger years, with his own plumbing business operating out of the backyard and at one time president of the Victorian Master Plumbers. He took great pride in showing off Melbourne's protected water supply catchments as well as other natural and infrastructure highlights. I've recently been involved in Melbourne Water's Healthy Waterways Strategy refresh and never been more aware that we must adopt indigenous respect for the natural world if we are to survive as a species. I see humans as means not ends, Realistically, I see the monetary economy as a tool for deluding the richest creatures ever to exist to believe is scarcity so foolishly that we willing attend made work for much of our lives only so we can trickle monopoly money down to ravenous black holes. More optimistically, I see forests regenerating, inspiring and supporting many creatures.
74752	My vision for the future of native forests is for the Great Forest National Park to be established so that native wildlife have habitat and people can enjoy the forest and even make a living from it without cutting down the trees.
74753	Clean air and water
74755	Well managed native forests with a range of accommodation options for people out all abilities to enjoy and appreciate our bush.
74758	I just want Victorian forests to be accessible for recreational use, not closed off and limited parks where recreations are forbidden.
74761	<p>My vision includes all of the images above and more. Additional activities that we used to enjoy as children such as bushwalking, horse riding, hobbyist prospecting (metal detecting and hand panning for gold or gems), camping at designated caravan friendly camping spots, fishing, photography and the like.</p> <p>My vision also includes organised feral pest control (potentially organised in conjunction with groups like the Sporting Shooters of Australia, CSIRO etc).</p> <p>Also my vision includes coordinated fire and fuel load management, with regular burn offs in cooler weather to reduce the fuel loads in non-isolated areas, which would potentially threaten the lives and properties of people living in those environments.</p> <p>Lastly, biological threat management with ongoing scientific evaluation of effectiveness. I've seen areas of forest closed to the public for fear of spreading the cinnamon fungus, with no follow-up in 20 years to determine the true effect of the closure against a reference.</p>
74763	Our forests are a place where we can integrate with nature, enjoy the natural beauty of land and a rare place of partnership where humans care for their environment rather than destroy it
74766	The pictures that inspire me the most are the two on the bottom right. Both images are fine examples of Victoria's beautiful forests. I would like future generations to enjoy these scenes as much as I have in my life.
74767	Vast unique forests for people to enjoy, respect and connect with nature, whilst also protecting wildlife and ecosystem services.
74768	Forests should be opened up and not restrict access for activities, a sustainable timber industry needs to happen to keep our forests fresh and vibrant for centuries to come, locking them up only results in one thing which is total destruction caused by wildfire. I wish to see the forest as a recreational oasis!

74770	We have the one of the most beautiful places in Australia and the world. The high country, and all its beauty, it's rivers it's camping grounds, it's isolated tracks and trails, it's diversity from rugged terrain to wide open plains is a world class attraction. We can use it for so much more than it is being. A place where all Australians can come and no matter what their interests are they will find something for them. A place for those who love to explore to see our beautiful bushland. A place for those to ride on horseback like our forefathers once did and see the land that way. A place for hunters to responsibly reduce the pests that have invade our bushland. A place for those who love the challenge of the difficult tracks to highest mountains can bring their 4wds. A place for families to come and rest their weary souls and relax and recoup. A place for the cattle to graze. If all work together in harmony the benefits will be beyond our dreams and our bush will grow forever.
74772	my vision is that forests are FOR THE PEOPLE, & maintained in as far as possible a relatively fire safe manner = fuel reduced! Not locked up & left to burn. We must recognise that Australia has moved on and can never go back to 'pre white settlement'. We need to be strict in 'sensitive' areas & allow greater access in areas that are less sensitive to all Bush Users, including vehicles.
74776	We vitally need linked systems from National Parks, reserves, private conservation areas et al to allow movement of species, broadening of the gene pool & to give a better chancellor healthy systems tone maintained.
74777	My vision of the future of our forrests would include all the images above. The forests belong to the people, for all the people, not just a select few. Every one needs to be able to enjoy beauty of the environment wether they are treditional owners, bush walkers, fishermen, campers, 4x4 enthusiasts, timber industry workers or hunters. The forrests shuld also be used for there resorces that are avabile such as firewood and timber, as well as tourisim ventures. The forrests are important for everyone
74780	Preservation of the mountain ash forest and increased infrastructure spending (walkways, ziplines... low impact stuff) so that all can benefit and enjoy these amazing sites that are right on Melbourne's doorstep.
74784	Healthy vibrant ecosystems without the nasty brown scars of commercial timber harvesting across them.
74785	A Victoria where our forests are protected, cherished and enjoyed by all in a respectful way. Clear streams, free of plastic debris; old trees housing wildlife, free from the threat of logging.
74789	I choose the river and forest photo on the bottom right. This represents to me the feelings of freedom, serenity, pristine healthy natural co-existence of our native forests which rightfully belong to all Victorians and need to be permanently protected. I also choose the camping photo on the second from bottom left because it speaks to me of families visiting our forests in order to help the next generation experience and learn to value this precious place. Our children need exposure, experience and guidance in order to appreciate and keep protecting our invaluable forests.
74792	I want my descendants to go into public forests and enjoy a similar experience to that enjoyed by the nation's first people prior to white invasion. This means public forests cannot be liquidated for money, and managed in accordance with the principles by which the nation's first people managed them, such that forest diversity can be allowed to recover over hundreds of thousands of years.
74797	Breathtaking beauty in a natural and untouched environment that enables complex ecological systems to thrive.
74801	Clean rivers and creeks, fresh air, established, complex eco systems allowed to evolve in a way that looks after itself, low impact ways for humans to experience and learn from the beauty and complexity of these living forests.
74815	My vision is for large areas of landscape to be conserved as natural biodiverse environments to help store carbon - forested or reforested and connected as corridors for wildlife.

74817	All images above are as the current timber harvesting practices are in place. Can't see a problem
74825	<p>Victoria has a wealth of natural heritage. Gaining full value from these unique and spectacular places, in terms of the amenity they offer to all Victorians, as well as the tourist value of these places, have not been realised while native forest logging continues. Imagine clearfelling these places in 2019! Imagine destroying unique native forest for paper production!</p> <p>Also, in respect to the question below - note that management goals 1 - 10 are co-compatible, while priority 11 is not compatible with any of the above.</p>
74829	vision is and should be all of the images as this represents multiple use forests for everyone to use and enjoy
74836	My vision of the future of our forests is that they are protected for their own sake, and appreciated for the value they bring in terms of a connected ecosystem and valuable habitat for native species - not just measured in terms of resources and the value that they bring to our own lives. Also, I would love to see people understanding the value that they do actually bring directly to us, such as the clean water and air that they supply us, and the positives for our mental well-being.
74844	Keeping the beauty of the landscape from destruction and overcoming lack of proper management of our forests where deer and feral animals are allowed to breed with out control Ensuring feral and game species such as deer are controlled so as not to destroy the environment in areas where the landscape is vunerable
74848	Forest biodiversity is enjoyed and conserved for future generation
74849	every image - "dream time"
74861	Forests promoting and facilitating health and wellbeing through fresh air, pristine environments, recreational activities and education of the natural ecosystems. Removing commercial activities and giving access to the public. Protecting ecosystems and wildlife for the future.
74874	I wish to see the Great Forest National Park created, I want to see our beautiful native forests be protected, for biodiversity, ecosystem services which our city depends upon and for the beautiful serenity these places provide. Our forests are special and worth more standing than for pulp.
74876	Camping , fishing and hunting , hiking , four wheel driving and bike riding keeps our forests open and used by those that appreciate them most, locking them up to appease greenies is a backward step and reduces access and more importantly regional spending by current users is far more than any eco tourist income will bring in
74879	All of these photos collectively conjure a vision of forests carefully managed for multiple uses and inherent values in a complementary manner where no one use unduly comprises the whole of any other value or use. This does not mean that every hectare of forest is required to supply multiple values to an equal extent at all times. Instead it means that, for example, producing a sustained yield of timber from a portion of a large forested landscape does not significantly affect the biodiversity value of the forested landscape as a whole.
74880	My vision is to responsible recreational use of the forest.
74882	<p>My vison for the future of our Forests is forests full of old growth native trees with an incredible and vast ecosystem of plants, animals and fresh water full of life.</p> <p>Forests that are managed by watching the patterns of nature and asking for guidance from our traditional custodians.</p> <p>Forests where my children can visit that are sacred and help them to understand their connection to this earth and how it has created us and birthed us into being.</p>
74884	Our native forests and rivers have an intrinsic right to exist. A healthy unharmed forest ecosystem is necessary for human well being.

74886	Taking pulp wood from native forest is ridiculous. Selective saw logging only, let plantation supply pulp. Replanting harvested areas with single species is not proper rehabilitation, it is turning native bush into plantation
74887	In my ideal world the Australian government will consider what's best for future Australians and not what's financially best for big Business. In my ideal world Australians will take ownership and responsibility for the beautiful country we inhabit and treat it with the respect it deserves.
74888	Recognition of the valuable natural assets we have as Australians (not just Victorians) and managing these for the appropriate use into the future.
74890	Long distance Horse riding through valleys and mountains on single or wider tracks allowing views and camping opportunities, with connecting tracks. These tracks can be shared as they are around the rest of the world to foster relationships between other recreational users and engender greater respect by understanding the needs of others. Well marked tracks and maps indicating routes. Facilities to cater for horses eg yards, and water to ensure the horses are kept in areas that are safe and respect the forests. Signage that is consistent with the international standards for giving way to horses, bikes and walkers.
74894	To have wonderful natural places that have no visible human impact or destruction where you can sit in ore and wonder of how it came to be and how life there evolved, learn about the importance of ecosystems and the connections that exist from one system to another, feel piece and happiness as you connect with the surrounding environment. these visions inspired by the images of tall, old eucalyptus, a natural flowing river and a beautiful view of the rolling mountains.
74899	natural, nurtured, protected, healthy
74900	I have a vision of wild, untamed forests where humans can encounter their own wildness and be invigorated and restored by the experience. We are part of the web of life, not separate from it. Extensive forests allow Nature to restore the complex environmental ecosystems that can serve all life on the planet.
74902	Beautiful and relaxing
74906	My vision for the future of our forests is for their inherent life giving force and beauty to flourish and expand, protected by a well resourced Board of Traditional owners supported by the Department Where logging and land clearing are prohibited and new forests such as the Great Forest National Park have been established, protecting the habitat of the native Mountain Ash - the tallest flowering trees on the planet, and a large part of Melbourne's water catchment. Where bush walking tracks allow visitors to explore the natural state of the forest with a minimum of human impact. Where people visit to learn about the sustenance the forest has in the past provided and continues to provide, to marvel at the infinite complexity of life and relish the peace and serenity.
74909	A land being managed in traditional ways, as for the last 65,000 years, and damaged caused by European and now global immigration being rectified. A land available to those of us who love it and want to protect it.
74912	Healthy and thriving forests and ecosystems that can be enjoyed by all Victorians and valued as more than simply an economic resource.
74913	My vision is to see selected areas of bush being cleared keeping myself and many other people employed, from harvesting contractors/truck drivers/sawyers/ then to business that we supply wood to, without sawmilling logs the domino affect of families losing everything will be astronomical. I also want to see the bush protected from campers who liter and dump heaps of rubbish. My vision is to be able to take my kids 4wding and motor bike riding one day and to be able to continue to not only work within forestry and hardwood logging/sawmilling but to be able to enjoy everything there is to offer in our great bush land for ALL Australians.

74915	We need to manage the forests for all to enjoy not a small group improve access for all including the disabled and recreational users introduce a park user fee on a yearly use to fund the maintenance of the Service's
74916	To witness nature in her natural And uninhibited way. To interact and be part of it. To be able to connect and use the resources in a manageable way to not harm the biodiversity of the environment.
74921	They are all inspiring in their own way. We want healthy forests that support all of the above activities.
74923	No man-made noise or other distractions. Just nature at its finest.
74924	A forest is a place where an diverse range of plants, animals and insects live without disturbance. It is a cool, green place full of animal sounds, rustling leaves and rushing water. It is a place where I can feel at peace. It is a place I feel at home.
74927	My vision is for all users to have free access to our forests and not be locking them up for a special few.
74931	There is no photo of hunters or indigenous people? We need to reconnect with the land. Understanding and celebrating our first people and get back in touch with the bush.
74933	Why are there no images of fishermen, hunters, prospector and dirt bike rides who all should have equal access to the bush?
74935	A managed natural enviroment open to bike and horse riding and walking
74936	Looking at the clear water flowing through a native forest it makes me feel glad. It is so restful and helps us connect to the past and hopefully to the future.
74940	You can't just choose one image because they all should be part of it all of those images are my vision you can't have just one
74941	To be able to hunt and camp in forests that can be accessible by 4wds with families involved, having good open area open on creeks and the top of mountains for camping
74943	I'd really just love to see our forests staying untouched and healthy so our animals and plants can thrive
74945	The conservation of natural water sources, for which we need healthy forests and ecosystems. No water = no life. And without life there are no jobs.
74947	Lower right photo of stream and forest. A functioning, healthy ecosystem free of people, hydrologically intact, biodiverse. Species left alone to do their thing, not for any human benefit, but because that's what ecosystems and species do. Not for us; not by us; in spite of us; oblivious to us.
74951	I imagine a future where Indigenous Education and Connection to the Land is shared with all, by Traditional Custodians who are employed to look after their land and help others to care for it too....I imagine a future where there are many more areas which are Wild and Natural, Sanctuaries from the cities and towns where people can go to sit by clean water rivers, with forests all around, Native animals and birds aplenty.....I imagine a future where camping comes with responsibilities to take care of the air, water, earth and creatures of the forests, and that all people are respectful of the Traditional Owners of the land and their wishes.....I imagine a future where forests are cared for and protected a lot more than today....
74953	Vital for survival
74959	We need healthy ecosystems in thriving forests that every Australian can enjoy. Especially our children and future generations.

74964	<p>Vision for forest management:</p> <p>The historic connection between the development of civilization and trees is maintained. That the range of values that the forest offers includes the utilization of the growing timber resource by man.</p> <p>That a 'public code of access' is developed for informing the public, wanting to make use of the forest for wellbeing and recreation, so that they are aware of their responsibilities when using a forest.</p> <p>That the sustainable harvest of timber resources is respectfully understood by the public using the forest and therefore recreation and timber harvesting can mutually occur.</p> <p>That the concept commonly held by the public, that a forest should exist for their amenity only, is addressed by public forest managers.</p>
74967	Pristine and untouched - which is safely becoming less common in Victoria.
74968	<p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>I hope to see the future of forest as untouched by destructive human touch - beautiful and pure, giving life to birds, insects and animals and allowing humans to admire the beauty of wildness.</p>
74969	<p>My vision is that all native forest logging is stopped and our native forests are protected so families and all Victorians can enjoy them and love them as we do. One of the worst things is the buffer zones that are going to be used in Mirboo North that will be used near the highway to give the illusion of forests when behind the buffer zones is total destruction. That is a disgraceful deliberate act to mislead and deceive people and I believe is done in other areas.</p> <p>We need a long term vision and they need to be protected in a manner so when the Liberal/Nationals get back into government they can't reverse all the protections and log and plunder everything and anything and that is not a understatement, just ask our local National Party member, he will tell you as he tells anyone that listens that all forests should be logged, FACT. He has no regard for State and National Parks.</p> <p>Our forests are such a priceless state asset that is shown so little regard as is the case in Mirboo North.</p>
74970	<p>Many of these photos show the forests as I think they should be - people enjoying them in a way that doesn't compromise the biodiversity or aesthetic values of mature forests. But there in the bottom is the clear-felled coup, which does not fit in any sensible economic or environmentally informed vision of our future. Perhaps it is a plantation coup, in which case, great! But at this point there is no excuse for continuing to log mature native forests, which make up a measly 10-15% contribution of wood production in Victoria (much of which ends up as paper and other pulp products) and props-up tenuous logging-related jobs in regional areas that should be transitioned, with assistance, to other types of employment. As the photo in the top left show, we should be working with traditional owners to manage these forests for all to enjoy and respect. (Do we see anyone bike riding or camping in the logging coup photo? Once it's gone, it's gone, and for so little in return.)</p>
74971	Public transport accessible forests with development stopped now eg. smoothing out Diamantina Spur! and forests in advancing recovery from exotic flora and fauna pests.
74972	<p>I see a series of national parks dotted all over Victoria, protecting the beautiful flora and fauna we have! I also see people enjoying (respectfully) these precious natural environments, camping, hiking, walking, sitting and looking in wonder at the beauty, and birdwatching.</p>

74973	The tranquillity of a forest stream running through a rich natural forest environment does so much good to our spirits and mental health.
74975	I choose the bridge. What seems to be an old wreckage has become a home for many insects and creatures and also shows a landmark, a place of which people were proud to hold amongst our beautiful land that has reworked it's way back into nature but stands as a memory and a vision of a way we can coexist in this planet without completely destroying the wonders around it
74986	My vision is the end of logging in Victorian forests. Seeing the clean, fresh water in the bottom-right, I see a future. I see a thriving ecosystem for all Victorians. I see the end of construction vehicles and logging initiatives, and a move of true leadership to protect these resources. I see the end of a short-term gain approach towards sustainable thinking.
74989	River running through stones gives the impression of untouched beauty and innocence from a forest untouched by logging
74995	The view from a mountain of uninterrupted green, the ferns and lush growth about the river. This is what I hope to preserve for future generations.
75011	The above images look good. Please see my previous two comments.
75013	This survey is extremely difficult to fill out in a phone. Curser keeps jumping back up cannot complete it properly
75017	More full time hunters to eradicate feral animals such as wild dogs, cats and deer. Teams to eradicate noxious weeds. Leave wild horses alone as they do little damage, but if they become too numerous some form of culling may be necessary.
75036	All of us – humans, and all other life forms – benefit from extensive protected native forests. They provide the lungs for clean air, habitat for native fauna and precious biodiversity, the catchments for water supply and carbon capture and storage, and a refuge from our overcrowded and hectic urban environments.
75045	I choose the image with water flowing over rocks. I stand in time connecting past and present and future as I listen to the water pour over rocks, bird and insect life in the trees, feeling the cool air of the forest, the peace of non-urban space, knowing that the beautiful miracle of interwoven life on this land has been home to first nations people for millennia.
75053	To protect, nurture and sustain our natural environment for the benefit of all Victorians to visit, camp, connect and feel rewarded.
75054	Bottom right image. See answers above.
75056	Extensive areas of native forest managed as closely as possible to natural conditions to maintain biodiversity and healthy ecosystems. Opportunities for recreation activities that have minimal impact on their natural setting. Clean water flowing from undisturbed catchments.
75065	Bush trails for walkers, horse riders and bicycle riders are important for enjoying the bush.
75070	A stress reliever for all my senses. The scent of eucalypts, soft colour of the bush, sounds of birds etc
75086	We are lucky enough to have a beautiful natural resource in our forests that needs to be available for all to use and protect. whether you are a Traditional owner, Forest worker, recreational user or admirer - protect it for all.
75093	my chosen image is the bottom right hand one. Clean water fed by lush rainforest ecosystems. Its untouched, and filled with life to provide all Victorians and their visitors with the cleanest water, clean air and have access to sight wildlife as they recreate.

75097	It is a shame that nine of the thirteen images show people and their activities, whereas not one shows the rightful residents of these forests in an unspoiled environment. My vision is one of an unspoiled living space - clean air, clean water (undammed), untouched forest, adequate food and shelter to meet the needs of those creatures whose lives depend upon such living space. Let it be so!
75103	This is a group submission. We do not see one area of our forest land as 'better' than the rest. There is no premiership list of forest sites. We are concerned for the health of the whole bushland area of the parks, reserves and state forests of north central Victoria. Nor is it possible to establish a meaningful priority among the options in the question below. Many of the actions listed are absolutely interdependent: to choose one over the other is a cop out. The request to 'rank in order of priority' is meaningless.
75145	An untouched Forrest that provides us a natural place to feel calm
75154	Timber harvesting has no place in my vision for the future of these forests. Timber harvesting reduces the amenity of the areas in question, reduces the streamflows, reduces habitat and reduces opportunities for tourism. These forests should be a place to tread lightly and respect nature not seek to extract wealth.
75168	Natural and untouched
75179	My vision is to be able to be immersed in our natural environment in a way that takes us away from the pressures of the modern world. Places where we can smell the freshness of pure air, listen to water running, birds singing and surrounded by the beauty of our earth. To know that all the elements that create the richness of our natural world will remain undisturbed and given the space and freedom to live with peace. And that with this protection future generations can enjoy our forests and share in our natural forever.
75184	All of these images above have merit. But we need to balance the use by legitimate user groups with the needs of the ecosystem through robust science and monitoring. This means real investment in stakeholder engagement, sophisticated management strategies based on science (rather than politics and perceptions) and robust enforcement. This means greater budgets and jobs, but if done well the majority of the community will support.
75195	sustainable timber production working hand in glove with recreational and conservational priorities in a natural landscape
75201	Australian bush, natures Mindfulness
75209	Great forest, wonderful biodiversity and low impact recreation (I cringe in horror at the vision of the 4 wheel drivers and dirt bike riders)
75210	We must try to preserve the forests for our health (ultimately) and for the creatures and plants that rely on it for life. Our water catchments need protecting and wildlife corridors must be factored in to any planning for animals to move so as to escape escalating temperatures or drier conditions rather than be isolated and like on an island and hence much more vulnerable to extinction.
75211	A future where the Victorian government actually restores our damaged ecosystems and regenerates and protects our native forests and endangered species. A future where the destruction we have done is reversed, where all Victorian rivers are clean and not damned, and where Victorian forests of all ecological classes are unpolluted by industry or inappropriate human activity.
75216	I'm drawn to the photos that have water courses in them. They are only there because of the protection provided by the forest around them. If the trees go the water goes. Old forest are less water hungry than area where there has been a lot of logging. They are also beautiful spaces that are cool and an inspiration to artist.

75223	My vision is for Victoria to have a connected system of intact ecosystems across the state that contain a thriving range of biodiversity. These areas would be protected in perpetuity to provide an environmental sanctuary for our native flora and fauna. Human activity would be excluded from these areas, aside from walking through them and scientific observation.
75226	Healthy forests, healthy rivers, swamps, marshes and catchments, clean healthy fresh air, fertile thriving soil beds.
75227	All of the above are important as is hunting. By removing bias and personal 'whims' the majority of user requirements can be accommodated in the plan. At present there is no real management of our forests and a sad lack of general public input into these disjointed management plans. I find the real tricky issue is logging in our forests. We need these resources for every day business but should a part of our current forests be preserved/reserved in as pristine condition as possible. If some areas are excluded form logging do we then accept that every so often a major wildfire will change the landscape . We are not going to stop wildfires and accepting lightening strikes have started fires in the past and will continue to do so do we just accept that the 'pristine' areas will be drastically altered by fire well into the future.
75235	With culturally appropriate management we can have it all; clean water, a multitude of recreational opportunities, ecologically diverse environment supporting healthy ecosystems and native timber harvesting.
75248	Places of tranquillity, relaxation and contemplation, where we can be at one with nature, and be reminded of our place in it. Let the wild places be wild.
75255	I choose the last image of the fern-lined stream - a stream allowed to flow free, full of native fish and other water-dwelling animals, some of whom are currently endangered. The forest around the stream a home for native animals, and the trees allowed to grow to full maturity at many hundreds of years, developing hollows for birds and animals and storing carbon, the air resounding with bird calls and redolent with the fragrance of eucalyptus oil and mossy decaying leaves underfoot. Such a forest is too moist to burn more than every few hundreds of years. People may choose to visit the forest to enjoy the beauty of nature, and there might be well managed walking tracks in some areas, but the number of visitors would be restricted, to protect the trees and understorey vegetation.
75283	Logging and burning to follow is devastatingly destructive. We want our politicians to transition out of forestry with haste! Supporting outdated forestry practices that employ few must end. Protect our beautiful mountain ash forests and the diverse plant and animal communities they support.
75300	A forest landscape where people can enjoy nature in a pristine state not a the micro and macro level, have access for recreational activities and enjoy historical sites.
75307	Trees and each different ecosystem are unique and should all be protected.
75308	The above photos all have unique interests to a varied range of people and should be enjoyed whilst respecting and caring for our environment to ensure that our future children can also enjoy ensuring asli that habitat is not endangered
75314	The choice of images for me are the untouched, less touched spaces that have magic because of this. They are places for us all to experience wilderness, be in the weather, smell and touch the soil, trees, water, fungi, moss and lichen. To sit in the noisy silence of the bush, listening to insects, birds and animals, waiting for them to emerge from their hiding places and retreat again. Fern gullies, tall timbers, wild rivers, broad vistas, tiny creeks. Places to immerse ourselves, invigorate the senses, rejuvenate the spirits, value life, appreciate the gift of the planet' lungs and water catchment
75318	I would like to see the government go further then simply protecting the forest they currently exploit at the behest of corporate logging, and purchase now marginal land to reforest this remarkable state.

75326	<p>We need to think about forests as important - essential - beyond human metrics. But considering we benefit in many ways also, we need to include human relations with forests.</p> <p>Forests are not just a bunch of trees. Forests are complex, interwoven living systems that respond to every other part of the forest - when one part is damaged, the whole suffers.</p> <p>The remnant corridor on Gunnar Kurnai land in East Gippsland must be maintained, protected and amplified - more surroundings land should be ear-marked to act as a buffer to protect the whole corridor.</p> <p>Every part of Gariwerd, the Otways, Toolangi and all other state (and national) parks should be ACTUALLY protected from ALL deforestation. If we care about acting on climate change, if we care about the sixth great extinction underway (with Australia responsible for one of the highest rates of mammal extinctions in the world), if we care about our children and future generations of all species, we must care for forests.</p>
75328	<p>Forests are essential for the production of oxygen and absorption of carbon dioxide.</p> <p>Forests also provide pure, clean water for our consumption.</p> <p>Pretty compelling arguments for preserving and protecting them - we need them to exist!</p>
75335	access to the environment and to wild places places to be able to challenge yourself
75370	Keep tracks open for 4wds to continue Future access to everyone
75374	Interconnectedness through nature, where humans, animals and plant species can be in harmony
75381	<p>forests and the species that live in them are more protected, we have a net increase instead of decrease in forests. forests are healthy and there are plenty of forest corridors for animals to get around in. forests are wonderful places to enjoy nature and there are many great recreation opportunities. tracks are managed to minimal impact especially higher impact recreation uses such as 4wd horses and bikes. forests grow and contribute to the wellbeing of generations to come</p>
75392	<p>we need forests, clean water, clean air, clean food. We need a great forest that stretches uninterrupted for the entire length of the east coast of Australia and free is from contaminants and industry.</p>
75395	Clean watering a beautiful forest
75397	<p>Forests in SW Australia are a unique and they house many iconic animals that are in jeopardy because their habitat is disappearing.</p> <p>The natural beauty of our forests is what I think of for recreation and relaxation.</p> <p>Plantations of introduced species are also degrading the land and forcing animals out of their territory and causing their depletion.</p>
75401	Innovative new Jobs & new industry in land management, traditional methods of managing fire risk with burn off & sustainable energy sources.
75403	<p>Timber construction captures carbon</p> <p>Roads perform multiple functions - fire management , forest harvesting and regeneration, camping and other recreational activities..</p> <p>Forests promote transpiration and rainfall changing our climate for the better.</p>
75414	Well managed and protected forests being enjoyed by Victoria's citizens.
75424	<p>I would hope for a future where the wilderness is not a diminishing part of our landscape.</p> <p>Corridors for wildlife exist and our many threatened and endangered species have protected environments. Clean fresh air and water are not a concern for the future and people can enjoy walking, camping and canoeing in forests.</p>

75432	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg Forests have survived for hundreds of years on their own, we need to enjoy them and appreciate them and let them continue to survive independently. Not use them for our own benefit and detriment to their own being.
75441	These all appear like 'Tourism' photos
75443	The smell of newly sawn timber, camp fires, laughter, the sound of cracking branches as we walk.
75444	I want to see a world where young people and old can access parks for recreational purposes. Where horse-riding is safe and encouraged, not disturbed by other factors. Clean waterways and camping facilities. Conservation is always number 1 priority. I wish it was easier to access a job in conservation.
75452	My vision is to enjoy a lovely bush walk and be able to cool my feet in the cold running water while enjoying beautiful views and listening to the sounds of nature. To get away from city life just for a short time and enjoy the great outdoors.
75455	My vision is for vast areas of remote, untouched wilderness as far as the eye can see.
75456	Forest available to all for multiple uses. Its not just pick one image and then lets do that for all forests, there is no reason we cannot have it all. We have huge areas already protected but are they properly managed. Why the continued focus on changing the allocation of preserved v multiple use forests rather than just more efficiently manage what we already have. The we want it all for one use mentality flies in the face of the concept of multiple use forests.
75459	I envision continued camping and bike trips exploring our forests and national parks. Swimming in our rivers and participating in community reforestation activities
75461	the native forest logging industry is completely restructured and transitioned into using plantation timber for our wood product needs
75472	Victoria's forests will be protected, preserved and maintained for their intrinsic value as essential elements of the broader biosphere which underpins the future prosperity, health and well being of all Victorians. of
75477	Helathy life, healthy world.
75479	I chose the recreation and flora images (nothing happened when I clicked them). We need to protect these remnant places and have them large enough to sustain the fauna within them and to provide a sufficient habitat to support endangered species - we cannot undo the damage, once done as regrowth is different, takes a long, long time and the fauna is decimated, dead or missing.
75480	I want my children and my children's children to be able to visit a forest and marvel at "nature at work". I want them to experience the joy of seeing birds flying and nesting in our forests. I want them to be able to see the creatures that call the forests their home. I want them to be able to appreciate the flora that only a forest can provide, the mushrooms, the orchids, the lichen, the trees, the bushes. I want them to be able to see the fish in the streams (and maybe even a platypus or two). I want them to be able to experience the whole enchilada.
75481	All images. We can have it all. Recreation, nature, timber, landscape, wildlife, flora we can have it all through a well regulated and controlled management including sustainable harvesting.
75482	Cool clear clean water - a home for animals and fish to live in peacefully and healthily
75483	I would hope future generations would be able to look accross the landscape without seeing the clear felled cancers that now spread accross the current scene. I would also hope that conservation of native flora and fauna means future generations will still be able to get back to

	nature and experience the wonders of escaping the city and interacting with the native environment without destroying it.
75485	heaps of untouched forests for flora, fauna and humans.
75486	Peaceful, unspoilt creek. The sound of water flowing over rocks and birds. Clean, uncontaminated water. Escape from modern life
75487	<p>The unparalleled beauty that can be witnessed in a forest is breathtaking. I have a vision for families camping and enjoying protected areas for generations to come, with new forests added as they grow. I see Victoria held up as world leaders in the conservation, biodiversity and climate-protection fields.</p> <p>I would like to see existing infrastructure protected and maintained, making it easy for people to access forests without damaging it.</p> <p>And I see all of this being funded by heavily taxing the industries that cause the most damage to the climate.</p>
75488	The image two down RHS shows a human settlement as a tiny portion of a large forested scene. this realistically is the best we can hope for. Humankind living within and with the natural surrounds. without dominating it. The days of the old colonial style management of stripping everything and then running cattle or sheep are gone. we are really still recovering from it.
75490	We and the wilderness are healthy and getting healthier
75491	<p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>Not sure how you expect to choose the image - but for clarity - bottom right because this is typical of the elements which make up our forests - multi-storey vegetation, clear water and multiple habitats provide a thriving ecosystem for all life forms including humans,</p>
75493	I imagine extremely well-preserved forests which people will want to visit to see the incredible animals and insects and plants in Victoria. Small towns will thrive on these tourist dollars. I see a safe-haven from climate change for both humans and other animals. These forests will hopefully even expand with our help, and will in turn help keep Victoria cooler in a warming climate. As a healthy, non-logged forests, it will also help store billions of tonnes of carbon in the soil.
75496	<p>Away from the city. time slows bird sing, water tinkles.</p> <p>this is a very special reality look after it for ever.</p>
75497	I want to see pure water derived from a pristine forest environment free of logging and chemicals.
75499	Indigenous connection to country has always been important and should be continued, not only for indigenous communities but for everyone to learn and appreciate and to look at nature in a different way that we have been taught from our Anglo-Australian society.
75503	Safe from exploitation by greedy, ruthless people. Left to be a catchment for attracting rainfall, habitat for native plants & animals with reduction of human presence in vehicles with the risk of pathogen spread. Only open to scientific researchers and wildlife photographers who with expert knowledge can give images to the media so that it is unnecessary for hoards of visitors
75504	It's wonderful to see the unspoiled beautiful scenery and enjoy the cool shade of the trees.

75508	<p>I want to see forests protected in National Parks, even if these means National Parks are managed slightly differently in some places. The image of the river shows how important these forests are for our water supply in future generations. Victoria has great drinking water because of its forests; we must protect them and the wildlife within them.</p> <p>Perhaps most importantly is that I want to see Victoria transition out of Native Forest logging. Native forest logging is a great burden to Victoria's taxpayers, environment and tourism. It is also unsustainable and economically unviable. Support should be given to workers transitioning out but these forests belong to the Victorian people and not the few hundred involved in native forest logging.</p> <p>I use the forest for bike riding, 4wding, hiking, photography, weekend trips, camping and searching for wildlife. I hope I can pass this on to future generations.</p>
75511	<p>Image of expansive alpine area, top half on the right.</p> <p>This resembles a good future for our forests. An area attractive for recreational use and tourism. Something that the future generations should be able to see.</p>
75512	Wide open spaces where we can get away from the nearest people and enjoy the solitude.
75518	Forests should be maintained in pristine condition, and the public educated to appreciate and support sensible forest management. Exploitative industry needs to cease.
75519	I want a natural environment where people can interact with nature & wildlife, breathe fresh air & see clear water.
75524	My vision is to leave our pristine natural world alone
75525	Clean and green. Clear air. No areas of logging in natural forests. Free access for recreation and camping. Management of higher impact activities including horse riding and four wheel driving to ensure those activities can be done in a manner which preserves the environment. Management of feral species.
75529	I envision healthy, protected and quiet natural features (waterways, forests, grasslands).
75530	Pristine, preserved, wonderful native forests that are carefully visited and enjoyed by Victorians in a sustainable way that barely leaves a footprint
75531	Fun, Care, fun, investigation, exploring, skills, activities and beauty. A vital need survival-clean air and water.
75533	My vision is for large parts of our forests to be untouched, so they can be experienced in their natural splendour - these will also preserve biological diversity. I am also happy for limited areas to be available for camping and for families to experience - in other words be more accessible. I don't believe there is a need for any logging, or for high impact tourist resorts or 4WD access (those can be on other land).
75536	Tracts of connected native forest in Victoria - trees reaching venerable ages. A landscape cooled, a landscape moistened, biodiversity increased, rainfall attracted and the hydrological cycle completed, higher yield of purer water in rivers that carry more water. Fires less intense and easier to manage. People visiting, restoring their spirit, firing their imagination, preventing illness, recovering from illness, maintaining sanity. Carbon sequestered by plant, by soil, carbon stored, climate change slowed, a safer climate for all. A happier healthier community connected to nature, part of nature.

75538	<p>I'd like this generation and future generations to be able to experience and explore our beautiful natural landscape with regulated physical activities in designated areas (walking, canoeing, camping, picnics, bike riding etc).</p> <p>I'd love for them to be inspired, awed, and educated by our great outdoors, and to share these untouched natural spaces in peace, with family, or with friends.</p> <p>I'd like to continue experiencing, and for future generations to be able to experience, our indigenous wildlife in their natural state (not relegated to an extinction memory because of our reckless habitat destruction).</p>
75540	<p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p>
75544	I very much appreciate being able to commune with nature beside a river or even on a river or lake in a kayak. I also like seeing historic artifacts like the railway viaduct, old buildings or other remnants of Victoria's past.
75545	for the environment to provide rich learning such as the aboriginal culture and natural food sources. For it still to provide us in the future with provisioning services such as fresh water.
75548	Waterways surrounded by forest
75550	It's important for the future of our forests to have unspoilt areas so people can enjoy wildlife, camping and have wilderness areas. It seems there is constant clearing and logging immune to environmental laws which destroys the nature of our forests leaving a largely sterile inheritance for future generations.
75553	Image at bottom R. My vision is of Victoria showing real vision and leadership by rapidly ending logging in native forests, comprehensively protecting and expanding remaining native forests, including through the creation of a Great Forest National Park and Emerald Link, co-managing native forests with the traditional Aboriginal custodians.
75555	Beautiful sounds. Clean air
75560	i would like to see forests stretching as far as the eye can see and beyond with no one in them doing any damage (logging, four wheel driving, littering) but leaving a soft footprint. I would hope for these forests to be teeming with wildlife and natural flora and fauna.
75561	<p>All of the above. Victoria has a wonderful and diverse ecosystem in our parks and forests, with a rich abundance of wildlife and natural wonders to explore and appreciate.</p> <p>We are an extremely lucky community to live in this part of the world, and ensuring our beautiful environment flourishes for many generations to come is vital.</p>
75562	I see shining examples here of why it's important to preserve our forests with no extraction of raw materials. The aftermath of logging is scientifically catastrophic.
75563	The golden views of rich beautiful lands inhabited by a varied and rich plant and animal life that's available to visit and meditate, commune and appreciate for centuries without fear of destruction
75564	Protect trees, eco systems, birds, flora, fauna and water.
75568	Pristine wilderness with only pedestrian access and with an abundance of native wildlife. Vast areas of reclaimed forest that cannot be distinguished from the original
75571	I want our climate to be improving, our waterways to be cleaner and the ecosystems within the forests to be flourishing.

75573	I see an indigenous forest with natural flora and fauna encouraged by redevelopment of preexisting habitats, which is managed by forestries and wildlife conservation. Managed for the protection of native species and the soft development of unobtrusive tourism so that Victorians and visitors can appreciate and conserve the wonderful world we live in.
75575	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - thriving, clean, healthy places protected by government and cared for by indigenous custodians and park rangers. - Recognition of the value of wilderness areas, and their preservation - The continuance of the traditional National Parks code of conduct (leave no trace, carry out all rubbish, don't feed wildlife etc). - no development in our parks.
75578	i loved exploring the bush and riding my motorbike through the tracks just dont fuck it up and ruin it for future generations my vision is one where we never elect a government who thinks we need to destroy any part of this beautiful land to make something as shitty as a giant block of houses or a set of apartments i also couldn't give a shit about abo stuff in the bush at this point there all petrol sniffing bludgers
75579	A place where Victorian's can escape to enjoy time with family and friends.
75582	Beauty and peace; a place to visit and respect and appreciate. To escape and to bathe in nature, to wake with birds singing and spotlight possums at night, watch the kangaroos and wallabies at dusk, see the bats flying out of the trees. To explore and wonder. To become a part of the natural world rather than seeking to change it. To learn respect for the extraordinary Australian bush and its creatures.
75584	trees! flowing water!
75585	<p>An untouched wilderness where native species co-exist and humans are rarely - if ever - seen.</p> <p>Whilst 10s/100s of km's away, slightly less wilder forests are frequented by humans, the intrusion is balanced by the fact that rangers regularly patrol the most common paths ensuring that sites are not abused/wrecked.</p>
75586	<p>Slowly flowing streaming creek accords with human natura nice ant tranquil and wise and remind us we are connect to nature and nature is connect to our very deep sense of humanity which not for selling or buying but symbiotic existence</p> <p>Flowing creek slowly silently</p>
75587	<p>My vision for our forests is that they are protected from logging, pollution and weeds from THIS YEAR 2019, and resources are put into removing weeds, stopping erosion and feral animal pests, and fire management. Immediately the plant and animal species will start to regenerate and numbers will increase.</p> <p>My vision is that the size of the forests will increase as new planting is done around existing forests. Private landholders will be incentivised to plant on their private land as well.</p> <p>Humans will be banned from entering the areas of the forest which is regenerating. In healthy forest areas people will be allowed to come in for recreation - by foot or boat - on paths and in controlled ways. Camping would be allowed in restricted camping areas, similar to how Parks Victoria manages humans in national parks.</p> <p>Areas of low-conservation value forest with fewer species and that are relatively healthy may be opened up for other human activities like collecting firewood or mountain biking.</p>
75588	My vision is of land protected for native animals to live in and thrive. For wilderness areas to be protected from human impact as much as possible. To stop logging our forests, preserving the environment for the protection of our planet for future generations.
75591	These natural areas offset the concrete and steel of urban areas and are important to protect from an environmental point of view and for personal well being of Victorians. Scientifically these areas are also very important as we get smarter as humans and learn more about our planet.

75594	I would like to see size of forests grow and be rehabilitated. Allowing for sustainable forest industries, including selective logging and protecting jobs. Protection of waterways and significant areas. I would like to see public access maintained for recreational activities and public educated so they enjoy public spaces and feel a sense of connection and pride and respect forests not pollute them.
75595	Our beautiful wild rivers that flow through these magnificent, pristine forests, providing great opportunities for humans to mix with nature, as well as providing clean drinking water for our cities & country towns. Fishing, rafting, swimming or just admiring the beauty of nature.
75597	As I said, healthy, thriving forests with all that encompasses is what our vision for the future should be. We also need to be more aware of our impact on these environments and ecosystems which are so unique that once gone can't come back. We need a better plan for the future which takes climate change seriously and so will benefit us all.
75598	I value healthy, thriving forest ecosystemw which provide ecosystem benefits to future generations, rather than short-term gain for relatively few individuals in the short-term.
75600	I love all this image encapsulates. All the many varied uses for our forests. Everything from pristine untouched ancient wilderness to monster trucks with roof mounted mini guns. Seriously though we need space for all reasonable uses. I do note that you don't seem to show any local fauna.
75601	I want the forests to stay as natural as possible without human interference, with a few walking and bicycle tracks only (no mountain biking), no motorbikes, no cars (only to car parks for access). Only a few camping grounds that are looked after and kept clean and quiet as not to disturb wildlife and habitat.
75602	My vision is to see flowing streams, tall tree canopies, lush ferns and magnificent views. I want to see animals in their native habitat, I want to see native animals and plants protected forever from the damage done by logging.
75603	Image of bush and mountains in the distance - my vision is to have beauty and open spaces left for future generations.
75607	All show people visiting the forest, but this is a categorical misuse. I believe facilities for sustainability must be increased in forests which are already used recreationally, but the most pressing priority is creating more forested areas.
75611	Healthy and thriving forests provide enourmous benefit for all victorians. dont log them.
75614	Huge swathes of untouched rain forest, full of bird song in the air, and foraging critters on the ground. Paradise in Victoria.
75615	My vision of the future forests can't be captured in any one of the images above. My view is of a vibrant and growing forest fully covered with canopy species and also the under story species which occur naturally in the areas in question. In this vibrant forest will be a work force which is also vibrant, confident and happy in their work place. They, and their living will not be continually threatened and harassed by strident radical activists who are a vast minority of the community.
75616	Just walking tracks through the bush. Minimise four wheel drive tracks.
75621	A barely touched open space for use by recreational activities with sustainable logging and replanting of trees to help with bush fire control
75622	An environment where apart from the wind all that is heard is birdsong, flying insects, rustling of animals in the scrub. Calm and silence, where one can hear one's own breath.

75624	In so many of these pictures I can imagine a place where Victorians can use the forest without using them up. There is no reason why the activities of one generation should have to reduce the opportunities for the next generation. It's up to the government to maximise this sustainable approach.
75625	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg Healthy water ways, diverse flora & fauna, camping, hiking & riding in peaceful environments, cool fresh air and positive energy from beautiful and unique forests.
75626	The water one with the rocks inspires peace and tranquillity which I think best describes Victoria
75629	My vision includes the connection of our cities, towns and rural communities to all of the images above and includes families, parents employed supporting their families through timber, water, tourism, education, scientific research. High quality timber and paper products, Firewood to heat our homes. The opportunity to see plants and animals. Water flowing to healthy rivers lakes and farming communities. People from the towns, cities and rural land being able to understand and keen to visit forests for enjoyment, culture and education and see where it supports their own lives.
75632	Running streams and tall trees inspire me to get fit and healthy!
75633	A naturally beautiful Victoria.
75634	Clean water ways, old forests life. Not destroyed by governments
75635	More protected area, more accessibility, less clearing
75638	The future of Victoria's forests should be one of a natural and pristine environment that preserves and protects the local biodiversity and ecosystems. The extent of human interaction with forests should be dramatically minimised by completely restricting the clearing of forest and natural areas for logging, agriculture and settlements. Logging and the clearing of forest should be completely stopped. The preservation of forests, and even the expansion of existing forest areas, should be prioritised over all other land uses.
75640	STOP cutting down trees.
75641	I live in the beautiful and wet Otway ranges, but care and protection and thoughtful decision - making is required to keep it that way for current and future generations.
75645	To value and maintain healthy forests untouched by human intervention such as logging destruction . Thriving forest ecosystems to benefit the environment and for future generations to maintain and enjoy .
75652	Keep forests alive and biodiverse.
75653	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg nature on its own terms. Not being exploited or even explored. just being
75655	I foresee beautiful, pristine forests, only touched by man to make them accessible to explore. I want to retain floral and faunal diversity. I want it to be a place of wonder, a national park that holds international significance as the species in a temperate rainforest in Australia are unique and should be celebrated rather than destroyed. I would like to see increased education about the amazing biodiversity of these places. I would like to see collaboration with the original custodians of the land to see how humans have lived in harmony with the earth and this land for thousands of years. The understood plants such as ferns and moss hold significance and value that I feel should be celebrated. Sustainable and eco friendly cafes and information centres should be built to attract tourists and monetise the area rather than the short term profit that destructive clearfelling brings. These fiat's should also be maintained to avoid catastrophic fire events like black Saturday.

75656	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg My vision for the future of our forest is for them to be pristine, healthy, thriving, biodiverse, ecosystems that have been expanded into the creation of the Great Forest National Park and the Emerald link. Places for all to enjoy and protected from all logging or other activity that would be detrimental to them.
75657	Protect our forests to protect our planet
75659	I would want to see the continued protection of our forests and waterways to be able to provide for the expansion of the Victorian population.
75661	continuing to supply sustainable, valuable, beautiful carbon friendly products to the community
75665	A vast expanse of relatively untouched wilderness where existing old growth is allowed to continue on, and generations are able to experience a more holistic world where these parts are intertwined.
75666	An untouched wilderness that can be enjoyed by all, animal and human.
75671	Healthy, green, natural environments to explore and share and be grounded in.
75672	I would select every one of these images except for the second last on on the bottom row - of the 2 men in hard hats and the ugly gash in the earth where forest has been logged. Why do I choose the untouched natural environment images - it is essential that most of our forests are untouched and unvisited by humans so that the deep forests' natural capacity to maintain ecosystems, maintain biodiversity, clean the air, provide clean water and regulate our climate may continue. Why do I choose the images with humans enjoying the natural benefits of the sustained forest? Because we need to be refreshed by our natural environment whether through bushwalking, cycling, camping. Why do I choose the image of the rangers maintaining the forest? Because forest areas that are close to human population, and where humans visit in numbers need to be managed.
75674	I choose the image in the bottom left panel. It old growth forest. Colours from Australia. Emphasis the beauty of Australia and how we are so lucky to have our country. Enjoy it.
75676	My vision for our forests is endless miles of trees as far as the eye can see; of clear fresh creeks, rivers, waterfalls; of stunning native orchids being discovered on bushwalks through Age-Old trees hundreds of feet high and hugely wide; of hearing every kind of bird call as you walk or bike through; of seeing native animals living as they've done for thousands of years; of feeling that magical energy that is produced only in the presence of living green nature; of forests that cover and shade and rejuvenate the body and soul; of feeling part of a gigantic ecosystem that is alive and breathing; of marvelling at the wonder of green living things and all the lives they support; of understanding that humans are so very little in the great sphere of life, and that we MUST protect the Earth we live on.
75677	A comprehensive national parks system which preserves what remains of all our forest environments, large enough to be resilient to fire and climate change impacts and excludes timber harvesting. Access by only environmentally sustainable jobs and sensitive recreational use.

75678	<p>I was fortunate enough to come to this country and experience the Great Victorian Forests and Alpine area for the first time through the eyes of an adult. It's a bitter sweet experience. The grandness and beauty is overwhelming and awe inspiring. A child might have just imagined the dinosaurs or fairies that surely must live here. But as an informed adult, you look at it and you just have in the back of your mind that its splendour is disappearing, encroached upon, ever diminishing. Climate change, logging; the slow demise is 100% man-made.</p> <p>It doesn't stack up economically, let alone ethically. The maddening thing is that we choose to keep doing this. Even in the face of the ironclad evidence that says we shouldn't. Where's the disconnect? Is it stubbornness? Money? Corruption? Misinformation? Unwillingness to change? Victoria has got to be better than this. Surely.</p>
75679	Beautiful natural environments. Low impact activities.
75680	<p>Really it would just be nice to leave some wilderness areas which haven't been completely trashed by people for personal gain.</p> <p>We live in a funny old world where billions are spent trying to discover intelligent life on other planets, based on zero concrete evidence, when a fraction of that funding could save the intelligent species that are dying out all around us.</p>
75683	My vision for the future of our forests cannot be captured by any single image. To me, our forests are vibrant landscapes dominated by life in many forms, life which is constantly interacting and evolving, never the same from one moment to the next. Forests are a weekend playground for some, a habitat for others, they are catchments for life-giving water and a deadly trap on the hottest days of summer. They are a resource that should offer economic and social opportunities in exchange for responsible management. They are cultural landscapes to our traditional owners, and havens for biodiversity. They are not an idyllic wilderness untouched by humanity, and it is futile to think of them as such. Humans have been managing Victoria's forests for tens of thousands of years in the past, and active management using all the tools at our disposal will be critical if our forests are to continue to thrive for tens of thousands of years into the future. The future of our forests is inextricably l
75684	A beautiful place.
75685	<p>retain pristine natural habitats.</p> <p>limited but widespread access for hiking, biking, swimming, rafting, camping.</p>
75686	A land where traditional owners are invited to help manage it.
75692	Nature unspoilt & undisturbed
75694	Heritage, biodiversity, waterways, hiking and greenery and opportunities for people to learn about nature.
75696	Uninterrupted nature, clean air and water, no lessening of current forest. The complete banning of logging of old growth forests, preservation of habitat. Expansion of habitat, more forest, reforestation and reclamation of land for habitat.
75698	A vibrant ecosystem. Diverse and intact.
75700	Clean water, trees, shrubs and raw nature undisturbed by human destruction.
75702	<p>Healthy water ways with green forest besides survival of all creatures</p> <p>Depends on water</p>
75703	The people kayaking and the old railway trestle bridge demonstrate how we can preserve the forests while being able to use them for human recreation rather than pulp them into woodchip and paper.
75706	<p>Where wonder and humility inspire profound joy in nature. Gained after physical effort not impacting on the environment.</p> <p>Where we can all understand our environment is precious and must be proactively cared for.</p>

75708	Siting by a running brook listening to the birds sing their morning courses restores my sole. It helps me to appreciate what we have and how lucky we are to have these types of forests and places right on my door step/ To be lucky enough to go stag watching at night in such a place and watch the wildlife like Leadbeater's possums arise for the night and come out to play. Being Victorias Native Fauna emblem how many people will be lucky enough to ever see one in the wild once we lose these beautiful places yet we are logging in the areas where these guys live. Come on Victoria awaken to what is happening. When these place are gone so are our wildlife. Hoe rare is it to see a Koala in the wild however the logging is causes these animals to be displaced and they are turning up in bizarre places that they have never been before.
75710	Pristine wilderness with biodiversity, definitely not logging of old growth forests. Places for native animals and plants to thrive and for people to enjoy. We must not lose the wonderful places we have! J
75712	Stop logging and the whole sale slaughter that goes with it. Protect our forests for the environment, the plants and the animals. No more destructive "controlled burning" The indigenous people never caused the total destruction you cause with your "controlled burning"
75713	My vision is a return to an attitude of reverence and connection to this land, for all people who reside here. Including those in 'power', who are making decisions that impact these forests. Then we can work towards a harmonious minimal- harm relationship with the forests..forests that we are not seperate from. They are the other half of our lungs, and we must remember that or face the consequences of harming them.
75716	The forests should be preserved and visitors to the forests shouldn't be there to exploit it but to protect it. Want to enjoy the forests? Become an environmental volunteer--or get a profession to work in it's preservation. Could environmental volunteerism be sold as a tourist activity instead of people disturbing the peace with mountain bikes, dirt bikes and four wheel drives for hedonistic pleasure? There are also many walks that are for educating people about our forests flora and fauna, this is far less invasive.
75718	The vision is for our forests to be managed for healthy ecosystem function in perpetuity to provide Victorians with: the maintenance of biodiversity healthy waterways and wetlands passive reaction opportunities which do not harm the environment refuges for contemplation, wildlife and inspiration.
75719	Seeing a healthy ecosystem that benefits all Victorians for leisure, conservation and climate purposes
75720	I envision clean waterways with healthy biodiversity, feeding our own water supplies, but also supporting healthy ecosystems. Natural spaces that are managed in a way that maintains their ecological importance as parts of an interlinked set of natural spaces, but also as spaces for humans to use and appreciate recreationally for camping and similar activities.
75721	A world where nature can still thrive. Where humans and nature can live and work harmoniously together.
75722	My vision includes all the pictures- it is one where my grandchildren and theirs will be able to have thse wonderful experience like me.
75726	A future where wilderness survives and thrives.
75728	Do your own work or do the usual and employ consultants to do it for you! Come on DELWP write your own vision based on the publics' responses
75733	A place where people can have clean water and clean air in a hospitable climate. Where they can connect with nature and have a break. A thriving ecosystem is a necessary requirement for life.

75736	protection of rivers and maintaining natural beauty
75737	Precious Green. Cycles of Nature. Water Cycle, Carbon Cycle. Precious coolness, air conditioning for our City. Re-Conditioning for our Soul. Ancient Forests: European occupation, so brief, so threatening.
75738	Australia has such beauty with large sprawling open spaces. My vision for the future of our forests is to have an ecosystem filled with strong and healthy forests that sprawl as far as the eye can see. To live on the doorstep of a strong ecosystem that is respected by the people and by the government.
75739	Creation of an environment in which nature in all it's forms can survive.
75740	Forests that still function, where trees, plants, animals and soils cycle oxygen, water and other elements. Where people can recreate and enjoy a break. People will still work here to manage the ecosystems and people's interaction with them, pest and weed control, fire management and research etc.
75742	All currently endangered species are protected and their numbers increasing due to logging of their habitats being banned and aggressive conservation efforts legislated and enforced. Animals known to our First Nations ancestors continue to exist in Victoria. No logging of natural forest occurs. A TRULY SUSTAINABLE forestry industry is regulated and able to thrive using only plantations. Victorians and tourists are able to enjoy their forests in the safe knowledge that they are protected from commercial interests.
75743	The bottom right hand image, pure and pristine, is my hoped for environment for our flora and fauna-untouched and beautiful.
75748	Enjoying a natural environment
75749	The age of harvesting native natural forests for human profit has come to an end. There is just too little of it around the world and what there is left is under threat everywhere. Clean, pristine, natural forest environments where the animals that have always lived, can continue to do so and humans can enjoy for wellbeing; this is what I want from my state government forestry policy.
75750	Protection and jobs that are stimulated by the protections of our forests, Clean and maintained waters and rivers for all Hiking, camping, activities and other tourism economy driven factors. Old growth forests for our endangered species Rangers and education officers to help educate and develop a societal understanding of how important our forests are.
75751	All people should enjoy our natural wonders. Logging should only be in and on purpose planted forests which have been established on farms (NOT logged sections of our existing forests) My vision is for people all over the world to have Australia as their #1 holiday destination because we were smart enough to preserve our native treasures and utilise natural energy. Our country will be clean, green and the envy of the rest of the world.
75753	Intact ecosystems and no people. It can manage itself as it has for millennia, before we decided it needed to be managed. Leave it alone. Should humans have the right to tramp over every square centimetre of the natural world? NO.
75754	I would love to see the forests of victoria flourish and hold its natural beauty for all to enjoy. To be able to explore, wonder and relate to its natural aspects and wildlife all together. To retreat with family and friends, make memories and protect the forests.
75756	The image in the middle and the bottom of the right side are the best as there are no people in them. A pristine and wild wilderness is by far the most important thing and what will continually bring people to the area, and hopefully inspire people to want to further protect the amazing natural environment the Victoria houses.

75757	Forests full of native wildlife and flora. An ever growing forest spreading out with no more land clearing. Secure for future generations. Helping climate change. Plant more and more. Put nature first
75758	<p>Australia has already lost so much forest it's heartbreaking. Whenever I look at satellite maps, urbanization, concrete and farmland covers the land like some kind of rash with tiny pockets of green scattered inbetween or pathetic pinpricks within the suburbs. Our biodiversity is unique within a unique planet, and as Australians, it is our responsibility to care for it.</p> <p>However, this is not simply out of duty or obligation. Almost every country is killing the planet as quickly as they can. I have already noticed the effects. Wild, raging bushfires, uncontrollable floods, freak temperature fluctuations and everything inbetween are symptoms of a sick world. If the planet suffers, so too shall we.</p>
75759	Diversity of plant types at many levels. Clean running water. Habitat for animals, birds and insects. Protected and loved by locals who enjoy it daily and city folk who visit for retreat and rejuvenation.
75760	Access and protection
75761	The natural and beautiful sights and sounds of life giving streams and creeks flowing through healthy forest environments
75762	Untouched and pristine would be my vision, with Traditional Owners calling the shots on those areas that the wider public can visit, camp and recreate in.
75765	Places for quiet reflection, places for active recreation
75767	Plenty of outdoor activities available for Victorians and tourists.
75769	Ecco, tourism, indigenous any helpful, pristine landscapes. We have some of the oldest landscapes in the world, why would we not fight harder and harder to protect them. Every year I go out there, there is less and less. Sad.
75771	Adhere to a harm minimisation perspective of human forest interactions. Obviously remove the the corporate logging image and then we're all good.
75772	My vision is to protect and enjoy these beautiful forests into the future sustainably and carefully. I choose the river, the swimming photo and the camping image because I have wonderful memories of Rubicon swimming hole and connecting with this particular type of stunning environment. We should be mindful of the conservation value of these forests, but also enjoy them and have them remain a place for Melburnians to retreat and connect with nature for their mental health and wellbeing.
75775	Visit the forests helps people reconnect to who they are and build happy memories of a connection with the land that they come from.
75776	All the above apart from those nasty contractors! Unless they are researchers doing important conservation work, please stop the logging and destruction of the beautiful natural spaces we have left! We can't turn back time, what we have now is all we have and its getting smaller. People using the forests to get better in touch with themselves, with nature. To protect the animals and flora and reduce extinction rates. The ability to take your kids and go birdwatching, or to see a natural stream and be able to drink from it. To pitch a tent for a week and go swimming in the river, or just laze under the stars and think about what it all means. I want my children and their children to be able to do all of this. A space for all. The forests need to stay and be given more protection against corporations that have interests in stripping the rich resources, everything that makes them so vital, away for profit. We need the trees to keep the water and the temperatures how we'd like them to be.
75779	They are beautiful, exciting and raw places to visit, untouched and pristine. The take nothing but photos and leave nothing but footprints rings true. The ability to go camping, hiking and get away

	from urban life is extremely important. We have amazing wildlife and wilderness. It should be available for all generations to come.
75780	Clean water fresh cool air and a wonderland for wildlife and humans to enjoy
75782	I wish to see Victorian forests preserved for future generations to be able to see them in their full glory and to be largely untouched by industry.
75784	Wild places with access to some areas. That are well defined and looked after by qualified staff.
75785	Peaceful beauty renewal of spirit calmness inspiration
75786	My vision is for jobs, economy, and sustainable practice to blend, with defined agendas as to why and which places need to be preserved as environmental imperatives, and cooperation mandated and prioritised over short term economic gain. For legislation to enact, and culture and mood to catch on, that we have an urgent responsibility to take back what is ours, as Victorians, Australians, and people who live on planet Earth. For Victorians to lead, for Australians to be seen for their leadership, and the beauty of what we need to protect.
75788	A vision of an environment that is free from logging, and invasive flora and fauna, such as deer, black berries ect. Where recreational activities such as hiking, riding, ect can be enjoyed.
75790	Protected, unsullied and revered.
75791	Leave forests as they are, don't build tracks, don't make them tourist attractions, just let them be forests
75792	Using proper water management, our forests are able to weather the worst droughts. People can experience our forests through designated hiking and cycling trails, and camping grounds, with heavy fines for littering. Our forests are easily one of the biggest potential investments for tourism, but too we should be focusing on ensuring visitors best know how to keep their distance from parts of nature which don't need human interference.
75797	Thriving forests, thriving biodiversity. Minimal human impact
75798	In the future I want the forests to be in better condition than they are now. Preserving and improving what we have. When I visit forests I don't want to be confronted by logging scars. I love getting out with my dog and 4x4 but I have stopped visiting state forests because the amount of logging now is so depressing. I don't want that to be the case for future generations.
75799	Nearly 50 years ago I was fortunate to be able to purchase a property in Victoria's eastern forests. At that time the nearby township had 3 operating timber mills. Within a few years they had all closed down not because of a "green" movement but because the forests had been badly managed and simply stripped of their prized timber with no thought for the future. I would like to see active forest management to benefit the forests and the flora and fauna that benefit from them including people, now and into the future
75800	Pristine forests, enjoyed by the community,
75801	A holistic approach across all parks aimed at restoring and managing the natural ecological systems of these forests. If that requires curtailing economic ventures of any kind, whether restricting the expansion of the snow resorts, logging activities, hunting or even outdoor recreation tourism so be it. Comprehensively educating individuals from school through adulthood about ethical practices in camping and recreation activities. So as to further protect them from adverse human interventions.
75803	My vision is that we are caretakers, looking after our country as the elders used to. That we can have fun, and enjoy nature, but not at the cost of nature. That we use nature wisely whether for business or pleasure, and that we balance our need to live and prosper, with our duty to preserve where we live.

75805	My vision for the future is that we still have all of the remaining old growth forests and trees that exist today. That they are properly protected indefinitely and can never be logged or destroyed. That all old growth forest logging stop immediately and be banned forever more.
75807	I want my kids and future generations to be able to sit beside a stream under treeferns knowing that the aquatic inhabitants will be there for future generations to enjoy, knowing that there will be plenty of clean water for our city cousin, knowing that the orchids, fungi and wildlife will be there for their grandchildren to see, knowing that the air they breathe will be fresh and clean, knowing that the trees and soil are combating climate change by sequestering carbon and giving oxygen back in exchange, knowing that we decided that trees were worth far more than a few rheems of copy paper. knowing there was a goverment that listened to the will of the people and stopped pandering to the interests of international corporates
75808	Healthy forests and other natural ecosystems are vital to the survival of the planet. Healthy forests means healthy biodiversity in both plants and animals and clean water in rivers and catchments. My vision of the future of forests is seeing them growing old and being the vital backbone to a healthy climate system that they should be. Every small benefit of a forest, like increasing species diversity, has an effect on the overall health of the globe. With the huge number of humans attempting to ring the earth dry of all it has to offer, we are on the brink of climate collapse. Every single one of us needs to realise that if we continue to destroy our forests we continue to destroy our future.
75809	My vision of the future of Victorian forests is that we preserve the remaining wild ecosystems, and that we bring to end the exploitation and destruction of what we can never replace. Whilst camping, bushwalking and other recreation activities at the periphery of the forests are nice, the priority must be on the preservation of the biodiversity of Victoria in perpetuity.
75810	Places that are left to be natural. For this and future generations to experience. For the flora and fauna so unique to this beautiful country and not for short term, money grabbing corporates, their lobbyists and those who finish their terms in government that then go on to high paying jobs within the sector so conveniently after handing over the keys to these wonderful places.
75811	We have very little real forest left. Even parks such as Tarra Bulga National park we're logged. Logging must be stopped , corruption must be stopped and what little we have left preserved totally for bio diversity before it's all logged. There is more money and sustainable money in tourism not logs
75815	A pristine natural environment. Stop logging native forests.
75818	A healthy clean ecosystem which not only supports all animals but allows us to gain understanding of it, ourselves and enable a myriad of benefits to be taken without damaging or endangering the forest and it's health.
75821	In Victoria I would like to see our environment restored to what it was pre 1750, I would like to see Eucalyptus regnans casting shadows beyond what I can see, grasslands brimming with indigenous one of a kind species, pest flora and fauna removed from the landscape, a fire regime reflecting the days of indigenous times and hills rolling for kilometres with out a ugly logging patch showing the utter destruction of our current civilisation, we are not above nature when it goes we will soon follow.
75822	Forests provide space to stretch our vision, our imagination and escape from the maddening crowds. It's a place to breathe out and stretch our arms as wide as possible.
75826	I value a thriving, healthy ecosystem. Loggers have NO place in our wild forests. I am energised by the images above that capture pristine nature.

75827	<p>I like the vision of the Colquhoun rail bridge on the old Orbost railway line, in the state forest behind Lakes Entrance, an area I know and love.</p> <p>My vision is for a mosaic of National parks, state forest, lakes and waterways with interconnecting corridors of habitat. A Victoria where we gracefully and gratefully revert to rewilding where we haven't zoned agricultural, residential, commercial and industrial uses. Where we plan for an inevitably larger population in the interstices of a realised urban forest along waterways, easements and streetscapes, where regional centres thrive, rural industries flourish and where we can enjoy active and passive recreation alongside the fellow inhabitants (fauna and flora) of Victoria. Where we acknowledge and work with traditional owners and custodians to live sustainably so future generations continue to enjoy our advantages.</p>
75833	A full circle of people enjoying the wilderness, taking from it but giving back more.
75834	<p>My Vision is riding my horse along country trails in the alpine national park, then camping near a river in the valleys at night.</p> <p>Walking along on a horse is the best way to see the countryside as you move at a slow pace and wildlife don't run away as they see you as part of the horse.</p> <p>Horse riding is not invasive to a park as most horse riders want to stay on tracks so as not to risk their horses falling in pothole or standing on snakes.</p> <p>That means that the only possible damage is a one metre wide track leaving all the other thousands of hectares of surrounding bush untouched for native flora and fauna.</p> <p>Win win for everything involved.</p> <p>Also of concern is the amount of existing tracks being closed denying the opportunity of linking tracks to create loop rides.</p> <p>It does reduce enjoyment when you have to go out and back on the same track.</p> <p>Unless there is a really good reason for it it seems like a deliberate attempt to discourage people from using the track.</p>
75838	<p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>I see a future where human's respect pristine natural environments and their innate rights. The rights of the species to live. That we can co-exist in a peaceful and mutually beneficial way.</p> <p>I see the rejuvenation + health benefits that comes from having access to natural environments. I see the opportunities for education about our land and its traditional custodians.</p>
75842	My vision is to keep our forests pristine for our future generations, to be an example to the World.
75844	A stronghold of nature, the strength and beauty of complex eco-systems which have taken millions of years to evolve and gain balance. Such places are under assault all over the world because of climate change and outright greedy plundering. We will come to respect and cherish such places more.
75845	I think maintaining Old Growth Forests promotes/maintains adequate Biodiversity. Which, in turn means a healthy environment beneficial to all species.
75847	Clean fresh old Forrest with history

75849	<p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>People "use" and enjoy natural environments in many different ways; that's how it should be as long as the activities do not impact negatively on the environment. We need to protect as much area of these important ecosystems as possible before they disappear</p>
75850	<p>The natural environment, the way nature should be. A refuge from crowded cities and exploitation.</p>
75852	<p>Victoria's forests and the creatures who live there: appreciated and protected by the humans who visit. (PS: why do none of the images really show case the unique fauna of our forests??)</p>
75856	<p>All of the pictures are important we just need to manage and balance</p>
75857	<p>An Australia which enriches its environment and enjoys the surplus rather than an Australia that erodes and depletes it. One that can see both the intrinsic value of the bush and recognize their immutable connection to it.</p>
75858	<p>Most of the images have some part to play for the future of forests, the one exception is the logging photo displaying complete destruction and disregard for the environment. Fern gully with moss coated rocks and flowing stream is my favourite. This image displays a healthy vibrant ecosystem (no sign of die back or drought) consisting of fresh, clear unpolluted flowing water (free from plastic rubbish dropped by careless humans), one can imagine many birds calling with signs of animal life at ground level and in the canopy, and a crisp atmosphere free from the noise and smells of a bustling, overcrowded city. Forests need to be accessible for all ages to enjoy but too many people can also be detrimental, the Great Ocean Road is at risk of this. Relics of the past (disused railway line) can also remind of how resilient forest ecosystems can be if left to recover from human intervention.</p>
75859	<p>I see forests as a connection to who we were. With encroaching urbanization, increasing population and climate change, forests are under fire threat. We all need to maintain them and to keep them clean and pristine while still being able to enjoy them Those who abuse the privilege need harsh penalties and we need more rangers protecting these ecosystems.</p>
75861	<p>What an unusual question(!), as I don't need a photo to have a vision for ongoing sustainable-use of our forests, and this shared with other like-minded individuals; no matter the recreational / spiritual / cultural / scientific / etc / activities that are undertaken. Healthy, thriving forest ecosystems that benefit all Victorians is our only viable future.</p>
75862	<p>My vision for our forests is to protect them to ensure a healthy and thriving ecological system, for many recreational users to enjoy forest visits that do not harm the bush, for the flora and fauna to be protected from pests and diseases, for all Victorians and international visitors to be able to appreciate the beauty, scenic values, bird life, that all the historical values are protected. The bush is accessible to all users. The forest is not destroyed by extractive industries and logging of native forests ceases immediately. My husband and I frequently run club (volunteer) 4WD trips all around Victoria and so all forests are important to us. These trips have been run for over 30 years. We have followed up many of our interests with scientists and are concerned that our forests are being rapidly degraded and destroyed.</p>
75863	<p>Unspoilt natural wilderness with low impact minimal human use.</p>

75866	As a 4WD club member the high country and camping are close to my heart. Yet with the advent of cheap readily available (read disposable) camping equipment I'm seeing more and more trash and rubbish in our beautiful forests. I'd like to see more dumpsters and waste management plans made to inform visitors. Imagine the idyllic crystal stream with plastic bags, bottles and broken camp chairs strewn everywhere. Also my hat is off to the brave men and women of the CFA and emergency services, they're the definition of superhero's in my book.
75868	I value healthy, thriving forest ecosystems .
75871	Forests for everybody, for fun, for health, for renewable resources.
75872	Camping in beautiful environments, walking in the high country, swimming in clean wild rivers and riding bikes along quiet bush tracks are all experiences that I enjoy. Finding out about the natural environment is an abiding interest. Sharing these experiences with friends and family is wonderful. We have a unique and irreplaceable natural environment and the time of logging the forests is over. The damage was just too great and after fires destroyed so much, it was unthinkable that the remainder should be exploited for short-term economic gain for a small number of people. The government ceased its subsidies to jobs in the timber industry and re-focused on preserving our forests for posterity. After subsidies ceased, there was no economic incentive for the paper mill not to pursue other ways to produce the fibre content they need for their product. Large fire-retarding bamboo plantations in the foothills of the Strzeleckis are now harvested instead.
75874	One of the few true meanings of being Australian is being able to access our forests and national parks to enjoy the natural beauty of these wonderful places. Every forest type has its own special features. It's diversity of wildlife and birds, it's smells of natural fragrance and lack of development and destruction by mankind set them apart as places we can all retire to and enjoy. Clear felling for wood chip is grotesque and an affront to all things said about climate change and the future of our very being. The Victorian Government exempting timber industries from observing Australian standards in environmental requirements is criminal and obscene. Leave our forests alone and continue present public access rules.
75876	The forests are there to be enjoyed by all in a responsible and sustainable manner. Respecting the land the flora and fauna so that future generations can be proud of the previous generations commitment to protect the natural environment.
75877	Our land has cared for Australians for thousands of years and has not discriminated on who it shares its wealth with. We are fortunate to care for this land and share in its gifts together, so that we, like so many generations before us can create our own stories to be retold. Hike, camp, hunt, explore. Enjoy it together, enjoy it alone, but make sure you enjoy it!
75878	To me, future of the forest lies in preserving healthy, untouched, unlogged ecosystems. There are so few pristine forest left not just in Australia but in the World. Healthy environments are beneficial for all living creatures and would make all Victorians happier beings.
75881	Pristine forest untouched by human intervention. True wilderness and clean rivers and streams
75884	These images provide a picture of healthy, natural environments for all to enjoy.
75887	A wonderful view of the planet where everything is what it should be. A wonderful world with no discrimination in any sense. Only loving and caring for all creatures great and small.
75889	In the future I want people to always have the option of taking public transport away from the city for a day to experience bush walking in healthy ecosystems and to see some excellent views. Regardless of how bad the government of the day is, healthy long-standing local forests can be a great way to put day to day issues into perspective.

75892	One of the best things from my schooldays was experiencing the Victorian Alps with hikes of up to 10 days carrying everything we needed. I have taken my parents, brother, nephews and children and several other friends back to the same area of eastern Vic and made them also keen on camping. These have been some of my best parenting experiences too. The vistas of cascading mountain ranges and wild creeks are so memorable. Now I am 74 and getting out there is becoming harder, but the memories and the very idea of possibly doing so again makes me happy.
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75894	I would like to see all our catchments and waterways free of logging and managed environmentally
75895	Beautiful sustainable bush for wildlife, we have taken enough!
75896	My vision is for all our native forests to be left alone like they were before we came here and started destroying them. Huge trees are rare now but they should be everywhere. There is more employment and wealth for all in forests which are protected than ones that are logged. I want the Government to do the sensible, responsible thing for humanity, wildlife and the future and stop all logging in native forests.
75897	My vision or statement would be short and sharp. If those images were depicted along side it would simply read.... Who in the world would want to destroy these ancient ecosystems? People that never visit them! We must unite against the government and the major corporations that plunder these beautiful environments in order to put an end to the destruction and devastation! With power in numbers it can be achieved!
75898	Our forests are beautiful, the older they get, the more water they shed, and the more beautiful the forest becomes. Because water is available always through a tap, people forget how great our water is! I have lived overseas without drinkable water, and what we have is precious! When I was a child my father was a sea captain, and any ship that came to port in Melbourne would dump all their drinking water to refill on ours. Our water is world famous, we used to have the best drinking water in the world! now that we have added Desal water to the mix, we no longer have the best water in the world. If we didnt log these forests, we wouldnt have had to turn on the Desal plant. My daughter lives in Geelong, and when I visit her I take water from Healesville, so much nicer! While our forefathers locked us out of the immediate catchment,I still believe that low impact activities should still take place in Outer Catchment areas. Tourism is far more low impact than logging, an provides jobs too.
75900	I see the future of our forests as a sacred place where those with a connection to a land can reflect on the amazing diversity and breathtaking scenery, as well as encourage others who have not found this connection to appreciate the unfathomable complexity of these ecosystems, and come to appreciate what could be lost forever in the name of a few sheets of paper.

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75905	Future generations deserve to have huge protected forest areas where they can experience these places in all their majestic beauty.
75907	Bring back the forestry commission. Forests should be preserved as mentioned before for water catchment, rain making, biodiversity, oxygen breathing and saving us from climate Change. Any harvesting should be small scale and selective - not clear felling. Have plantations for bulk timber needs. I have loved forests my whole life, but want them preserved for many more reasons than love. People can live in intensive villages with appropriate fire breaks - and go walking or camping (selectively) in the forest proper. It is lovely to have forests near, but not to have estates with high fire risk cut right into the forests.
75909	healthy thriving ecosystems, beautiful trees and native flora, tourism
75910	we need a range of spaces for our growing population that allow a range of activities. While industry gets a seat at the table, they should be only a small voice and we should be looking to preserve resources and nature for our kids.
75913	Nothing beats the natural beauty of the Victorian forests.
75914	For forests to be protected. For the true long-term value of forests to be recognised – living forests are worth far more to the economy than timber, based on human health benefits alone. For Aboriginal cultural values to be respected. For future generations to be able to visit and enjoy forests in designated recreational areas and walking trails, and for other large areas to be protected as wilderness.
75917	My vision is for the removal of commercial logging from our native forests, preserving what we have for the health and wellbeing of our environment and people. We should safeguard our timber industry by utilising private land for sustainably managed commercial forestry. Our state's natural resources are our greatest asset, not for exploitation, but for careful management and protection. My vision is to see a balance of recreation, tourism, forest management and ecosystem protection, all with close consultation and engagement with traditional owners.
75920	I'm up for most, if not all use of national parks and state forests - my main concern is encroaching development and clear fell logging which reduce habitat and isolate species into 'islands' making their gene pools more vulnerable to extinction
75923	Vast, protected forests that either stabilise in size or grow. They provide sizeable carbon capture and help maintain local microclimates. Their bio diversity is rich. People are able to enjoy these forests via walks and designated camping spots. They are commonly used for educational trips for school children and are a highly valued source of cultural and societal pride.

75926	May all people enjoy the out doors But be taught that they respect the country code and leave nothing behind and destroy nothing in there midst or behind them.
75928	So little native forests are left anywhere in the world. We may not be able to help save the Amazon or the forests of Indonesia but with the help of our politicians we can do something to save the forests of Australia. Future generations deserve the opportunity to enjoy them as we have - for respectful and peaceful recreation.
75929	Our forests should be open to recreational use that respects and protects their social, cultural, and environmental value.
75931	Forrests are vital for the health of the planet, the wildlife and once we have destroyed them - we too will go. Nature bats last.
75932	Without any of the above mental health issues will explode and the cost to the community will be mind blowing. We simply cannot keep rapeing the earth our home for short term gain. Victoria had so much amazing and beautiful environment and it's been bulldozed on an hourly basis ~ I see this happening daily on Millowl (Phillip Island)
75936	Take nothing but photos, leave nothing but footprints.
75939	I want to be able to experience large undisturbed tracts of native forest. I would like to see how them may have been before their destruction by the logging industry, and the introduction of foreign pests and weeds. I want to go camping and hiking away from motorised vehicles. I want to see native animals, many of which have been driven to near-extinction by cats, foxes, habitat loss, and other factors associated with human activity.
75941	protected natural environment
75943	A well managed, protected, natural space representing Victoria's natural environment and plant and animal diversity
75944	Fresh water supplies increasing our security and well being for all people.
75947	To be able to respectfully engage and admire them! To also help regenerate the areas in which we have depleted.
75948	I can't get this to work. I chose the right middle landscape of a wide expanse of forest. We need wild places and tracts of nature that can hold and protect the biodiversity we are lucky to still have. The world is destroying these places at a rapid rate and as a rich country we can afford to save what we have let. We have no excuses not to. Greed is a poor reason. Save what is left and we can experience it in low impact ways
75951	Natural resources are absolutely necessary for the future. The balance of nature and life support are naturally in tune. Reduce our forests or dam our waters and this balance is distorted. This will create an unhealthy environment for all of us.
75957	Victorian Forests are the are the largest protected areas in Australia, conserving biodiversity, strengthening ecosystem resilience to climate change and providing healthy natural enviornments for all Victorians to connect to and enjoy.
75958	My vision is for these magnificent waterways and forests to remain intact for the health and enjoyment of all people. I spent many, many hours during my childhood in places like this stream, these mountains and forest paths. My enjoyment and appreciation has not diminished in any way. My desire is for my future generations to have the same opportunity.
75959	My vision is people being able to enjoy recreation pursuits in beautiful forest in a responsible way. It is important for the heath and well being of all people to have time in nature. I also would like forest conserved as habitat for the unique fauna and flora that exists in Victoria.
75960	I'd like to see our forests being a source of wonder to young generations, provide sustainable firewood & timber and enable local communities to flourish thru tourism, logging & recreational fishing or hunting.

75962	Having vast natural forest areas provides us all with a feeling of belonging to and with the land and nature. The scope for walking, riding, boating, bird watching, camping, having family experiences and opening the eyes of young children to the beauty of nature and our Victorian forests is endless, so long as we save and preserve these priceless areas. Only in these areas can our native fauna and flora thrive and be observed in their natural habitat where they have the greatest impact on our souls as we feel we are all at one with nature.
75965	Indigenous Australians working towards restoring native forests that we can enjoy without harm or degradation.
75967	A forest when silence is never silent but filled with the hum of wildlife, speaking into the world uninterrupted. Where people reverently enter, and the most incredibly ecosystems are left in peace to flourish. Where educators can explain the optimal way that forests thrive and people can be inspired by the different paces which nature works.
75969	A beautiful, thriving ecosystem that all Victorians will be able to enjoy, held in custodianship by our First Nations people and protected from the vested interests of the lobbying industry.
75970	communities, ceremonies, history, adventure, fun, physical fitness, clean air, family, friends, epic amazingness
75978	Escape Unwind Enjoy
75979	That we learn, are educated in these natural wonders that feed us in every sense-sight, smell, touch, hearing, taste. They are our lungs, they nourish our systems, our hearts, our mental wellbeing. We MUST protect and keep them for now, for future, for ever, long after we are gone. Imagine if we were born 100 years from now? What species, what diversity would we see? Now is the important time that we have before us, a gift. What are we to do for that?
75980	We continue to enjoy the natural bounty of this rich land with reverence and respect for the creatures that live in the area.
75983	My vision: indigenous land management, increases in Native Title granted, nature accessible by humans but completely low impact and restrictions on activities, camping in certain areas, endless wildness. Carbon sink storage!!!!!!!!!!
75984	Healthy waterways and forests.
75987	My vision is for all Victorians to have thriving forests to enjoy forevermore, healthy forests and associated ecosystems protected from a logging industry that represents a very small percentage of Victoria's population but has in the past and continues even now to inflict enormous damage on our forests and unique wildlife. The Victorian State Government must implement a tax payer funded process of financially transitioning those employed by the logging and wood-chipping industry out of that industry into something else, just as the Federal Government decided decided to do with those people previously employed within Australia's automotive manufacturing industry.
75988	Immerse yourself in the land - appreciate its resilience but understand and acknowledge its thresholds
75991	I value healthy, thriving forest ecosystems to protect Victoria's clean drinking water and to benefit all Victorians. Forests and wilderness areas are diminishing around the globe and we must protect the remaining ones for both our and the wildlife species who inhabit them. We have a moral and existential obligation to preserve these habitats for the future.
75994	My vision is a respected and protected vast forest, with ancient streams and trees, abundant with wildlife, where all kinds of people are encouraged and able to camp, hike, bike-ride, kayak, and immerse themselves in the natural world.

75999	Wild streams though natural bush protect our environment and feed our water catchments. But we cannot just mark thin strands of bush for protection. Our animals in particular need large unspoiled areas of natural forest to survive. This should be our legacy.
76002	<p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>Any natural image</p> <p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>Cyclists and walkers are fine. Everyone else can keep to sealed roads.</p>
76007	Forest diversity is important for the health of the local and wider environment. Forests support important ecosystems, including endangered species and we need to do everything we can to protect them. Old growth forests needs to be saved and they play an important role in supporting a healthy ecosystem.
76008	We need to completely re-wild and/or re-forest the entire state. All industries currently destroying our forests (eg logging, mining) and landscapes (eg farming) should be turned to reforestation... through food forests, native habitat regeneration, creation of ecologically sustainable access tracks (4 wheel driving, hiking etc) and facilities (camp grounds with effective toilets, safe fire pits, etc). Housing is evolved to learn how to have small parcels of land in and around regenerating forests (particularly food forests), safely and more affordably, providing countless quality of life improvements. The sooner we move towards this the better chance we have for any future generations surviving the human induced climate catastrophe that's already begun and been locked into place.
76011	I would like to see native flora and fauna better protected throughout Victoria, with much greater importance placed on preserving the natural values of the landscape for future generations to enjoy. I would like to see the heritage of indigenous people and their connection to the land respected and cherished. Logging of native forest is uneconomic and unsustainable, it needs to be stopped.
76012	<p>I have a vision where people and the governments in power that represent them, manage our ecosystems better. Where they are left to thrive in their natural state so that all people have a chance to visit them, know about them, learn about them. We're not a war torn 3rd world country where abuses to the environment can go unchecked. Its stain on us as a people if we don't do the right thing.</p> <p>Sustainably grown pine, while not as pretty, can be used for wood sources. Those that would like to use old hardwoods should just pay a premium to do so.</p>
76013	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg
76014	Clean river - My vision for the forests are healthy, biodiverse ecosystems with clean water for all animals and plants to benefit
76019	<p>My vision would be to create a sustainable camping and hiking scenario similar to Wilsons Promontory. The Great Forest National Park could have world class hiking trails and a main camp ground at Upper Yarra Reservoir. Hiking to various important old trees such as the Ada Tree and through lush Ferny gullies.</p> <p>A forest camping getaway only 1.5 hr away from the city. Whilst also providing protections for water security and habitat for endangered species.</p>

76020	I imagine beautiful lush forests filled with wildlife
76023	Spending time in the forests is about understanding the extent to which we have altered the natural world, and that there are severe downsides the amount of modification we have performed on our environment. Time spent in nature gives us perspective about our needs, but also gives us a chance to live at a different speed and to relax and look within, to understand more about ourselves and our world.
76026	The images, minus logging, represent a healthy, thriving ecosystem that we can all enjoy. It's every family holiday you went on as a kid and want to continue to take your kids on. It is a thriving planet, a place of beauty, far from a barren wasteland. It is health, it is green, it is life. Choose to protect the forests and save the planet.
76027	Connection to country and First Nations culture through the creation of the Great Forest National Park. School holiday activities and hiking and camping.
76028	Water is key to life. Without trees there is little rain and catchment.
76030	Anything that enhances them instead of ruining them.
76032	Having access to untouched old growth forests creates a bond between nature and humans strengthening our link with nature. The carbon emission reductions maintained through the support of these forests allow us to breathe easier and help to stabilise further environmental degradation. The balance of nature has been pushed aside for the short term profits of a few big businesses but effects all of us. Our forests should provide an environmental sanctuary in which to allow this balance to be restored.
76033	Being in the bush camping with my horse and riding trails - seeing the beautiful views from tops of mountains and the amazing rivers and creeks in the valleys. Peaceful and beauty all around, seeing native animals in their natural habitat - amazing
76034	I am inspired by the sight of healthy green forests with clean streams of flowing water over rocks. The smell of fresh clean air and the sound of birds chirping. Camping with family, friends and children near a stream. Fishing in the rivers, bathing in its fresh waters or simply listening to the rumbling of water as it flows over the rocks. It is relaxing and food for the soul. It is priceless and needs to be preserved.
76037	looking at the pictures above, all these recreational activities would not be possible without the parks, rivers and spaces. I am truly grateful to live in Victoria with these beautiful parks . I can't imagine life without it. with everything in life if it is not in our thought process we will not think about it or value it. Nature needs to be apart of our very being. It needs to be taught in schools, universities, we need to get out of the cities and into the bush. the more we are involved the more we will love it and value it and do everything in our power to protect it.
76038	An abundance of old growth and rehabilitation forest for habitat and biodiversity. Low impact long distance walking trails
76045	One of the experiences i love the most is a cool, rocky stream in wilderness. My niece and i spent an hour beside one recently and she said: 'I listen to this sound on my ipad to help me go to sleep'. It would be sad if that was the only way future generations got to hear these sorts of places.
76046	We need to preserve large areas with a variety of vegetation communities connecting different climate zones so that we will have something to pass to our children in this era of climate change.

76047	<p>1) People - performing important burn operations and protecting forests.</p> <p>2) Swimming - Improve existing parks and protect water ways by minimising human impact</p> <p>3) Keep 4x4 drives out of important water catchments. Allow 4x4 in appropriate areas.</p> <p>4),5),6)7) Minimise human impact to water catchments by limiting recreational use. Limit recreation to protect life from threat of bushfires caused by human impact or lighting. Improve existing spaces for camping, recreation or exploring scenic wonders. Don't increase human impact by creating new ones. (Revitalise existing rail trails and camping grounds)..</p> <p>8) Preserve cultural heritage.</p> <p>9) Preserve and maintain waterways keeping pests out (manage deer and feral animals). Outlaw cats.</p> <p>10,11,12,13) Stop logging forests. Keep human impact to a minimum by avoiding the creation popular tourist destinations. Business, the economy and rates revenue are not as important as preserving water, protecting all life and mitigating climate change.</p>
76049	Proud aboriginal people celebrating aboriginal plants
76051	Preserving and upholding traditional owner values in how we manage the land. Benefiting from traditional knowledge for prosperity of the natural environment and culture. I believe this will ensure that cultural and environmental aspects are protected and enjoyed by everyone. I further believe that the benefits of this will be seen across numerous areas health and wellbeing of visitors, tourism benefits, timber harvesting well into the future etc.
76052	<p>I choose the hilltop views of a forest expanse, the waterway image and the images of people swimming and riding bikes.</p> <p>My vision for the future of our forests is one where the natural environment is vast and untouched, except for the safe and sustainable ways we can interact with it without causing harm. I value healthy and thriving ecosystems that all Victorians and tourists can enjoy.</p>
76060	A pristine environment that people can enjoy, but the focus is still on protecting the natural environment, and not letting people change it too much.
76061	The pristine beauty of a native forest is incomparable. It is nature at its finest, linking the past, present and future in its wonder and glory.
76063	I see managed access to vast areas of pristine, natural bushland in our future. Preserving as much as possible of these areas across Australia is important to provide shade, undergrowth, magnificent waterways, plants & animals, and to minimise the impact of climate change on how we keep on living. Being able to experience our natural forests and waterways means I can roam, revere, nurture, admire, and be curious in our nature reserves. I can connect with nature, marvel at the age of a tree, at what it has experienced as it has reached the age I see it. I think about its weather, the many animals, birds and insects affected by its being, of life and environment. The forest scents, sounds and sights have no equal, and form a strong link to heritage and country. I love our bush but we are reducing it constantly, and then there will be so little left, it will be a real challenge to preserve our native fauna. I fear that, as I need the forest to heal, motivate, calm, share and carry on.
76064	I imagine myself having walked quite a few K and sitting on the banks of this beautiful stream admiring the ferns and enjoying the cool air over the water. I am listening to the quiet singing of the birds and the rushing water. This forest scene is really for people who enjoy solitude and walking. Not everyone, but the chance to refresh your spirit out there is very important.

76065	I value healthy, thriving forest ecosystems that benefit all Victorians. I want to see these ecosystems improved immensely over the coming years. It only took two hundred years to wipe out much of the landscape in Victoria and we as a community should be responsible for restoring as much of the environment to its original state. The commercial operators need to have an understanding and respect the native environment and care for its future. Logging is not a practice the Victorian government should support financially or ethically. There should be systems in place for logging employees to be retrained in skills that will be more useful in future, such as the wind turbine construction occurring in the former car manufacturing plants.
76066	My vision is for a healthy and thriving ecosystem that is accessible to future generations to enjoy for camping, hiking, fishing and camping.
76067	I value healthy, thriving forest ecosystems that benefit all Victorians. Depleted forests around the world make us reflect how close we are to them: Poor judgment of government and environmental offices who are not strong enough to rule and protect our forest. They succumb instead to logging predatory interests for the personal financial gain of a handful. Only corrupt politicians can let this happen to pay donations and favors. My vision is well-protected pristine forests for all to enjoy.
76069	I see nature protected by a government that care for the world we live in. Streams flowing, managed by legislation that doesnt abuse the world we have
76070	Forests untouched by logging and other destructive practises creating carbon sinks and native animal havens, promoting the flow of drinking water to catchment areas, and with some scope for the conduct of responsible tourism and responsible recreational activities in areas which can sustain such activities from an environmental conservation perspective.
76074	I want our forests to be returned to their rightful sovereign First Nations owners. I want crystal clear water. I want a small number of walking and bike tracks and for them to never be over run with people. I want a small number of walk-in camping spots and a small number of accessible camping spots, but for camping to be more about engaging with nature than partying. I want no hunting or big machinery in the forests. I want to know that the forest is protected and will never be logged.
76076	I love our waterways set in national parks or forests. Swimming there is wonderful, and if you're lucky ducks or cormorants fly overhead down the valley, or you can watch eagles circling in air currents over the forest. Flocks of parrots screech across from one side of the river to the other. Every little change of breeze brings a different rustling of branches and leaves. Every change of light creates different sparkles on the surface.
76079	There is only one photos that come close to what I would want the forests to look like. The clean water with a vegetated riparian zone. Even the landscape vista shows vegetation clearance on the lower slopes. All the above photos depict people or their impacts on the environment. No photo of the flora or fauna which rely totally on the right habitat for survival. This is what prevents extinctions or the massive cost of species rescue programs, which also require suitable habitat for captive bred creatures to be released. My vision for the Victorian Forests is to provide a range of habitats for the survival of native species ahead of all other activities. Healthy and vibrant ecosystems. Biodiversity protection and/or enhancement as the highest priority. Community education and appreciation. (Ecologically sustainable eco-tourism)
76080	Again, allowing everyone to use the forests.
76081	They all represent my vision along with a well run, sustainable timber industry.
76082	Bottom right hand image shows what I love about these forests. Clean healthy biodiversity rich environment with little human impact.
76083	Forests managed for retaining maximum bio diversity and with access for recreational use. Commercial logging of natural growth forests no longer permitted.

76086	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg I don't see animals and birds????
76087	I love to escape to spaces that seem completely and utterly detached from the "modern" world, where it's like going back to a prehistoric landscape. I want to be able to camp and hike (and occasionally ride) in areas that aren't heavily influenced by human intervention and presence. I want to be able to view spaces where wildlife has primary ownership of the land. I want education spaces with a conservation and environmental focus, as well as greater representation from traditional custodians who's histories and input on the ecology of the land needs broader recognition.
76091	I think that all of these images have a part to play in the future of Victoria's forests. Choosing to exclude any of these options leads to a lack of balance in my view.
76094	Do not start a traditional burning practice of Ash forest - which from all accounts never happened (ref Prof Beth Gott & Prof Lindenmayer) . yes keep it for our water catchments !!! Yes keep what is left for the future Yes fund gender diverse facilitation by First Nation People - Do not force through funding of specific practices
76095	protection of our irreplaceable forests
76096	Tranquility and preservation of natural environment despite easy access for those with disabilities.
76099	Can't see any pictures of hunting?
76100	Live cleaner ways to help the environment. Get involved to save our plant, step by step.
76103	Our natural and built heritage needs to be protected – and, of course, enjoyed – by as many as possible.. That said, I'm not convinced that all stakeholders have a genuine investment in sustainable practices. So maybe we need to focus on low impact engagements? Walkers, pushbikers, etc. – as opposed to 4WD activities and agistment for exotic mammals.
76105	A peaceful place people can enjoy without too much interference of the natural creatures.
76106	We should care for the forests that we have left.
76109	I'd like to see more people out enjoying the forests in a quiet way that does not disturb others - bushwalking, cycling, canoeing and camping. I'd like more interpretative signage - about the plants, animals and Aboriginal knowledge.
76112	Clean open air, running waterways, plants healthy and growing, wildlife thriving, biodiversity kept, extinctions avoided. Cut logging. Cut recreational shooting.
76113	Peaceful places for people to go and connect with nature without damaging it or disturbing it.
76115	Beautiful, sprawling forest landscapes with clean fresh water gushing through the rivers and creeks. Lots of native plants and animals thriving, and people living with, enjoying and respecting the natural environment.
76117	Inspired my a camping trip i see togetherness, families connected through the generations, sharing skills and knowledge, learning self reliance and building memories nurtured by the natural environment long after the batteries on their ipads have given out, and free of the restrains of technology and economic status.
76118	I would wish for the future that no more forests be logged and waterways cared for so that the wildlife are allowed to rejuvenate and increase in number so that when we do get to visit these places for camping etc that we can actually see some of the animals and birds that i remember seeing from my childhood

76121	A forest undisturbed by roads, left untouched as much as possible.
76123	Greater focus on the mixed use of forests. A renewed faith in sustainable forest management which includes forestry practices leading to high quality forest products which Victorians can be proud of. Wood products are part of a sustainable vision for Australia's future. Wood products don't have to interfere with conservation outcomes in areas protected from harvesting. Value our environmental areas through well maintained camping and recreational spots. More education of all generations so that vandalism of natural areas does not occur as much as it does currently. Forest bathing phenomenon valued and promoted. Sensitive visitation to precious environmental areas considered and signs obeyed so that natural areas aren't harmed.
76124	Create the GFNP Create accessible walking tracks and activities but ensure that areas remain unspoilt and protected to conserve the natural old forests and its native fauna. STOP The Logging now, there has been enough destruction. More needs to be done for protection of the majestic Mountain Ash Forests! I want Victorians and Melbournians to continue having one of the best quality tap water in the world, we need to keep the forest to maintain our water catchments.
76125	A pristine environment
76127	A vision for Victoria and all of Australia is to preserve what little remaining wildlife Habitat we have . Create and invest in ECO tourism . Invest in creating safer habitat for wildlife .
76128	An ecosystem not being destroyed by humans, with more than the next 20 years being considered when writing policy.
76130	i vision a forest. no houses, no building, no litter/pollution. as many trees still standing as possible as deforestation has come to an end. the government decided to really focus on helping to keep our beautiful environment sustainable and healthy. i hope to see a forest instead of a housing estate. i hope to see animals of all sorts running about instead of being poached/moved away.
76131	Protected forests for future generations to enjoy the recreational and ecosystem service benefits through the creation of the emerald link and great forest national park
76133	Relax, experience and enjoy Victorian forest. Engage nature, be inspired by flora and fauna.
76135	Beauty and health for all
76137	I want to see forests that are well managed. I want to see forests that are strong and healthy and thriving. If all these things are guaranteed, I want to see forests that are accessible to everyone. I want the government to restrict all activities which damage forests.
76138	The most noticeable thing missing from the images is any form of wildlife. This shows what the DELWP's current management plans say about fauna, birds, fish and reptiles . There is also missing a large tree in any photo. My vision of the forest is the bottom right photo, showing rocks, lichen, running water, gum trees and ferns. I want to see fauna and birds when I am in the forest as well as flora.
76139	Happy families playing in the river and by the banks, surrounded and embraced by the guardians of the natural world, while the sounds of chirping and warbling can be heard from within the trees
76141	Forests, flora, fauna, water. This is what we need to survive, to thrive. We cannot breathe from greed. We cannot eat money. We cannot drink commerce.

76142	Without vibrant, healthy trees and photosynthesis from green leafy plants, our water supplies will diminish.
76145	Our forests continue to provide habitat for a wide range of animals, and harbour a wide range of plants. They are biodiversity hubs and carbon sinks. They are places of peace, reflection and solitude for those who seek it. They offer opportunities for low impact recreation such as walking and non-motorised boating and they are places of education where people can learn about our amazing flora and fauna and its vital importance to our own survival, through experiencing it.
76151	The purest air in the world, brought to you by the luckiest country in the world.
76152	revegetation in burned and cleared forrests
76153	I can't seem to pic and image on my phone. I choose images of nature and humans enjoying it without damaging nature. Healthy, thriving forest ecosystems that benefit all Victorians.
76154	Victoria's forests protected from further destruction in a healthy and sustainable condition with the original levels of biodiversity.
76157	A shared and accessible resource we can all enjoy.
76159	The fact that these forests provide us with clean drinking water is vitally important to the state. The carbon storage values of Victoria's forests, and their importance in regulating the climate is essential.
76160	Nature is not a resource, never should have been
76167	My vision is that we allocate more money to National Parks so that they are managed much better than at present.
76169	We need to protect our forests. I would be happy if there were vast expanses of forest that were not available for any human pursuit, that was just left to live and breathe and heal and hopefully heal us too. We need to save our forests to capture our carbon and capture and clean our water. We need to save our forests to save ourselves.
76170	I see a world where we have dissolved the urban/ country divide and were we have protected and expanded our forests, deepening their unspeakable magic. Where we have brought forests into the city, and we are living within forests, in harmony and with deep respect for the environment that affords us life. We realise the imperishable physiological, environmental and biological that forests bring to each one of us individually and all of us collectively, as a species, and peace is brought back into our communities. We live in a series of forest villages, where we rely less on digital wealth, and more on the sustenance and true wealth given to us by forests. We take care of each other.
76172	The images provided show many wonderful benefits of forests, and yet this is nothing to the industries that benefit from deforestation. My vision is that our respect for the forests that sustain life on this planet is one day greater than our greed. I want to see governments refusing lucrative deals with logging and development companies. I want a sustainable future for the earth.
76173	Im not really a visionary writer, but I'd love to see more access to the beauty of Victoria's forests, especially historical areas and the amazing waterways, all while being sensitive to the impacts of tourism on the environment. Wiser management of biodiversity and fire is also important.
76175	A beautiful mountain stream that helps to provide drinking water, coming from a healthy thriving forest that contains large old trees that provide habitat for wildlife.
76176	Forests are a repository of our native flora and fauna and are a place for humans to relax.
76183	Almost all of those pictures are beautiful and represent lots of the many ways one can enjoy the state forests.
76184	Beautiful!

76185	For future generations to be able to explore and enjoy our rainforests, the way we did, as kids
76186	<p>My vision is to have politicians elected who have sound knowledge of our planet. Instead of always implementing the small short term / dollar value / ego / greed / how do we get reelected stuff.</p> <p>Leaders and indeed the electorate need to have a better understanding of where we are environmentally at this point in time and to be able to balance it with a scientific knowledge of good living standards for all species.</p> <p>Obviously economics and species knowledge teams need to collude successfully.</p> <p>Some farmers also need to be better educated and monitored, as their influence on environmental issues on a day to day basis outweighs a lot of "city" politicians.</p> <p>No politician should be allowed to make any decision on an area that they have not visited and engaged with all the local species.</p> <p>Schools should always be educating about our planet and how it works. Basic recycling, food awareness and garden knowledge needs to be taught by councils on a regular basis.</p>
76188	A place to be highly respected, these should be our places of worship! There is so much that can be learnt, healed, realised, seen and heard in these incredibly beautiful forests.
76190	Passive recreation, tourism, pristine environments. The image of koori employment is not representing the many local aboriginal groups staunchly opposed to logging destruction.
76191	I see a future where we have old growth and secondary growth forests in tact to provide all the ecological services, protected places of cultural significance of the traditional first nation peoples and the recreational opportunities to be immersed in nature for generations to come.
76192	A world where the nurturing of our environment through traditional knowledge and experience leads to a future where all will be enriched and have a future.
76194	Natural untouched forests free from the threat of agricultural and timber industries
76195	<p>Fresh water for our grandchildren.</p> <p>Tourism that enjoys our bio diversity.</p> <p>Jobs that support ALL our community not just timber profiteers and political donations.</p>
76196	our forests have to be conserved & protected, keep out the bush basher's loggers
76197	spending time enjoying the forests and being mindful and respectful of the ecological systems and sustainability. working in the forest to protect them from logging and bushfires and human destruction/degradation.
76198	<p>Our tall mountain forests to Melbourne's east are critically important for so many reasons, economically the value of water to Melbourne is enormous - the catchment forests provide Melbourne with four times the volume of the Wonthaggi desalination plant - gravity fed pristine water. And waters that flow north head into Victoria's most important irrigation river the Goulburn river.</p> <p>This Wet Forest is the most carbon dense on the planet - and its value in Carbon stocks very soon will be recognised. Worth so much more standing than clearfell cut for short term products like office paper or CHEP beer pallets.</p>
76199	All of these images are of things that I associate with forests, in particular the large trees, camping, streams and bike riders and historical railway bridges are all things that are common in my local area. I presume the photograph of the guys in orange helmets are loggers and I would certainly not want to see them come into the Wombat State Forest ever again. I note that there are no photographs of horse riders or families walking their dog, which are also part of my vision of what a forest should be for.

76202	I see a future of wild plenty of wild places to support the amazing and spectacular diversity of life in Victoria, where we as a society are making huge strides in reversing the steady decline in Biodiversity this country has seen in the past 200 years, and one in which the First Nations people are more involved in managing public land with a greater influence in how their sacred places are treated.
76205	camping is one of the best experiences for being immersed in the natural environment and enable the experience of all the activities in wilderness, walking, bird watching, finding tiny orchids, seeing fish in the waterways and much more
76207	Beautiful natural habitat that humans and animals can appreciate and respect, not tear down or log for paper products. We need to protect our forests for the native species that live there and for humans to have a healthy relationship with the natural environment, and also to help create a carbon sink.
76208	Current and future generations should be able to visit pristine forests and waterways in all their glory, and leave in the wonderment of nature. Foresters should be people employed to educate and inspire visitors, especially from the city, not cut down these magnificent trees. Flora and fauna should be allowed to continue to live and be exhibited in their natural habitat for centuries to come.
76209	To maintain our forests as a living thing not something closed off and allowed to "die" through lack of suitable care
76210	My vision of the future is of a pristine river flowing through fern gullies and forest . It is a place for people to reconnect with nature and escape our busy cities. It is a place for people to camp, walk, swim or ride bikes. These activities have to be properly managed by a well funded Parks Victoria and will lead to healthier communities and a respect for nature.
76211	My vision for the future of our forests includes no human activity which tampers with the natural balances that exist in the natural environment. Streams flow and change course when they need to, trees and plants grow in rich soils, and birds and animals and insects thrive in the natural balance of their biodiversity. In my vision, humans visit the forests without leaving their mark, showing the forests more respect than they would show to royalty.
76212	My vision for Victorian Native Forests is a natural healthy forest where all Australian and overseas tourists can experience a healthy environment to relax and play, in knowing that native species of flora and fauna living to full maturity in a naturally balanced ecosystem. Parks Victoria needs adequate funding so that the can properly manage the forest and the tourist facilities within the parks.
76213	We do not own this planet we inherit it from our children and future generations We need to stop destroying other peoples property
76215	That native forest be protected and managed for flora and fauna and maintaining carbon stores and water catchments esp old growth. That we transition to Plantations for timber and stop send wood chips of low value overseas. That national Parks create places for people to enjoy, I would like to be able to access for paddling walking and camping but that this be restricted and controlled s as not to damage rivers parks etc.
76216	Our future forests will be protected and expanding - more area protected than today. Our future forests will be thriving, healthy, rich in biodiversity, waterways will be clean and free of pollution. Our forests will be places that everyone can enjoy.
76219	Clean, untouched, no chopping down of trees, leave things alone.
76222	Areas in their natural state.
76223	Controlled access for sport and recreation, with some areas more heavily controlled than others to increase protection. A respect for what the forests men to our cultural history. No place for construction hard hats or logging.

76224	I don't see why my vision or anyone else's should be given priority over another. The fantastic thing about the state forest and national park management in Victoria is that is everything shown in the photographs above is catered for. Most of the activities shown don't conflict with one another. Most recreational activities have a very small footprint or don't damage the environment. I think both environmental protection and the timber industry are important to Victoria's future, so a balance between these two activities must be reached.
76225	My vision is to end logging of native forests and harvest timber from plantation. Build eco tourism infrastructure so that everyday people can experience the forests. To store carbon as to help mitigate the effects of climate change.
76226	I chose the pictures but none of them highlighted. I chose the river pictures, the distant mountain scene, a campers tent. I don't mind the rail bridge if that means a recognition of past history and past exploitation only that now must cease before we lose more of our state to loss of natural habitat for endangered animals. Future generations may visit and with little or no intrusion and discover riches for their time, and they in turn can work hard to protect this further. It's like paying it forward. The pictures of the vehicles and hard hats remind me of the risks, a cancer that must be checked before the unsustainable logging industry makes any chance of a recovery and regeneration lost forever.
76228	I don't really see much inspiration from the pictures apart from the stream. Traditional land management would be good, but we only see this implemented when it suites European needs. Not the processes that have occurred for 60000 years as a whole. Recreation would be great but too often it is how far you can push a vehicle and how muddy you can get it. Recreation needs to be nature based not human centric. We have so little forest left, there is no room for extractive industries on public land. Our forests lay the base for human survival. whether it be oxygen, filtering of water, even creating rainfall and with climate change that are great absorbers and storers of carbon. I find it interesting that from the list below of what our forests should be managed for; Mould could list 8 of the 11 activities together and that would be inspirational as a whole if conservation and appreciation were put above financial gain.
76230	I see a whole intact forest which is so beautiful that tourists flock to see it and there are special areas with boardwalks and well planned and serviced walks and hiking areas. There are areas as usual for the four wheel drivers and the other bush users. There is a great Forest National Park to protect and manage the area. All the Forest is devoid of any signs that it has been logged and the rivers are running in abundance supplying our state with plenty of clean pure water The forest is full of animals and plants and they are thriving. The state economy is robust with all the employment opportunities from managing the Park and the tourism and visits that it receives. The government is thrilled because of the income into the state from tourism and the taxes it receives because of the successful job creation this affords. The environment is happy as it is protected and there is a sense of serenity and fulfilment.
76231	Native forests, untouched wilderness.
76232	No logging. No new roads
76233	To have pristine and healthy forests for future generations to be able to enjoy sustainably. Protected native species of plants and animals that rely on the forest ecosystem.
76236	The bottom right image shows good vegetation and habitat, high quality water and an attractive vista. Bottom right image shows what might be an unroaded healthy native forest, good for wildlife (currently rapidly being lost).
76239	The creek is what forests should contain and represent..health, species of trees and plants, fresh water, fish. Forests differ, some are on dry land, and shade is the main benefit for plant, animal and insect species. We should replace degraded land with forests, beginning with native undergrowth to filter weeds, pests and the atmosphere for trees to be planted and grow.

76240	Both river scenes, untouched scenes is how I like to think of our forests. Camping, bike riding and walking in well managed and limited areas within the forests allow us to trespass on them to enjoy them. Selfishly, I think even well managed access tracks to allow horse-riding and motorised visitors the opportunity to appreciate these natural spaces are necessary.
76242	The smoking ceremony. I recently read Bill Gammage. The Biggest Estate on Earth: How Aborigines made Australia. This is powerful and persuasive book. Aborigines should have a lot more input into forest management - they did it for thousands of years. Is that trestle bridge near Nowa Nowa? What a wonderful area & that re-vegetation is impressive. Cycling is good. A lot of people cannot walk far easily but they can cycle (cycling uses different muscles and puts less pressure on the joints.) Not keen on allowing 4 wheel drive bush bashing. And yes, sadly, the second last image looks like a fantastic old growth tree that was. I cannot emphasise enough that state & national forests should be preserved as natural environment for passive recreation & not used as a resource for logging and wood-chipping.
76243	National parks and forests should be there to be used by the community, to experience the great outdoors and see all the nature it has to offer, whether by horseback, cycling, walking or 4x4 in a responsible manner.
76253	There are only three images in this collection that displease me, two have hard hats in them and the other has hard tyres. The hard hats represent destruction in my mind and the hard tyres represent erosion, and possible destruction of the important under story, however I'm not that closed minded that I can't see even if you are managing forests for positive and protective reasons hard hats would be necessary and the 4WD for research, education camping etc so let's make their use all for positive pursuits to be
76255	Unspoiled, high-quality, and most importantly old-growth forests, supporting a diverse range of native plants and animals, protecting our water supply, air quality, and climate. Select areas that can be used for higher-impact activities like 4WDing and sustainable hunting, with most areas set aside for wildlife and lower-impact activities like hiking, camping, and birdwatching. National Parks and protected areas guaranteeing that our forests will be protected rather than loaned out to rapacious foreign-owned, taxpayer-subsidised paper companies that will cause damage that CANNOT be fixed.
76258	Fire Management. Recreational use. Clean water in rivers and streams. Safe camping areas.
76259	Native trees. No noxious weeds or introduced species. Native wildlife thriving.
76260	An expansive healthy forest that promotes biodiversity & aids climate change mitigation, home to diverse native flora & fauna, restored & projected for future generations, managed sustainable & holistically, where jobs r generated by sustainable tourism tourism, forest regeneration, recreation management,. Managed foraging & camping.
76261	A fern forest with a creek represents an environment that has water enough to generate forest growth, help balance and ensure the supply of water when it is becoming an issue in the sustainability of a healthy climate. A healthy climate where trees grow, native animals play their part and people are enablers and not destroyers seems like a healthy and desirable outcome. Loggers can become protectors of the forest.
76262	To be able to access and enjoy remnant forest areas that have clean water and old growth trees that are mature enough to provide habitat in hollow etc for wildlife. To avoid clearing which introduces blackberries etc. for recreation and health and wellbeing.
76264	My vision for our forests is that we protect the forests that we have. I am inspired by the image of a stream running through what looks like pristine forest. I want to see more of this in Victoria. I also want to know the truth about how are forests are exploited. Who is the timber sold to and what is it used for. Why aren't images of clear felling of forests shown? Why is the true state of our forests not revealed to us?
76265	Bottom right image - I value an ecosystem that is thriving, alive and healthy

76266	Untouched... Preserved.... Regenerated and expanded.
76272	More forests = more water supply for Melbourne. More flowering trees = better habitat for bees, more pollination for our food supply.
76274	Forests are no places for these huge 4WD Vehicles who are the cause of much damage done to areas they do not adhere to. Laws have to be put in place, with heavy Fines or even the Possibility of Incarceration for Cowboys who believe they are above the Law. Images of people in tents & on dedicated bicycles tracks and the clean clear waters of the streams are reminiscent of good management policies. Burn offs should be restricted to small areas at a time, for all it takes is a slight change in wind conditions to start a disastrous Bushfire. The CFA have one of the hardest & dangerous jobs, but if they get over confident in their abilities, by burning off more than they can process, then their jobs becomes only a life or death situation.
76275	The simple image of the creek/river (bottom left picture) flowing freely over the rocks inspires the notion that with this amount of water, the marine life and fauna must be thriving. I can envisage walking along a trail following this waterway and losing myself in its gushing sound.
76276	We need the work and a clean maintained forest reduces fires
76277	Weed control
76278	My vision is to maintain as much forest that is still standing as national park. There are better ways to create rural jobs than in subsidised logging as currently occurs.
76281	None of your images have visible birds or animals, or endangered flora. They are part of my vision which relishes fern fringed streams, together with long-distant views. People need to realise humans are not the centre of the world and just because we can take a trail bike or a 4WD there doesn't mean we should take it there. Paths and tracks are necessary - and maintained for fire alleviation. Camping and human artefacts like a trestle bridge have their place, but are not central. Our native forests are what give us our character and must be preserved..
76282	I envisage a future where Victoria's native forests are preserved for all, where happy families walk together amongst the soaring mountain ash tress and giant green ferns, in harmony with nature. This is a world where lasting memories are created and people have real experiences.
76284	Big trees are awe inspiring and play a massive role in biodiversity conservation. I'd love to see all of Victoria's big trees protected from logging.
76286	I just love to see nature untouched, and enjoy the natural wild beauty of Victoria's parks
76287	I want to see a native forest that has a healthy, thriving forest ecosystems. More specifically creeks/ivers that you can drink out of without filtering it, while listening to birds singing to you and the trees rustling in your ear. When you skirt the scenery you see ferns near the river and assortment on trees. You don't get to see that when you live in the city or the forests are being logged.
76288	Healthy water, healthy ecosystem , a place where you want to be in and explore, discover yourself in nature
76289	Sustainable hunting and fishing with general land use inc horse ridding ect
76290	My vision in this day and age would exclude harvesting native forests as there is enough cleared land to grow trees in a more efficient, safe and systematic way. Growing and harvesting trees on slopes and near waterways in natural areas does not make sense in a world well aware of climate change (tree carbon), safer work practices and need for healthy waterways.As far as human enjoyment in our natural areas this is best done carefully to ensure the high biodiverse areas are not impacted by human activity. The recreational areas should be best set up on the edge of parks for safe escape in the event of fire and minimises impact on the natural areas. Trails, roads and walking tracks should be done carefully not to allow pest animals highways through the forested/natural areas. Appreciation of nature is important for human well-being and we need larger areas of nature reserved as our population is growing to ensure sufficient areas are reserved that still enable biodiversity to thrive.

76292	All look good except for the Loggingif you log the mature native forrests you cant do & enjoy the other things.
76295	the forests will provide habitat, and opportunities for people to connect with nature and enjoy a healthy lifestyle.
76296	trees
76298	I envisage forests and waterways as far as the eye can see
76299	All except the apparent logging operators are fine by me, save that 4 wheel driving and camping should be subject to strict good behaviour codes that ensure no destruction and minimal impact.
76300	My vision for the future of our forests is one where people can enjoy the forests and local communities can thrive, and where forests are protected for water, climate and biodiversity. My vision is that native forest logging has stopped, we've transitioned to plantations and alternative fibre industries and the forests are protected as parks. Hikers, cyclists and families explore the park, and workers are employed in plantations. Their families can stay in the area because they have work in tourism or land management.
76303	Forests that we can all share in ways that do not damage or destroy there beauty, their majesty and their wealth of biodiversity. Forests that can be sustained in this way for future generations to enjoy in the same way that many of us do now.
76304	I don't have a vision, I don't need my ego stroked. I simply want for conservation and protection of our remaining native and old growth forests, it's nothing remarkable or visionary.
76305	Stream side vegetation is beautiful with a running creek of clean, unpolluted water. Healthy fish, yabbies and macro invertebrates along with bird, mammal and reptiles living near or visiting. A high number of plant and fungi species. But this should not stop in the riparian zone. The whole forest should be protected and not logged or otherwise destroyed.
76306	We need to retain as much of Victoria's remaining forests as we can. We as humans have already destroyed a lot of the natural world and upset the balance of nature. We need to preserve what we still can. Removal of various plants, animals, insects etc will have a domino effect as nature collapses and we are left with a barren world that can no longer sustain life. We should create new national parks so that the the remaining forests of Victoria are conserved, along with all the life they contain. That future humans will enjoy them is just a pleasant side effect.
76307	My vision includes the environment coming first - and that would necessitate that we (humans) take second place in getting what we want. Unless of course we can all start working together in an astoundingly uncharacteristic way using creativity and empathy to resolve the ever expanding mess we are creating. The fact that most of us haven't realized that the planet is finite will ensure increasing & incredible hardship ahead for humanity. We need to listen to the voices that have been ignored (because those are the ones that come back to bite you)! E.g. ecologists, traditional owners and most of all the plants and animals many of whom have already perished on our watch! 60%+ of the world's vertebrate animals have disappeared from the earth since the 70s! How do we think we are going to survive even emotionally let alone biologically with the Earth's ecosystems collapsing?
76309	My vision, inspired by the images, is one of maintaining what we have in our state. A native forest resource that acknowledges nature and humans interacting into the future. Our source of water, environmental interaction, recreation and exploration. Plan for expanding and linking our remaining native forests is my priority vision as I reflect on my past and hopes for the future.
76310	clean fresh mountain streams, peaceful
76311	Victoria as a place that respects and values our natural resources for all beings to be sustained by.
76312	Would love future generations to enjoy

76313	Victoria's forests are healthy, safe and diverse. They are managed in partnership with traditional owners, for all Victorians now and into the future. Environmental values are properly protected and resourced, and management is based on independent scientific research. Victorians can access many forests affordably for recreational and physical activities including walking, camping and mountain biking. Some areas permit noisy activities such as trail biking, while others remain protected for quiet enjoyment. Numerous innovative and accessible ecotourism opportunities are the foundation of a forest economy which complements and supports rural and regional Victoria. Logging of native forests for pulp or other low quality uses has ceased, with workers upskilled and transitioned to other jobs which can support them to retirement. Victorians understand, value and protect our native forests.
76315	Protect, conserve and enjoy.
76317	Calming place, fresh water, birds, healthy and diverse plants, walking tracks.
76319	Pristine areas left untouched by man is essential for ongoing care of our natural areas.
76320	I would hope that we would have views of forests and mountains unbroken and by tracts of native vegetation that has been cleared for logging. These areas would be left to age and mature naturally without the devastating impacts of mans logging industry. These forests would be managed for their biodiversity and not seen as a resource for man to exploit. These forests would be properly managed by government to control pest plants and animals and protect and improve the habitat and the native wildlife they support.
76322	Victoria becoming more and more famed for its forest protection, protection of First People's heritage, an amazing and healthy ecosystems. A place that choses to think in long terms.
76323	That forests and waterways be repaired and preserved for the benefit of flora, fauna and future generations.
76326	I hope that all planning for infrastructure take serious account of natural and biodiverse areas, and the Traditional Owners be consulted and sacred land respected, and that necessary infrastructure be planned around these important factors. I hope our country's leaders face truths and be honest about how our mistakes have impacted the natural world. I hope our country's leaders step up and use their place in power to take BOLD action towards climate change, in every way possible!!
76327	Clean water, fresh air, walking, swimming
76330	The old growth forests (bottom central eucalypt), rivers (creek and river photo), camping, history (central), and 4wding (tents and 4wd photos) are what inspire myself and friends to head out into the bush regularly. Myself and all of our friends envision a forest system where we can explore and untouched and peaceful encironment. Enjoy the views and natural rivers camping and 4wding. The forests in a natural state allows so many different uses and groups to co-exist.
76338	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg 5/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3 https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg_002.jpg A future that has healthy thriving forests with beautiful healthy ecosystems for the benefit of all Victorians. Just having huge forests because they belong there, they are for us to look after for the future, not destroy for profit.
76339	The future of our forests can be seen in all of the images above , with victorians being able to enjoy the forests in what ever way they choose,ie camping, fishing, cultural activities & economic activities, collection of firewood & of course the timber industry,which provides a huge economic benefit to many small communities in an extremely sustainable way.

76340	Our beautiful rivers and forest belong to everyone but we need stronger laws to protect it from money making loggers who don't care of the damage done...we are very lucky to have such natural assets let's be sensible about this so we get it right. I have just spent a month in Western Australian National Parks they have done an amazing job didn't see litter as it was collected saw heaps of rangers who police this, the only thing I didn't like was they were using 1080...should be banned...horrible stuff. The people stopped logging in Walpole and what is there is the most amazing forest...I loved it. I have already written in the above box what I would like so not going to repeat myself...balance is the key to good management of our National Park...more rangers with powers to police idiots who wreck our bushland.
76344	Future generations benefit from evidence-based decisions made by strong, smart and brave leaders today. There are no more risks of loss to biodiversity, because forests that remain today are protected and enhanced. There is no extinction crisis because animals have extensive habitat refuges protected in perpetuity. Forests are valued for the ecosystem services they provide. Water catchments are healthy and full, people have all the clean water they need. The air is clean and cool. The soil is healthy, no drought crisis and agricultural production continues to improve through sustainable land management best practice. There are severe penalties for destroying the ecosystem services the natural environment provides to our health, economy and future generations. The timber industry is supplied through plantations. We embrace technological innovations to halt any further clearing and destruction to our environment.
76345	Healthy plentiful forests. No logging. Logging destructive for everything and unsustainable. Jobs for carers of the forests and eco tourism.
76346	The bottom left and bottom right photos show forests that look largely untouched by human activity. The logging in the Kinglake region is unacceptable and goes against the vision of what locals and Australians (who are not profiting on devastation of our land) want. We want a beautiful, flourishing Australia. We want a world that has room for flora and fauna. We want protection for creatures who are threatened like the greater glider. Our forests are not for logging companies, they are for the animals who call them home, and the people who visit them. When we visit, we also go for coffees at local cafes, get bike repairs at bike shops, buy bits and bobs and eat out at restaurants; we sustainably contribute to local economies. What ecotourism can a town is much more long-lasting than what decimating part of a forest can bring. Sure some paper will be made, but at the cost of a beautiful forest that we won't see fully recovered in our life times.
76347	Forrests should be for all to enjoy. Mountain bike riding trails will bring visitors, as they have in Tasmania. Prevent logging in water catchment areas, to preserve Melbourne's high quality of drinking water. Allow controlled logging in certain areas to provide wood for new houses, for a growing population. Protect wild life areas. Control the damage motor bikes and 4x4 vehicles do. Allow continued access for camping and bush walking
76348	Healthy and vibrant forests that we know and love, places of powerful connection to nature and each other. Fresh air, clean water, vigorous plants, insects and animals, and more and more carbon tucked back away in plants and soils. Communities live in and around forests, harvesting carefully to sustain fibre and timber needs while continuing to strengthen and spread vegetation cover over our landscapes.

76349	<p>Any logged and replanted area that is a water catchment, and don't all forests drain into some creek, should allow for the drinkable use of that water if only the aquatic creatures that would live in that water. Genetically modifying Australian plants to be bug resistant has been shown in Tasmania (see 2 episodes of "Australian Story") to possibly produce various cancers in people and kill oysters in downstream estuaries. Simply having pretty babbling brooks devoid of life is not to be allowed. Check the attitudes of people and forest managers to acid lakes and streams in Scandinavia.</p> <p>Do we even know if acid water and water carrying genetically modified cells or atoms can percolate down to aquifers? Because of the extended droughts we even have people in Toorak using bore water on their gardens even though I think bore water should be for drinking and saving crops and animals.</p>
76350	Healthy forest ecosystems, accessible to a public who value and care for the forest environment.
76351	Forests are essential for life on this planet. We humans also need them for our health and well-being. We also need forests for all types of recreation and there is no reason why many types of recreation cannot be accommodated but the forests should not be destroyed by large scale commercial accommodation or by logging. There is no reason why indigenous communities and others cannot harvest bush tucker in small quantities.
76357	My vision is for our forests to be protected places where timber industries and development cannot encroach; where creative livings are earned by local people in ecotourism and related industries. They would be actively managed by teams of scientists and traditional owners constantly aiming to improve biodiversity and the health of the ecosystems. Ordinary people would be able to access and enjoy the forests through camping, hiking, rock climbing, mountain biking and horse riding.
76358	<p>*I would like to know that the flora and fauna in the State forest is protected.</p> <p>*I would like wildlife corridors protected and improved to connect different locations so that all species of wildlife can live and move from area to area.</p> <p>*Logging must be stopped in old growth forests to maintain biodiversity. For example: the Greater Glider needs trunk hollows in old/mature trees and intact canopies to exist. If an area is logged, this threatened species will not return to the area for 50+ years. If sequential logging in forests occurs as at present, increasing areas will be rendered uninhabitable to the already threatened Greater Glider and the species is unlikely to even use a recently regrown area as a corridor to access another location from an area of remnant forest.</p>
76359	<p>Victoria's biodiversity and wilderness areas are protected and thriving.</p> <p>Sustainable timber plantations and alternative fibre-sources have provided jobs while leaving native forests untouched.</p> <p>People enjoy forests - camping, bushwalking, cycling, 4wheel driving etc - in areas where their impact won't jeopardise long-term sustainability.</p>
76360	This is a poor selection of pix, if I may say so. The bottom RH pic of rushing stream is the only one I find inspiring - to see lots of water flowing freely, with treeferns plentiful, suggests a beautiful forest in reasonable health.
76361	Humans and other species not only survive the climate emergency, they thrive.
76362	A healthy, natural, thriving forest ecosystem, managed for the benefit of Victoria's public population and for the conservation of our unique flora and fauna. Unfettered by commercial interests and preserved for generations to come.

76366	<p>https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg</p> <p>I picked this image because it shows an old tree. The temptation to treat the tree as a valuable consumable resource rather than see its intrinsic value as part of the planet where it has been allowed to exist for its own benefit and the benefit of species that live in, on and around it. The forest is not a resource to be used for a monetary benefit for any given generation. We are mere custodians (& pretty bad ones at that) of this dying planet. For eg: Old trees are necessary for animals that only live in hollows or intact canopies like the Threatened Greater Glider.</p>
76368	Accessible, Beautiful, Conserved.
76371	<p>Bottom right photo - I envisage these forests standing intact in their naturally biodiverse and visually stunning state, protected in National Parks or World Heritage protected areas. I look forward to a time when I can spend time in our forests without my experience being spoiled by the sight of a smouldering logging coupe.</p> <p>I want to see our state and federal governments recognise the importance of conserving what we have left of these places, and take some initiative in facilitating a rapid transition away from the native forests logging industry. Over 80% of our timber supplies come from plantations. There is absolutely no need to decimate what remains of our native forests and jeopardise the vital role that they play, especially under the existing and growing threat of Climate Change.</p>
76372	Unpolluted waterways, undisturbed forests, clean air, native animals and humans respectfully interacting.
76373	Intact healthy ecosystems, supporting clean freely flowing water. Any member of society can immerse themselves in a forest environment to enjoy its beauty, native fauna and mental health benefits, at any time, without the fear of coming across a clearfell, eroded roads & creeks, mudslides, loss of habitat for precious species.. these forests are for us all to enjoy in perpetuity. They should NOT be for short term interests, and profit via exploitation of this invaluable irreplaceable 'resource'. It should only be thought of as a 'resource' in terms of providing essential ecosystem services to all living things.
76374	As much forest as possible must be maintained in its natural form
76376	It would be great if in the future, our forests were still here and full of animals. The forests are the animals homes and they can't live without them. If our forests weren't all logged down it would be really good.
76377	NO MORE CHAINSAWS IN THOSE PRISTINE AREAS!! The picture tells its own story.
76378	My vision for our forests, is of a clean and healthy space in which we can flourish alongside nature. A place where people can learn about our native peoples and lands as well as how to care for and respect the environment, through activities (walks, cycling, canoeing, tours, etc) that do not harm our plants and animals.
76380	Clean water rushing through the creek in a pristine forest, animals coming to drink by the banks and only the odd noise of a quiet bush walker exploring the forest.

76381	We envision healthy, thriving forest ecosystems with expanded National Parklands that benefit all Victorians through Indigenous cultural significance, ecosystem services and access points for recreation and wellbeing. (Presently 90% of Melbourne's water consumption is through embodied usages, which includes the many industries that rely on clean water: wineries and breweries, farms, tourism and recreation.) We envision Victorian logging industry being rapidly transitioned into transparent, legal and sustainable alternative materials and locations, and urgent protections for the flora, fauna, Traditional Owners and ecosystem services being implemented. We envision a climate-resilient future, celebrating our iconic forests, where positive government-industry-community collaborations mean that no longer are any native ecosystems or native species rated as endangered.
76382	Natural environment with no visible human interference
76383	Wild nature for all species to thrive in and not just humans to visit.
76384	My vision for victorian native forests is where forestry is excluded and their native flora and fauna can flourish through natural cycles and patterns of disturbance. These natural forest would provide multiple and valuable resources through strictly non invasive management while also providing the environment for a valuable tourist industry based on the many forms of recreation forests provide for.
76385	Bottom right, bottom left and top left. My vision is vibrant, protected native forests that are accesible and sustainbly managed for all Victorians to enjoy. This future is garrunteed by sound, long-term public policy and natural resource management anchored by reasoned, holistic accounting of the entireity of a forests environmental, economic and social contirbution to Victorian society and economy. In my vision, Traditional Owners are at the heart of the ongoing management of Victorian Forests.
76388	I like the natural landscape protected for its natural beauty. I realise that accessibility is an issue for some people but roads also impact the landscape. This needs to be a consideration when habitat is being threatened. Some areas would need to have minimal vehicle access. I would like Welcome to Country to be a more grounded, more real experience. (we had an indigenous experience from an ecotour group at Monkey Mia in WA and it was fantastic). I like the fresh air, the earthy and forest smells, the clean clear water streams that you can drink out of, and a healthy thriving ecosystem. I find historical items in the landscape interesting accents of yesteryear, and nature overtaking it gives you the sense of time. Recreational fishing can only be viable if the river is a good home for fish.
76389	My vision is that the natural world, that predates human existence has incredible wisdom and lessons to teach us. Ask anyone who has ever visited a forest if they felt different about themselves and the world after spending time there. It is real and true.
76390	I can see a world where forests are returned to their sacredness. Where they are brimming with diversity, where plants and animals thrive in safety in pure harmony with humans. The forests, grasslands, wetlands, swaps... expand out offering more habit and opportunity for adventure. These wild spaces expand over existing cleared fields and into suburbia until the wild spaces, creatures, plants are part of our every day. We live in harmony, learning together, a healthy, beautiful, balanced future full of possibility.
76392	My vision for the forests is to firstly protect them and expand them where possible. A wild place where people can escape the stresses of urban life and be at one with nature and enjoy the magnificence of the flora and fauna. Encourage people to feel protective of these wild places and gain more respect for nature which could hopefully be taken back to the suburbs and inspire people to plant trees and shrubs in their local area.

76393	I think there can be a balance between all uses of our forests. At the moment the balance is tilted too much towards woodchip extraction, which has a detrimental impact on all other uses. My vision is of an old growth rainforest seen 50 years ago, like at Mount Useful. Where there were stands of mountain ash with stems around 80 meters high, dead straight with no limbs until the crown. Beautiful sawmill timber that also provided water yield, biodiversity, views and fire management (wet rainforest) etc. Now logged, burnt and all gone to satisfy the demand for logs and the woodchip industry.
76394	If nothing is done to protect our forests, the vision for the future of our forests is extremely bleak. What I want to see is MORE forest. Cleaner air, cleaner water, more habitat for biodiverse species. Increased opportunity for native foods and medicines. There is no economy on a dead planet.
76395	as above
76396	Forests and what they contain for our current and future generations feel apart of and enjoy.
76397	Fresh pristine spaces offering healthy, thriving forest ecosystems that benefit all Victorians, now and in the future.
76399	A forest that protects wildlife and bio diversity
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76405	I have answered this in my answers to the two questions above. In short, Victoria must not renew the Regional Forests Agreement, which has been a disaster and in which your department has not fulfilled its obligations of monitoring and reporting. Secondly, timber "harvesting" which is really a misnomer as explained, should be transitioned out of native forests into plantations over the next 8 years. Our native forests should be protected and appropriately managed for their unique biodiversity, and for a range of passive recreational pursuits which are properly managed so that the public can enjoy their forests. There also needs to much greater investment in interpretation centre and signage to educate the public about the properties and unique values of our eucalypt forests and the diverse flora and fauna they contain.
76407	I'm looking at the pictures of water, mountains and camp site. My vision is that our waterways are clean. If they are clean it means that we are looking after our forests. Generations to come will be able to enjoy what we have been able to.
76408	I value healthy, thriving forest ecosystems that benefit all Victorians
76409	The views and the stream (can't select). A healthy clean functioning ecosystem will benefit all of us. Everyone needs clean water!

76410	There is very little in the way of 'healthy and thriving' natural environment remaining in Australia and globally. My belief is that governments should be 'visionary' and consider the immense benefits that can be gained from retaining ALL currently existing natural environments as National Parks. These National Parks will become like gold or better now and in the future as natural areas around the planet dwindle because some countries / businesses can see nothing but 'short term profits'. Businesses can be very innovative if given an opportunity - we need to forget about destroying things and digging shit out of the ground. Look at other income producing possibilities that revolve around having vast areas, landscapes, environments and wildlife that nobody else has!!!! Basically do something different and don't just focus on the easy path. For instance using our amazing forests for wood chipping is an absolute disgrace!!!!!!
76411	I imagine places that are relatively pristine teeming with wildlife where I can go and breathe in the fresh clean air and soak in the beauty of Mother Nature. Where there are trees, hundreds of years old, that leave me in awe of their magnificence. Where the water running through the creeks and streams is so clean and sparkling I could drink it. Where the sounds of the birds and the animals fills me with peace. In a world where stress and mental health issues are increasing, it is so crucial that we leave what's left of our natural places intact. There are many people, like myself, that need to spend time in nature because it is so therapeutic.
76414	My vision for the forests is leaving it untouched as much as possible. Enjoy it and leave only footprints. They belong to the wildlife, and we are just visitors.
76416	Healthy, biodiverse forests not being logged, where I can walk in peace without worrying about shooters. Where people frequent to re-connect with nature and themselves. With thriving, respectful eco-tourism that provides local jobs, education and a boost for small towns. Where people can use and be a part of the forest without trashing them.
76418	I would want it to be lush and active, free from logging maybe a few tourists but still untouched in a way.
76419	My partner and I went bushcamping over Xmas. We saw goanna's, wallabies, yabbies, wolfspiders, huntsman spiders, green tree frogs, and so on. It was amazing to get away from everywhere and enjoy the beautiful, thriving, healthy ecosystem around us. I would like to see the proper protection of these places so that all of us can enjoy them in the future and not have to worry about it all disappearing into woodchipping. You could find other ways to make money from it through ecotourism, organised multi day hikes, ... All in a responsible way obviously
76422	The river is a representation of an untouched environment that we need to preserve. The rest of these photos are representations of too much human interaction in our precious resource
76424	Clean, healthy waterways, places to enjoy nature without destroying/harming it.
76426	More diverse species natural forests not less, to mitigate climate change and encourage rain and water retention and provide habitat
76428	I value healthy, thriving forest ecosystems that benefit all Victorians. I especially value the preservation of natural ecosystems that also allow passive recreation, such as bushwalking, bird watching and bike riding. We also need to look to the indigenous community to learn more about their connection to the land, forests and rivers; and how they envisage management of the forests to be undertaken.
76430	My vision is of native forests restored as much as possible to pristine condition, that native forests are permanently protected, valued and looked after. That the Great Forest National Park and Emerald Link are created so that there is a linkage of habitats and environments for native species and wildlife. That there are many places of wild natural beauty to explore and spend time in, in silence and reverence. That our forest ecosystems are healthy and thriving so that they can benefit all Victorians.
76431	Pristine water inhabited by platypus, tall gums, densely forested mountains, thriving forest ecosystems for humans to restore their connection with nature.

76432	Preservation of the bush with low impact access.
76433	The Otway Ranges are a wonderful temperate rainforest, enjoyed by generations of walkers and cyclists. They are a source of beautifully clean rainwater for our towns. Leave the old-growth forests of Victoria alone - don't log them.
76434	Water is life, the forests are our lungs, we live in this place and that implies a duty of care that is of two-way benefit.
76435	<p>The rushing waters of the river as it tumbles over the rocks and gives sustenance to the tree ferns, plants and animal of the forest, and to us as well, is worth preserving. I have a vision in which these lovely areas are conserved and indeed enhanced by the removal of weeds and restricting the damage being done to some areas by uncaring four wheel drive adventurers. We have just returned from a lovely journey back from Alexandra and surrounds through Healesville and marvelled at the majestic trees still standing. Please preserve them. We observed the once beautiful Rubicon River where disturbing infestations of weeds have overtaken areas of natural beauty and some areas being flogged to death.</p> <p>The other picture that appealed to me depicts children playing in the river. Recreation that respects the natural environment is wonderful, providing the opportunity to teach our children about the importance of the environment and the sanctity of life and the need to protect habitat.</p>
76436	<p>Bottom Right - stream.</p> <p>I value healthy, thriving forests with ecosystems that benefit all Australians. Forests that are there for flora and fauna biodiversity as well as 'ecosystem services = clear air and water'.</p>
76437	Nothing to say
76438	<p>The future of our forests should be one where plants and animals have a healthy and safe place to live and where humans can spend time marveling at our amazing and bio-diverse ecosystems. Forests should be considered and managed for their ecosystem services such as clean air, water and carbon storage.</p> <p>We should utilise tourism and recreation on forests for the mental and physical health benefits that they provide to communities as well as the local economy.</p> <p>Logging of old growth forests should cease but logging families should be supported in a transition to plantation timber harvesting to ensure that the logging industry in Victoria remains viable - timber is still a renewable resource and much more environmentally friendly when managed in a sustainable way than the plastics industry which involves oil and chemicals and pollutes our waterways.</p>
76439	My vision is for a sustainable future, to prevent further collapsing of ecosystems which is bringing dire consequences to the way we live (as per warnings of 99 per cent of climate scientists). We need more trees for this to happen, and to minimise disturbance to existing forests.
76441	<p>I identify with the cyclists but am most moved by the running water.</p> <p>I am, like many, very distressed by our current drought and fear that we must stop acting as if we can exploit every resource the earth holds. The United Nations says that the current Australian lifestyle would require 5.2 similar Earths to recover from our depredations. I understand this to mean we must learn to live more sustainably, with fewer demands on our environment. You know; reduce, reuse, recycle.</p>
76442	<p>The picture of the river encapsulates the idea of a pristine wilderness area showing the timeless nature of the forest with prehistoric tree ferns growing where they have probably been growing for thousands of years.</p> <p>Logging and the accompanying wilful disregard of regulations to provide a modicum of protection is destroying these rivers and must cease.</p>
76443	respect first nations people
76445	I want to see our forests be healthy, strong and valued natural environments that for all Victorians

76449	<p>Let these forested ridges remain protected forever</p> <p>To be viewed by generations of hikers and campers</p> <p>To provide an alternative experience to the noise and bustle of city life</p> <p>From this natural source comes the inspiration to live our lives</p> <p>In harmony with others and our land</p> <p>In harmony with the planet that now requires our urgent care</p> <p>And protection from the destructive forces of coal mining and burning fossil fuels</p> <p>Otherwise there will be no ridge tops to experience</p> <p>No nature to experience</p> <p>No planet to experience.</p>
76451	All of the images are inspiring.
76453	Clean water with catchments which are managed for their ecosystems service value where people can enjoy the natural environment in a way that is both facilitated and managed so to preserve the multitude of values contained n forests for future generations
76455	My vision for the future of Victorian forests is one where a balance is achieved between environmental sustainability, cultural heritage preservation and economic benefits. It is the responsibility of all parties involved to improve the situation and to build a better future as well as a better now.
76456	What the future must look like.
76458	See above
76459	<p>That the forests are protected, and the wildlife that depends on them for their livelihood thrive.</p> <p>That people are encouraged to appreciate the uniqueness of our Victorian forests.</p> <p>That forests are appreciated and acknowledged for their contribution to our wellness.</p> <p>That the logging of our native forests of a far distant memory, and NEVER happens again. Let's put that in the constitution.</p> <p>That forests are legally protected against destruction, especially by the government.</p>
76460	My vision is to protect our forests, because I know how difficult (impossible) it is to try to regenerate indigenous vegetation. Once it's lost it is lost. Let's make sure that we don't loose assets that make it possible for humans to exist!
76461	A totally natural environment where animals and plants are fully protected. Where people can visit but not destroy or harm. Damaging activities such as mining and forestry should be banned from native forests. Our waterways should be kept healthy as well.
76463	I want Victoria to be known for great forests, in addition to everything else we work towards. I want our native species to flourish, our water to be pure, a variety of nature exploration opportunities to be available to us, and well-maintained and well-resourced parks we can access.
76464	To walk in the cool temperate rainforest is extraordinarily special; to marvel at the ancient trees, bathe in the wild rivers, survey the vast forested landscapes, share the space with wonderful unique creatures. To see soaring forest giants, to experience the power of water rushing over moss covered boulders. To feel the cool air of the forest, to sit in the stillness and hear the birds singing. I may never visit most of it, but I want to know that it exists.

76467	<p>My vision of the future of our forests is one where they are protected and no longer clearfelled so that they are a source of purity , of spiritual peace and a haven for all creatures. I see people camping and relaxing in the forests, under the shade of magnificent trees, sitting peacefully by babbling creeks, that are kept clean and pure by the ecosystem of intact forests. I don't see or hear chainsaws or bulldozers;they are instead in plantations...nowhere near our old growth unique and incredibly valuable forests.</p> <p>I see the future forests as a haven from the overcrowded and over heated big cities where people need to refresh and reconnect with nature. And i see forest towns with happy and contented businesses based on ecotourism, with bnbs, tree climbs, cafes,river kayaking and all sorts of activities based on a healthy and protected forest system.</p>
76469	<p>a vision for nature to be free and animals to not be threatened by us. were people can appreciate and respect the beautiful forests. where animals are everywhere. a really big national park that gives us a save future. forest give us clean air water and a save climate these are all the things we need to serve not coal, cheap paper or cut down dead forests. BIG NATIONAL PARK TO PROTECT FORESTS.</p>
76470	<p>The vision I have is for there to be forests everywhere with the beautiful fern trees and mountain ash seen in Sherbrooke and Tarra-Bulga parks, with Greater Gliders, Sugar Gliders and Leadbeaters Possums to be found in them.</p>
76471	<p>Our forests need to be protected from too much human impact. Logging, in particular, must be ended and 4 wheel driving would need to be assessed on a case-by-case basis for its impact. The most important thing to do is ensure that the environment can mature and be as diverse as possible.</p>
76472	<p>Clean, pristine water ways, old growth tree's, biodiversity shared with humans through Eco tourism and selective harvesting of wood, minimising disturbances and managed for fires.</p>
76473	<p>Traditional ownership is a bit like the monarchy - it's something that is a right of birth - something you have because of who your parents were. I would rather see attitudes to forrest management that are forward looking, rather than focused on the past. There are a lot of challenges for our forests and clinging to the past and what we did in them & how we managed them, and what is tradition, will almost certainly fail to meet those challenges. It's great to visit them and perhaps "exploit" them but we need to protect enough of them in pristine and "old growth" condition that they will still be there in the next millennium. I would much rather have a pristine stream and the sound of birds and insects than preserve a trestle bridge, or clear-fell and area for wood chips.</p>
76475	<p>A clean and robust environment with ample opportunities for people to immerse themselves in the natural environment without wrecking it for everyone and everything else. A sense of self-awareness that I hope will slowly come to Australian culture, to know what it is to be a part of the world, without trying to own the world. For society and government to value clean water, the right for species to exist because they have evolved here for millions of years, to recognise natural capital, for government to make the right decisions, based on fact and science, for the interests of the long-term wealth and prosperity of society as a whole.</p>

76476	<p>The dawn chorus of birds seeking each other and their territories.</p> <p>Quiet whispering of leaves in on the morning breeze.</p> <p>Tall trees, younger trees and even fallen trees all providing habitat for fauna. The soil biota and fungi are intact. Hollows available for all animals. Undisturbed habitat.</p> <p>Silence.</p> <p>The scent of eucalypt and the sweetness of flowering wattle.</p> <p>The gentle burble of a stream.</p> <p>The soft dripping of rain onto leaves, bark and damp soil.</p> <p>The tiny nodding of orchids and blossoms speckling the understory.</p> <p>The magic of the darkness creeping back over the forest at twilight.</p> <p>The emergence of our nocturnal animals following scents and trail laid down for many years.</p> <p>Without disturbance.</p>
76479	Forest industry maintaining and supporting thriving forest ecosystems for the benefit of our air, water and health.
76481	This bubbling water course provides a healthy environment for all the many species involved and fresh water the world is already short of.
76483	Spending time by the soothing sound of a running river, feel the expansiveness of views of rolling hills covered in native trees. To see the forests managed by the first nation's people, the traditional custodians of the land, so it can be returned to a healthy, sustainable and respected state again.
76484	Restriction free, I want to be able to ride my horse, walk my dog off lead, camp & enjoy the outdoors in the same capacity as I do now.
76485	Fauna and Flora for generations to come and all the experiences that come with it.
76486	<p>I feel the dreaming of the land. The forests are a part of me, and it gives me great joy to see the wide freedom of land, growing strong, wild, deeply cared for by all of my kin. We have come home again. We make our decisions from this place of connection. We value the species that we share this planet with, that we intertwined with - the trees and plants, the animals. It is a part of everyday life to consider the web of life that sustains us and in which we share. Children are taught these values in schools, and part of education is to go to the land and understand its voice. We sit quietly to hear the voices of rivers and trees, we know that there is no way forward for our species that does not care for the planet's dreaming - its wisdom. And we breathe a great sigh of relief that our leaders are actually leading us responsibly, ethically, intelligently. Money serves us as a medium of exchange, it does not rule us or cause us to harm ourselves and our world. We have hope. We are home</p>
76487	I want to motor bike ride, horse ride, walk my dog off lead, shoot, fish and camp in our state forests without any restrictions.
76488	Victoria has the potential to lead in the introduction of Forest Therapy. See, for example, the current initiatives of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne or the activities of the INFTA (infta.net) which will issue the first ever International Handbook of Forest Therapy. The potential is there but the governmental stakeholders need to get their KPIs right.
76490	"Part of an aerial view of the 330,000 hectare Great Forests National Park, below which can be seen a stream within the Park. Hidden amongst the old-growth forest are Victoria's now-plentiful State emblem, Leadbetter's possum, protected in perpetuity for future generations in 2019 by the wise and forward-looking Andrews ALP Government of the time."
76491	I value environments that are protected from logging. I value keeping environments that promote habitat for as many and diverse range of animals, bird and plant life as possible. I value clean water and places to camp in the bush.

76492	My vision of Victoria's native forests are of places nurtured for their beauty, biodiversity and environmental benefit, without damage from logging, burning and inappropriate recreational use. Aboriginal cultural assets would be protected. There would be additional protection of key linkage areas, creating wildlife corridors between native forests, critical for preventing further extinctions.
76494	I just want there to be a future which includes forests. I wish for the ordinary human to wake up and have a voice in preserving our future
76499	Healthy ecosystems ensuring robust ecosystem services and natural heritage to benefit human existence.
76501	The River: without healthy waterways and riparian zones not much can happen in our forests. Animals won't survive, pollinators won't survive (so no plants) and people using the parks can't stay long without potable water. Clean rivers, creeks and lakes are the building blocks of healthy forests. Old Tree: If hundred year old trees aren't given priority and preference in forests then where and when will they be honoured and valued? Fires: an important role in forest management but numbers of hectares burnt should not be an assessment criteria. Patchiness and burns for weed control and biodiversity is needed. More science and less hysteria.
76503	A pristine, healthy ecosystem, thriving with varied species of plants, animals, fungi and micro-organisms. A visit to a forest is uplifting, invigorating and awe-inspiring where you can see and hear a multitude of species going about their lives. Where humans take only photographs and leave only footprints and leave with a deep respect of, and gratitude for, our forests. Where nature laws are powerful and incorruptible and protect all species, habitats and ecosystems.
76504	Greater involvement by our indigenous community as well as those from us who have great respect and enjoyment from social activities in our forests that does NOT involve large scale deforestation wood harvesting, screaming noisy motor bikes and what they do to tracks erosion, campers who don't practice "Tread Lightly" principles and leave rubbish, toilet paper and camp fires alight. and DELWP who continues to stupidly inadequately manage our forests. We don't need shooters leaving huge amount of lead from bullets containing the soils. (I am a metal detector operator and the amount of lead I recover is shocking!) let alone the junk of aluminium cans buried. So don't criticize us from the small soil disturbance we create to detox the environ that is less than what rabbits and wombats do..at least we fill in our holes!.
76505	Take only pictures, leave only footprints
76507	My vision involves a forest that is healthy, diverse and without unnecessary resource extraction. A balance between areas left wild with no human interaction, and those protected and regulated for our human experiencing and enjoyment of the forest. This means some areas are set aside, specifically for animal habitat (ie. including leaving of forest matter such as dead logs which act as homes for many species). Others set aside for recreation activities. No logging of native forest areas, especially no clear-fell logging which segregates habitat areas and destroys complex ecosystems. Protecting these areas, if done with the right focus, can also be an opportunity to educate people - encouraging respect and 'care' for the abundant life that is around us.
76508	This maintained always / this valued always. These environments sustain us. We have a responsibility to care for it.
76509	Don't let vistas like this be spoiled by logging coupes like at Craig's Hut
76510	please note I could not copy the image but it would be the timber industry and recreational pursuits/camping images. A sustainably managed forest that provides a secure supply of resource for the native timber industry to thrive and the community to have access and enjoy their recreational pursuits

76511	The future of our forests is tenable. Our forests are under threat from human activities driving climate change and increased fire events, deforestation and species loss. As we slowly degrade our forests we lose the opportunities they hold for relaxation, recreation and sustainability: the use of them for improving our wellbeing instead of our wealth. The forests were here long before we were, it's only fair to protect them so they remain long after we ourselves walked through them.
76512	All wood products are produced from managed forests on private land where the full costs of production are accounted for. State forests do not undercut private production forests by selling their timber products at a (sometimes indirectly) subsidised price. The public reaps the benefits of having existing native forests managed for the protection of water supplies, protection of biodiversity and for atmospheric carbon storage to help combat global warming. State forests are available for public recreational activities including some which may not be appropriate for national and state parks provided these activities do not conflict with the previous objectives.
76513	I would like to see the protection of Victoria's forests to become the number one priority. They are essential for reducing the impacts of climate change and protecting current levels of biodiversity. I would like to see the forestry industry move toward regeneration and selective logging practices that conserve areas while providing timber resources and employment. Public funding currently used to subsidise current forestry practices would be channeled into these activities. A greater emphasis would be placed on non forestry industries and eco tourism.
76514	Industrial logging of forests is not compatible with the other public enjoyment activities and species maintenance values, which themselves can coexist. Native forest clearfell harvesting is not economic. Victorians do not wish to subsidise this outdated practice any longer.
76515	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg Our forests should be kept and nurtured so that we re-establish a multi aged forest with connectivity to a greater forested area. The forest should be available to all, however some areas that are fragile may require special protection. The forests and been so badly managed and over harvested that this can no longer occur. If this continues the whole forest system will collapse.
76518	I envision a time when humans take control of our predatory nature and restore the balance between human and other populations. My vision is to see the glorious creatures which live in our forests valued and protected and cared for because of their intrinsic value. In this world old growth forests would be the most precious environment there is, to be honoured, enjoyed peacefully, and protected. These forests would continue to provide all creatures with clean air and water, the basis of all life. They would be protected for all time and no-one would hurt or cause harm. Ancient trees would be revered like ancient cathedrals, and Indigenous peoples would be their custodians because they have 60,000 years of experience of doing that.
76519	My vision is like the bottom right showing us what nature holds and that it is kept in good condition to be able to flourish.
76521	Thriving intact ecosystem
76523	My vision is of all native forest left standing for the benefit of all Victorians. Flourishing forest ecosystems that are managed for our precious flora and fauna species. A just transition to a plantation based timber industry.

76524	I want to be able to tell my children that I completed a survey that made a difference. I want to feel proud of our state in giving back the power to the indigenous people to manage these forests. I want the traditions of the indigenous people to be respected and celebrated (instead of cutting down sacred trees such as the birthing tree). I want to be able to enjoy the unique flora and fauna of the area and hope that it will not be destroyed. Logging old growth forests in 2019 is embarrassing on a global scale. I want to be able to feel proud of the state I live in for the role it plays on a global scale in protecting our old growth forests. I want to enjoy the benefit of the forests not only while in the forest, but also while in the city because with out the trees, how can we breath fresh air and drink clean water?
76525	Clean water a fresh healthy vital planet for everyone
76528	Where do we all escape to when our "everyday" life overwhelms ? The forests and our wild places sustain us, in every way. There's no question that the value of our natural landscapes are our greatest asset. We need to ensure that activities that "protect" our forests, including nature based tourism, replace unsustainable practices, which are just that - unsustainable. STOP LOGGING NATIVE FORESTS and manage forests for all the activities (except logging) shown above.
76529	Beautiful diverse ecosystem is available for wildlife and sustainable human recreational activities, such as camping.
76530	I believe that all of these images can co-exist and benefit all who use the forest. The sheer amount of forest available means that using sustainable logging in strategic areas and maintenance of infrastructure assets such as roads and camping grounds can ensure that enough bush fire protection is in place to enable other areas to flourish and support wildlife and flora and also provide economic benefit for local communities.
76531	My vision involves a future where our forests are valued for their intrinsic value, for their biodiversity and natural environment. They are used by us in a respectful and mindful way, where we enjoy spending time in them without causing harm. Where we understand how they work, the benefits they bring us, and what threatens them. That we address these threats as soon as they arise, by controlling emerging weeds before they get out of control, by protecting plants from logging and other forms of destruction, by understanding and reducing the impacts of climate change. My vision is for our forests and other biodiversity values to be placed first in our society's priorities, because without them we cannot thrive, or even survive.
76532	The biodiversity of Victoria's forests should be valued and protected. These forests should no longer be viewed as a resource for humans to consume. Science has moved further than this. We now know that these forests have evolved over millions of years to function as ecosystems that support many species. This needs to be respected and considered a value in itself. Humans share Victoria with many other species, and these species enrich our lives. We do not need these forests to make a profit for us, or for a very few. Timber must now be sought from plantations. It is no longer acceptable to destroy native forests for this outdated and uneconomic industry. People should be able to enjoy nature in a respectful and truly sustainable way.
76535	None of the above images inspire me.
76536	A strong native timber industry creates jobs and rural communities. If forests are valued they are cared by and protected for the next generations. Without logging the forests they suffer and burn.along with logging everything else comes automatically like the animals thrive, water and environment all get looked after.
76538	Beautiful scene of healthy water flowing over moss rocks tells me that this is a pristine area well looked after , a great place to treasure
76539	I value healthy, thriving forest ecosystems that benefit all Victorians. I do not value unsustainable logging of old growth forests. Great Forest National Park is my part of my vision.

76540	I am deeply saddened by the state of our understanding of what a native forest is for. Most of these pictures show people impacting on the forest environment there is not one picture of a native animal ?? is that because there are no native animals left in the forests or are the forests just for people to destroy at as rapid a rate as possible. As managers of the forest it should be about trying to understand how the whole system operates not how can we make a dollar out of this place. Most of the forests I've seen in Victoria have serious problems with feral animals introduced weeds and of course logging what a disgrace. Ever since europeans arrived in Aust the destruction of the landscape has been ceaseless such appalling disrespect for the native landscape just crushes my spirit I am so embarrassed to be australain and what this all consuming greed and destruction's done to this amazing landscape that was Australia
76542	I would love for my children to grow up as witnesses and participants in a period of incredible regeneration of our forests and wild places. This goes beyond management, sustainability or even conservation, towards deep healing and regenerative work to address decades of degradation from modern human settlement and exploitation. This kind of effort would engage the public to be part of the journey so all Victorians cultivate a deep and caring relationship with our forests, rather than being passive bystanders and assuming the government or the not for profit sector is responsible. Engagement of young people is critical as they are the future caretakers of the land. We also must develop and deliver a climate change resilience plan that acknowledges our flora, fauna and ecosystems will need to be much stronger if they are to survive the biggest challenge yet. In fact human beings need this to happen if we are to survive. Let's make an ambitious effort to reforest Victoria!
76543	We've woken up. And realised that nature doesn't provide its great wonders simply for humans to exploit. Victoria's forests serve an invaluable purpose; of giving habit to species of animals, insects and plants who sustain the interdependent and fragile ecosystem of life; who are some of the most ancient species on this planet; and who have lived as an inherent part of indigenous culture and spiritual belief for tens of thousands of years. These forests were being exploited for capatalistic gain but we've since come to our senses, and remembered that we too are a part of this wondrous ecosystem. The destruction of our forests is the destruction of ourselves. Victoria's forests selflessly provide us with clean drinking water, they inhale our carbon and exhale the air for us to breathe, and they're natural beauty and embrace silence our thoughts and warm and nourish our hearts. They cannot be replaced or replicated. But they can now be protected and preserved for the future of our earth.
76544	A view unadulterated by mankind. Nature is all. Countless multitudes of trees blanket the landscape, announcing distant hills in the green contours. The endless blue sky, speckled with white clouds contrasts ineffably with the endless green forest. A sense of wonder at the vastness of this wilderness, and gratitude that mankind- with all its faults and frailties, vanities and obsessions, ignorance and greed - recognised that we depend on nature, on vast forests such as these, and by protecting them all with great care and joy in that responsibility, knowing that caring for them meant caring for ourselves.
76546	My vision for the Gunbower Forest is to ensure the flora and fauna are managed as close to their natural state as possible ,whilst also understanding that as humans we will have an impact on these spaces but to ensure they are as anivaisive as possible. It is an important draw card for tourists to our region and it would be great to have better signage to educate visitors about the forest and surrounds . To ensure they know they are entering a special and sacred place and to be respectful to the space at all times.

76547	Learning about aboriginal culture excellent, Ban 4WDS, YES BAN THEM! our forests are not for them, the forests are there to enjoy the environment in a peaceful manner. The 4WDS and motor bikes destroy undergrowth and animals they bring too much noise and pollution to pristine areas which cannot be regained.. WE need more recycling of timber, it should be encouraged. I see so many skips filled with excellent old timbers not being recycled and then we use pine for building new homes. Which comes from pine plantations which are not the natural environemnt for that area. Also it is depressing to lose old growth forests yes they can be grown again but with the climate changing the trees will struggle too.
76548	Forests used to just grow before people... Now we must care and re-build them because our planet is dying. That's a beautiful waterfall.
76550	Our forests should be natural, some accessible, some less accessible to preserve natural beauty, should be populated by native animals as are indigenous to that area.
76552	https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.vic-engage.files/8015/4397/8883/IMAGE_FOR_ENGAGE_VIC_Collage_V3_002.jpg Saving our forests for future generations to get clean water, a rich flora and fauna, connection with nature
76553	I see flourishing forests in which humans know their place within the ecosystem, not at top of chain but as one of many creatures that are utterly dependent on the health and longevity of this system. I see tourism and nature connection therapies/educational practices flourishing in place of forestry and logging. I see each bioregion having its own unique plan, with each state forest within it managed as part of that plan with a strong traditional owner management, particularly bringing in traditional land management practices. And each bioregion being protected as a legacy item for future generations but also with its own inherent right to exist - even at the expense of short term economic pain for humans.
76555	Clean water, clean refreshing air with the smell of the bush. Harsh aspects of climate softened by the effect of trees and a diverse community. Opportunities to move through a landscape not scarred by mans activities and the devastation he can cause.
76558	The rives are alive, protected by their dense forest blanket, teeming with fish, mosses and ferns. The ecosystem is intact, there is plenty of food for all species, which maintain their own balance, humans included. People are healthier for spending lots of time outdoors every day, they are connected to the land, to forests, to themselves and to a nature connected community. People love, respect and are deeply connected to forests ad earth.
76563	My vision is one of valuing and protecting our natural heritage, so that people can enjoy these places for generations to come, and to conserve our unique, beautiful and threatened flora and fauna. This is expressed both by the images of pristine wild-places and recreational uses of forests. However, my vision also sees forests as a site of employment potential, with an increase in jobs managing invasive species, seasonal burns and recreational infrastructure, as well as ecosystem rehabilitation and re-forestation/afforestation (which relate to the photo of rangers).
76565	My vision for our forests is that they remain intact. That large old trees are not chopped down, that the water coming down from the mountains remains crystal clear and the rivers are not clogged up with silt that has been washed down from a clearfelled hillside. That you can still hear an abundance of birdlife and have gliders and possums nesting in the tree hollows of large old trees.
76567	Where ferns grow good things go
76568	Protection of, and investment in, what is left of victoria's Magnificent forests and native habitats. Ensure endangered species can live sustainably in their natural habitats. Look after the land and country as our indigenous people have done for centuries. They are precious - for now and for Our future as a community.

76570	As I value healthy and thriving forest ecosystems that benefit all Victorians I could only possibly appreciate the natural images from above. It is fine to camp, cycle and drive on designated tracks but only if having no negative impact on the natural environment. Worldwide the loss of forests is contributing to global warming which in itself should be reason to end destructive practices such logging of native forests and other forms of widespread land clearing.
76571	It's 2030 and we have created a safe climate. Biodiversity is celebrated; our waterways are again pristine and the fish are healthy. Farming has a sustainable and regenerative role in our ecosystem. The health of our environment and ecosystem is paramount - it is not ruled by money making but valued as our collective home
76572	There will be no jobs on a dead planet. We must broaden our measures of success to include social and environmental measures.
76573	Old growth trees, beautiful waterways (I don't know how to 'choose' an image, they didn't seem clickable.), indigenous rangers. Beauty and existence for their own sake. Joy, health, mental health and pleasure from being in forests regularly. Watching for birds and other wildlife, wildflowers, wild animals. Taking the time to be in their environment and observe. Walking, low impact camping. Indigenous connection to the land, learning for all, sharing of respect and knowledge. Forests are one of the best things in the whole world, they are precious, and make my life better every day..
76574	Our native environment is unique and irreplaceable. It can only be destroyed once. Only we have the power to protect it. We must find more resources and better ways to attack exotic animals and pests. The government must provide sustainable economic alternatives to logging e.g. habitat restoration, pest control, environmental education, research projects, support low impact activities and infrastructure
76575	In the near future, remaining native forests around Melbourne and Gippsland are protected and enable tourism and related business to develop in the regions. Forestry moves into quality timber production through plantation and caters more to the local market for higher quality products: building, furniture, etc. Plantation should be managed in such a way to reduce fire risk - perhaps mixed age planting., should also be at a sustainable level to meet demand. Woodchipping for mass export ceases. Watersheds that surround water reservoirs are protected and have adequate buffer zones to sustain healthy forests. Traditional owners are employed or engaged at all levels to help with responsible and sustainable forest stewardship.
76577	Many of these pictures remind me of what beautiful native forest places we have in Victoria, along with their deep-time connection with indigenous people and other heritage values. And yet, we continue to punch holes in these beautiful place by continued logging. And for what? A minimal 10-15% contribution to our forest products, much of which ends up as paper and other pulp products, and the maintenance of tenuous logging-related jobs in regional areas that should be transitioned, with assistance, to other types of employment. The experience of the Otways National Park, and other economic studies, like that from Nous, show that regional communities can benefit in major ways by removing logging, and supporting communities to find other ways to develop businesses. If RFAs were about sustainability of forests, jobs and ecosystem services, they have failed massively on every criterion - its 2019, time for a new approach that factors in the benefit of forests for mitigating climate change.
76578	I would like to see that we increase our value of water and understand that it is not an infinite resource and that keeping our residual old forests are integral to continue giving us our waterways for as much as survival as for fun.
76579	The bottom left image. Beautiful wildernesses that are protected for generations to come.

76581	Information and workshops on cultural heritage at parks on special weekends. Community and visitor participation to help with maintaining parks for all to enjoy- the dumping of rubbish must stop! Education workshops on biodiversity of parks and why they must be preserved for all to enjoy.
76582	my vision is for govt to provide adequate funding to enable us to look after our natural areas properly.
76584	I would absolutely love for the Great National Park to be created. For all of the current native forests to be protected. For more hiking trails to be opened up like the Great Ocean Walk. And for as much cleared land to be regenerated as possible.
76585	Preservation of native habitats for beneficial effects for those people willing to visit and take time to enjoy native plants and animals.
76586	Better with less cars
76588	Places visited by people, which are left as the people found them.
76590	A strong and united vision to maintain and enrich our natural environment for all living creatures to flourish and enjoy.
76596	Being able to go camping / walking cycling and horse riding
76598	I would like to see those hi-vis clad big business reps out of our old growth forests now..
76603	My children and grand children should experience: Bush walks, cycling , horse riding and camping holidays in the forest to explore pristine forests including old growth forest areas. To meet this objective: Farm Forestry - supported by organisations such as FFORNE - should be intensified and carbon sequestration services should be financially rewarded - these systems were in place but had to be abandoned by adverse policy decisions (i.e. the landcare based carbon offset scheme or Greenfleet). Increased farm forestry is a good income diversification for the farming sector (it has been for us) and help phase out logging of old growth areas and 1939-forest stands (mountain Ash) that should be preserved for future generations, for the continued sequestration of carbon and for the protection of Victoria's water storage areas.
76604	Clean water and habitat for native animals. Humans dont have a right to every cm of this earth, but we do have a duty to protect other creatures.
76606	My main concern is that logging is stopped in our native forests. More work done on protecting endangered species. It is also clear from the work prof David lyndenmyer has done that areas that have previously been logged will burn more intensely and more frequently. Logging in native forests must stop . However, iwould Like to see people enjoying the forests so areas should be set aside for hunters 4 wd enthusiasts etc. I would like to see more camping opportunities and bushwalking tracks where people can simply experience the natural environment. Nevertheless, The emphasis should be on protecting habitat for endangered species rather than human interest.
76609	Untouched rivers flowing healthily. Limited, low-impact activities such as mountain biking and hiking. no engines.
76611	I hope to see some of these scenes remain as they appear in these images - untouched, naturally occurring and appreciated by all Australians in the various ways they access or engage with nature. I would like to see less logging and clearing. We need to get better at using what is already in circulation as so much of it goes back to second hand shops or gets dumped and then more is needed. I think the balance is right in this image with the small pic in the centre bottom being about logging (I think) and the rest being about enjoyment or preserving our bush.

Workshop Themes

What is your vision of managing Victorian forests?

ID Number	Comment
1	Like to maintain as it is: state forest, no National Park
2	Importance of Forest to combat climate change
3	Interested in sustainability and conservation
4	Maintain access for horses and dogs
5	More access needed for Firewood harvesting
6	Increase the visibility of work done by DELWP and PV
7	Protection of ironbark forests
8	VEAC audit should lead to a National Park
9	Support for planned burning
10	Conservation of forests and natural environment
11	Allow enough space for plantation and timber industry
12	More National Parks and reserves are needed
13	Place to take family and friends to relax, enjoy
14	none, government will not listen anyway
15	No native forest logging or logging of old growth forest
16	Establishment of the Emerald Link, connection of protected area of forest from the sea to summit
17	Take more action to address climate change and increasing frequency of megafires
18	Lack of confidence in government action, policy, management of forests and process of engagement
19	Disparity between \$ spent on fire management in an emergency compared to annual budget and works, fire management should be year-round due to changing climate
20	Protection of forests for education and future generations.
21	4WD, camping,
22	Prospecting and panning for gold
23	Deer hunting
24	Logging
25	4WD
26	Camping, outdoor activities
27	Southern Forests of Goulburn Broken CMA area extract from Goulburn Broken Regional Catchment Management Strategy: a protected ecosystem that balances ecological, economic and recreational needs.
28	Upland Slopes of Goulburn Broken CMA area extract from Goulburn Broken Regional Catchment Management Strategy: an inspired and diverse community participating widely in sustainable agriculture and lifestyle land-use, for conservation, production and tourism outcomes

29	Old Growth Forest protected
30	Government invest more financially in National Parks e.g. more rangers, track maintenance, management of feral flora and fauna, more signage, up to date signage, maps, pamphlets, composting toilets
31	Facilities to prevent rubbish being left behind in State Parks such as composting toilets
32	Forests should be available for all, no Entry Fees
33	To enable access for all users in a safe manner there should be clarity of everyone's responsibilities and separation of usage areas
34	No commercial development in parks
35	Retain better wildlife corridors
36	Lack of confidence in government action, policy, management of forests and process of engagement
37	No Regional Forest Agreements
38	No native forest logging or logging of old growth forest
39	No exemption from EPBC Act for harvesting under an RFA
40	No harvesting in water catchments
41	No harvesting after fires to salvage timber
42	Better regulation of plantations on both private and public land
43	Protection of catchments, soil
44	Forests for young people in the future
45	More conservation
46	More respect by people for forests
47	More recycling of native forest timber
48	That there is good land management and protection from major fire
49	More access, more presence by rangers or managers of the land
50	I want Forests to be managed for everyone to use and enjoy
51	I want there to be more free camping options and signage, so people respect the forests and we can all enjoy them.
52	Wants more BBQ managed and good walking tracks and more respect for the bush
53	That there is more appreciation and respect for forests and less consumerism
54	Overall the group did not feel like they are well informed of the current Renewal and Reform program but did recognise that it is an important program and they need to be better informed. I provided the group with postcards to circulate to their stakeholders. The firm response was that the forest stakeholders that Vic Forests deal with would be highly unlikely to go on line and fill out a survey. I informed the group of the upcoming visits by representatives from the Commonwealth Government in Geelong and Ballarat and encouraged them to attend. The group expressed some concern that there needed to be investment in the forest science in the west of the state to ensure sustainable yield information is generated.

55	Mostly an exercise in handing out 'postcards' to attendees - approximately 50 people spoken to and provided with the two-minute spiel encouraging them to go on line. Feedback was received from 3 people that they had been asked to provide similar input in the past to DELWP and they felt that DELWP are doing lip-service to engagement and it was a waste of their time to contribute.
56	More protection needed, more National Parks needed
57	more opportunities needed for 4WD and recreation in the forests
58	Important to have Aboriginal people involved in the decision making and management of the forest
59	Need for the preservation of old growth forest
60	Fracking, mining and climate change are impacting forest and farming. More bores and dams upstream impacting as well.
61	Important to have pristine and undisturbed forest available for camping and swimming
62	Protect native species, stop logging
63	Less National Park, More areas available for hunting,
64	I love getting out in the bush and taking kids out camping, hiking. Forest education is important for the future.
65	Keep up the good work fire fighting
66	hunting camping & 4wding. Rangers should be present at state forest campsites like in National Parks
67	Open more areas for hunting
68	More access to state forest for family camping
69	Love 4WDing and think we need more tracks accessible and want more signage to educate people on what is allowed or not allowed in the bush
70	Access to state forest & national parks for camping
71	Access to Forests for learning and Rec use
72	Conserving native forests and keeping the natural state
73	Conserving native forests and keeping the natural state
74	being able to live near and in forests
75	DELWP to have rangers and be able to run activities for youth
76	More jobs in forest management
77	More campsites
78	cohesive forest management structure
79	more access to state forest for family camping & 4wding
80	No Great Forest National Park
81	Need more free camping
82	No green groups stopping access to state forests
83	Open more areas for hunting & access for all
84	Camping & fire management
85	hunting & Camping around Dargo
86	Weed management & access for all
87	Wants to see more Forest education with young people
88	More education programs with DELWP and Parks
89	More rangers or more people managing the bush out in the bush

90	More camp sites around the Strezleckis
91	Forests are preserved and used by the community
92	To allow all Victorians and Australians to be able to participate in activities of all sorts.
93	A healthy, diverse forest system providing economic, social and cultural benefits for all Australians
94	Better managed fuel reduction burning
95	Better access and track and facility maintenance
96	Allow hunting of all pest animals (not just deer) in National Parks
97	Keep the bush open
98	Promote use of forests for economic and recreation benefits
99	People will identify with and value the forest landscape for its national parks, recreation, water and forest resources: extract from the vision in the North East Regional Catchment Strategy
100	The Community will actively participate in the integrated management and protection of natural resources: extract from vision in the North East Regional Catchment Strategy
101	Agencies and the community will work together to monitor and evaluate the condition of natural resources and effectiveness of protection measures to improve natural resource management: extract from the vision in the North East Regional Catchment Strategy
102	Whilst conserving the environment, we will maintain and enhance the health and condition of land resources, water resources, biodiversity resources and their long-term productivity: extract from the vision of the North East Regional Catchment Strategy
103	Low impact and passive recreation
104	Preserve biodiversity values
105	Strong Traditional Owner partnership and application of their knowledge, cultural practices and deep connection to country
106	We all understand the impact of climate change and the need to manage this
107	Not increase the vulnerability of forests
108	Manage the impact of climate change on revegetation
109	Nature conservation areas for the public
110	The Strathbogie Forest to persist, be healthy, take up carbon, take up water
111	Improve the health and diversity of the forest
112	Increase people's connection with the forest
113	Identify and support other economic activity for the farmland that is threatened by climate change
114	in the Strathbogie Forest, such as plantations
115	The Strathbogie Forest to provide economic benefits for the local community such as plantations, tourism, connecting people with nature
116	Cessation of logging of native forests, acknowledging that the economic benefits mainly go to people and organisations outside the local community
117	Increased water values
118	Inclusion of all forest values in decision making

119	Government to implement the Biodiversity 2037 Strategy
120	Boost visitor amenity to facilitate the forest experience without large investment on infrastructure such as maintained trails and tracks, signage, interpretative signage
121	Maintenance of the forest to avoid degradation of the forest, e.g. address feral animals such as sambar deer, avoid herbicide application on the side of the roads, address blackberries, have a fire management plan that focuses on conservation values.
122	Government commits to a response to these issues
123	Increased carbon storage
124	Increased water storage
125	Stop logging irreplaceable native forest
126	Implement a moratorium on logging while the engagement and forest reform process are conducted
127	Establishment of a conservation reserve for the Strathbogie Forest, acknowledging that we are not sure of the legal mechanism to do this. The conservation reserve needs to consider Traditional Owner aspirations and processes and needs to allow multi-use by the community. Hence, a National Park may not be the answer
128	Manage disturbance (feral animals, wildfire, logging of native forests) to not exacerbate climate change. Traditional Owner partnership is crucial for this.
129	A decent fire management plan with an ecological focus and Traditional Owner knowledge. (Existing planned burns can damage the forest).
130	An effective maintenance plan to address invasive flora and fauna species such as weeds and feral animals
131	Low impact tracks and trails, signage, interpretative signage such as Traditional Owner Food Trails to enable low impact visitation
132	Low impact visitation – this can be visitors on foot, in vehicles, on motorbike, and on bicycles
133	Clear rules and boundaries are required, e.g. no illegal riding off the established tracks, and consequences for breaches
134	Shooting for a government-controlled eradication program of feral animals
135	Facilitation of plantation forestry on private land to enable the reduction of forestry from the conservation area. This gives options to farmers for their land use in the context of climate change and contributes to the local economy
136	The plantations should be diverse native hardwoods but could be pine if necessary. Forests to be designed to maximise multiple benefits including carbon sequestration. Not the monoculture model
137	Better standards of management of forests on private land.
138	Community to be partners in the future discussion and decision making around forests not just observers. We all have a responsibility for preserving the forest.
139	How will the public know that past practices aren't repeated? That agreed actions are implemented?
140	Management of plantations
141	Funding for forest preservation needs to be adequate
142	Need sophisticated and integrated modelling to understand all the dynamics

143	The Scientific Advisory Committee needs to be more than just advisory to ensure the science is used in the decision making not just political views.
144	Scientific advice must be fed into the process and be transparent
145	Carbon storage needs to be perceived and treated as an asset
146	There are concerns about the process as there are inherent conflicts of interest for the government and DELWP
147	Forests need to be managed within community expectations
148	Current forest management practices are not progressive, and the culture of Vic Forests does not reflect contemporary science
149	Facilities within state forest to be able to experience the park better
150	Respect for forests
151	Mountain bike riding and recreation, freedom forest policy & protecting access
152	More campsites & open areas for mountain bike riding, motorbike riding etc
153	Rubbish management enjoy the forests, more deer management initiatives, more controlled burning
154	More Mountain bike trails being built in state forests
155	Enjoy the forests, protect resources and no more national parks
156	access to more parks for recreational use
157	less red tape for national parks and alpine resorts to fully enjoy the landscape like Thredbo in NSW
158	less political spin on information surrounding forests so people can see that everywhere shouldn't be national park
159	access for firewood and nature conservation
160	more knowledge of marine parks as well as coastal parks
161	Respect for forests and access for all
162	Need to maintain forest tracks for fire access
163	Axemen are conserving forest for future axemen
164	Too much undergrowth is a fire risk
165	Need forest as source of firewood, no natural gas in the area
166	Need buffers along roadsides to protect native animals from getting killed on the roads
167	Make sure there is plantation industry, it is important for the economy
168	People should be allowed to take firewood, particularly if it is already dead or on the ground. People are taking firewood where they shouldn't, and it is ruining it for everyone
169	the balance to shift from logging to conservation
170	Adapt management to consider climate change
171	Communities need to understand the decision-making process
172	We need to understand Traditional Owner Land Management and how it could be implemented
173	A lot of the logged timber goes overseas, and the money leaves the local community
174	Does the economics of the timber industry still stack up versus other ways for the local community such as the visitor economy
175	Science needs to be included in the decision making in an adaptive way

176	Local communities need to know if timber industry has a future
177	Forestry to be reformed to be an agricultural product (plantations only)
178	Need a transparent decision-making framework
179	The Safer Together Planned Burning Program is a good example of a local community led consultation model and could be used for forest management
180	More funds to be allocated to Parks Victoria to manage the National Parks and to implement all the adopted plans
181	The public to better understand the timber industry supply chain
182	Stop illegal logging and improved resourcing of the compliance function
183	Quantity of seed trees to be increased
184	The public need to understand the definition of "old growth forest"
185	Need for clarity regarding local government's role in forest management and if they have a role, appropriate resourcing
186	The area protected for bee sites is currently 1.5km buffer, however this is not large enough as bees travel up to 4km. harvesting is occurring in bee areas and this depletes the nectar source.
187	Clear felling and then burning of coupes are changing forest ecology in bad way and makes the area unavailable for 40+years for beekeeping
188	Forestry should involve selective harvesting, not clear felling, there is plenty of timber it is just all locked up in National Parks, should be allowed to harvest and take out large old trees
189	Need for forestry to be more like farming
190	Damage to forests from large bushfires
191	Address the disparity in application of rules for clearing between DELWP and the public. No consistent application of rules or enforcement.
192	Limited mention of 4WD and hunting in survey
193	Hunting plays an important role in controlling pest animals and providing meat.
194	The ability to access forests and parks to hunt and recreate is important.
195	Prospecting can be an important recreational interest
196	Climate change is a threat. Foresters have themselves to blame: arrogant, they thought the forest was theirs, they overharvested and increased fire risk
197	No clear felling, even in plantation forests as it causes unstable earth, erosion, run off in the creeks and rivers
198	Governments often do reports and studies that sit on the shelf and nothing gets done
199	Needs better protection of waterways from spraying and siltation caused by plantations
200	they stopped logging in the Otways and it cost my husband his job
201	Planning to build a house in the forest, but a lot of planning requirements, i might not be able to comply with all of them
202	The aspirations of the Traditional Owners and Indigenous Protections Areas are great and can help with self determination
203	Why don't we make our own paper instead of sending woodchips overseas
204	We need forests, but we need timber as well. Need to find a balance.

205	We need to take a longer-term landscape scale view managed by local people who know the area and have a vested interest in long term management
206	Need more experimenting with cool burning for ecological benefits
207	need more small crews doing cool burning year through to reduce fuel load and for ecological benefits
208	For Yorta Yorta Nation's sovereignty and rights to be recognised for their land and waters which includes forests
209	Urban people better valuing and appreciating forests including the ecology, recreation, forestry, cultural aspects of forests
210	Further work to encourage people to connect with the land and forests
211	The need for transparent objectives
212	The need for appropriate funding for the adopted plans and responsibilities
213	Involvement of the Traditional Owners
214	Better explanation to the community including engaging case studies, and simple explanations of who, what, why
215	Share what government learns from monitoring and what does it mean
216	Better integration of different management objectives
217	Provide a better understanding of what management is occurring at the interface with farming land
218	Funding to allow Traditional Owners to truly be able to respond to activities and input to the management of the forests taking into account the TO integrated view of land and water
219	Appropriate resources, funding and people, to manage and maintain the forests, and manage compliance
220	Need a clear definition of old growth forest
221	Pest management and control
222	Management at the interface with farmland
223	Consider biodiversity values under climate change including protection of remaining forest populations
224	Evidence based decision making
225	Ongoing engagement of the traditional owners and broader community in forest management
226	Shift balance to conservation
227	Adapt to a future inclusive of climate change
228	Communities need to understand the decision-making framework
229	Timber communities need to understand what the future of the timber industry is
230	Implementation of Traditional Owner land management knowledge and for the broader community to understand this
231	Address the issue of timber production profits going out of the local communities and whether timber is being used for its highest value
232	There needs to be clear evidence that the economics of the timber industry still stack up
233	The science needs to be considered in an adaptive way
234	Forestry to be an agricultural product (increased use of plantations)

235	Implement a transparent decision-making framework
236	Implement a community model for ongoing consultation such as DELWP's Safer Together Program
237	Allocate more funding to Parks Victoria to effectively manage the national parks and to implement the adopted plans
238	Improved enforcement including more funding for compliance management (e.g. to stop illegal logging, other illegal activity in the forests)
239	Increase the quantity of seed trees
240	Definition of old growth forest needs to be made clearer
241	Local Government's role in forest management needs to be clarified, and if Local Government has a role, then it needs to be resourced appropriately
242	Buffers required as forests purify water
243	Mosaic burns, and coupes are preferable
244	Reliance on plantations - if this is the future, we should have planned for earlier in the 1950's
245	We need timber industry, if not here then where will the timber come from? Plantation timber is not suitable for furniture and boards (structural). There are no regulations overseas like what we have. Woodchips shouldn't happen from native forests. If we chip, we should manufacture here, not export.
246	Big bushfires cook bush and only rubbish comes back
247	More planned burning, issue of high fuel loads after bushfires (scrub), consider timing of burning, needs better management, fire operations planning is inadequate and ineffective
248	Keep access roads open all year round
249	More compliance in the bush (illegal firewood collection, particularly threatened species such as ironbarks and high value timber)
250	Reintroduce mountain cattlemen and grazing
251	Protect the forests, lock it up and leave alone
252	Stop cutting of old growth forests
253	Can't just close forests down, if you lock up in parks you don't look after it, no roads, no access and if we don't manage it, it just burns
254	Cut it down and reseed forests, freshen the bush
255	Too many logging contractors
256	Control of feral species such as deer, dogs and blackberries
257	Plant more exotic trees (less flammable species) as a protection against bushfires
258	Increase the access to hunters in state forests
259	make sure there is less debris and waste in forests
260	Change the Wombat Sate Forest into a National Park
261	The forests in Victoria are a sustainable eco system with multiple uses for all Victorians
262	No native logging in Victoria anymore
263	DELWP has not enough resources to manage the forests, it was better with the Forestry Commission in place
264	More attention to fire protection

265	Forests in Vic are healthy, productive, diverse, functional, protected yet accessible, connected to each other, understood and investigated, connected to the community, maintained, nurtured, distinct from timber production, integrated with community education, valued.
266	Accessibility for people to enjoy the forest letting the forests grow, no logging in the forests, plantations for logging separately completely away from forest
267	Areas of provision of habitat with minimal intervention, allowed to persist and / or recover in line with natural intermediate disturbance-
268	Maintain the biodiversity, sustainability
269	Provide recreational opportunities with a range from light day experiences for all to large important experiences in remote forests with minimal intrusion and commercial development
270	Forest that provide for commercial use while maintaining maximum natural values
271	Forests forever for ever for now
272	Living healthy, changing, diverse and resilient
273	Cultural and spiritual importance to TO and other people recognized and respected
274	Recognized as having value as a complex living thing, not just in terms of human values (e.g. NZ recognition of rivers as entities)
275	Valuing of long-term relationships and managers' who have long term knowledge and insights, Valuing of new insights and observations
276	Apply the latest fire modelling science
277	The government really needs to listen to the values of the community
278	Improve training and education for the general public about how to behave in the forests
279	Improve compliance activities - more rangers to patrol to ensure everyone is doing the right thing
280	Improved partnership between agencies and between government and committed groups such as 4WD Association
281	Improve compliance activities such as cameras at strategic points
282	Improve compliance - significant consequences for people who do not do the right thing in the forests
283	Charge a small fee for forest users and use the funds to improve forest compliance monitoring and services
284	Foster a good working relationship between PV and DELWP and organisations such as 4WD Victoria and its clubs
285	Involve committed organisations such as 4WD Victoria and its clubs in ongoing decision making as we are out in the forests on a regular basis
286	Prevent track degradation through a Track User Application process
287	Involve 4WD Victoria and its clubs in the education of the general public
288	Ensure access to the forests remains open to all - don't lock the forests up
289	Sufficient resources to control rubbish being left in the forests
290	Sufficient resources allocated to ensure site issues are addressed when reported to government

291	Sufficient resources for compliance monitoring such as illegal firewood collection, illegal track use, rubbish left etc
292	Improved website navigation, e.g. the PV website is very difficult to navigate when you want to find specific track information
293	Against the practice of clear felling of native timber and then coupe burning. This results in a 40-50 year time frame before trees mature and are available for pollen. Ground flora is also destroyed and understorey diversity changes.
294	There is a loss of species mix from harvesting and all the slow growing trees (box, ironbark) are lost from the forest with clear felling.
295	Foothill forests are being harvested too much.
296	There is no buffer between coupes, they are getting larger.
297	Vic forests move boundaries of coupes and cut down old growth forest
298	Thinning and selective harvesting has less impact on apiary practices
299	Box and ironbark forests are almost gone.
300	Clear felling only benefits a small industry and group of people yet has a big impact.
301	VicForests can harvest in bee sites which is unfair when apiarists pay for the entire area.
302	Bee sites should be expanded to include a buffer and only thinning permitted, as bees travel further than the 1.5km radius of bee site.
303	No wood chipping of native forests should occur, plantation should address this market.
304	Feel disillusioned with engagement that DELWP undertakes, they talk to us, we input into the process, but nothing changes, it's a waste of time.
305	No more permanent bee sites are being issued. These sites have good species diversity and honey production.
306	Bee sites are not permanently marked in field and this is an issue as creates discrepancy between apiarists.
307	Better administration required by DELWP.
308	Fuel reduction burning should be more like a natural running fire and not so high intensity and it is mostly undertaken on hot afternoons and this cooks the bush.
309	Habitat trees and seed trees in coupes often do not survive and have no seed on them, they blow over.
310	Concern over loss of species diversity and habitat for birds and wildlife.
311	DELWP has little regard for killing of animals during burns.
312	Noticed a decline in the number of birds and species in some forest areas over the last 20 years.
313	Apiary has little harm on environment.
314	Caravan access spots in forest areas
315	Enjoy forests with family and grandkids
316	4wd clubs to be able to have more involvement in park management
317	More transparent government decision making
318	sustainable forest management
319	more access to National Parks for 4wds
320	sustainable forest management

321	more tracks, less locked gates more focus on conservation
322	No more national parks more hunting, more control of pests
323	multi use of forests
324	no logging in catchment areas less logging in state forests
325	equal share for users of forests
326	more regional jobs created. certainty for regional forestry workers and contractors
327	sustainable management of forests
328	better gov policy to create jobs and future certainty for alternate industries
329	more campsites and existing ones maintained
330	Intergenerational equity so kids can enjoy forests
331	more campsite facilities
332	more grazing
333	more burning, grazing, firebreaks
334	sustainable management of forests
335	transparent and informed government decision making
336	sustainable management of forests
337	more informative educational experiences for state parks like PV
338	Educate young people on importance of sustainability
339	Commitment of gov policy to give certainty for investment in industry
340	More facilities at existing campsites
341	more facilities such as toilets
342	Respect for forests
343	mountain biking & freedom of riding
344	more campsites opened and maintained more bike trails
345	Rubbish management enjoy the forests, manage pest species
346	family friendly areas close to Melbourne to camp
347	different rego for 4x4 & use rates for safety upgrades to rural tracks
348	sustainable management of forests
349	more camping areas & continued access to forests
350	park rangers in state forests like in national parks
351	more free camping sites
352	more informed and transparent decision making by governing agencies
353	council rates to go to track maintenance
354	Precious ecosystems preserved. - Unique environments celebrated and valued by all communities. - Forest giants preserved for future generations. - Maintaining ecosystem integrity. - Balanced tourism and access to our forests. - Engaging people with nature.
355	Balanced forest management across all tenures to support livelihoods, harvest products, wellbeing (mental and physical), low carbon economy, sustainable and secure timber industry with a landscape of old growth and regenerating areas.
356	Forests 'managed' strategically for stability and sustainability and optimised for production of high-quality water, enhancement of biodiversity and controlling pests (i.e. Ecosystem services). Forests protected from the ravages (impacts) of capitalism as we move into a post-capitalism era.

357	My major vision is for all remaining native forests in Victoria to be protected as National Parks thus preserving biodiversity and providing a habitat where every creature can call it home. Providing an environment that can be engaged by visitors
358	Forests will be managed to maximise their ability to store carbon. It is not clear at present what this will mean in terms of management and use. At present, as I understand it, there is a view that we should reduce carbon storage to ameliorate fire hazards. Again, as I understand it, there is little or no evidence that fuel reduction burns achieve their objective. Furthermore, old growth forests are less flammable than forests burnt about a decade ago. Vision is that: we will have the knowledge to manage forests to increase their carbon storage.
359	My vision is that future generations will be able to access and enjoy beautiful natural environments that have retained full biodiversity of flora and fauna. Our forest, heathlands etc are fully protected from development and don't have to 'pay their way', but sufficient resources are provided to maintain and protect these precious places.
360	Forests, including all types of natural vegetation and ecosystems, should be maintained in at least their current condition, and improved where degradation has occurred, in order to maintain ecological services (services provided by forests e.g. Air, water, biodiversity). Exploitation, including passive visiting through to timber harvesting should come second to protection of the natural processes. Managers of these areas will be well-resourced and funded.
361	My vision is for our forests to flourish into the future. To provide water and habitat for all life dependent. To be protected, and recreation, in National Parks. For biodiversity to be maintained and improved. To become a National Treasure for all, an inspiration for the planet. For product utilisation to be restrained to existing plantations.
362	Forests provide many services. Forest management should address the need to share these services which often conflict. Some areas should be protected for biodiversity, others managed for passive recreation. Traditional owners managed this complex task and we should learn from this.
363	A landscape more 'natural' that is less like 'industrialized-structured' England. In farming areas: forest encouraged as part of integrated farm business, so trees planted for multiple benefits (salinity amelioration, biodiversity, carbon, timber, microclimate [animal welfare], wildlife corridors and erosion control). This will require a >resource rent for timber harvesting on crown land and government recognising and investing in biodiversity outcomes on private land.
364	My vision is to see continuing recreational use of our native forest, that is not to the detriment of native plants and animals. This includes complete cessation of all logging of any native forest.
365	Native forests should be left in as natural state as possible with access available only to those able to walk into it. These would be separate from recreational parks that would allow a more tourist-based activities.
366	Ensure our forest are protected from short term economic gain, versus the longer term, symbiotic and bio-diversity 3ssesntial benefits that we also require to exist on the planet.

368	My vision for the future of Victorian forests is that we find a balance. Now we are struggling to find a balance for biodiversity, usage etc... But perhaps in 20 years, I hope, we will find a way to understand. Understand how we can utilize forests but no longer hurt them. I want us to go into the forest and only take memories with us; I want a balance. There are ways to change this, we just need to find out.
369	The forest has a story to tell and we need to listen. The forest must be managed and protected in a sustainable way with pockets protected from exploitation by stakeholders.
370	Cease logging in Victorian forests. Wood can be sourced from plantations. Priority should be given to managing forests for biodiversity
371	Forests to be sustainably managed primarily protecting biodiversity of flora and fauna thus preserving the benefits for current and future generations.
372	Our future forests are connected, healthy and rich with biodiversity in a self-sustaining ecology. People participate in their common wealth. Despite global heating, they are the foundation for our eco-system health. Our forest is not for sale.
373	Forests are managed recognizing the need to repair past damage and to ensure increasing population and climate change impacts are minimized.
374	Forests are managed that recognize appropriate economy activity is accepted but that in the long-term healthy forests have a higher over-riding value for the future.
375	Leave the forest alone. We need the water. Victorian mountain forests should be preserved in the interest of their role in producing water. For climate and economic reasons: timber production NO, tourism / preservation /water: YES; Carbon storage YES
376	Preservation of plant and food and animal biodiversity – right now quick.
377	Provide access for activities that allow essentially passive undertakings and experiential activities, without degrading forests in order to explore the forests. Exclude dirt bikes, guns and 4 WD trashing. Give future generations access to natural heritage at same time as preserving first nations heritage and white heritage.
378	Provide economic activity in a form designed for the new millennium and younger generations, e.g. walk, bike, selfie. Allow individuals to benefit from the forests if they don't degrade it. Forests are crucial especially close to cities; urban folks deserve forests too
379	Victoria has healthy, biodiverse forests that are pro-actively managed and funded to ensure this. Forests are managed recognizing the need to repair past damage and to ensure increasing population and climate change impacts are minimized. Forests are managed that recognize appropriate economy activity is accepted but that in the long-term healthy forests have a higher over-riding value for the future.
380	Remember trees bring the rain. No clear felling. Human use not privileged. Use and develop alternatives to wood (e.g. Bamboo, hemp). Respect for the entire forest eco system. No commodification/ exploitation. human use is always secondary to conservation / biodiversity
381	Forests will be managed for the conservation and protection of significant forest values whilst providing for recreational, social and economic opportunities that have long term beneficial impacts on forest values
382	Forests managed for multiple values and for their ecological values. Protected for sustainable use ongoing into the future. Forests valued by all

383	Professionally managed forests taking into consideration the needs of stakeholders, building resources for future generations. Thinning forest more, burning less
384	Forests for everyone to enjoy and manage for the future of a healthy forest system for generations
385	A modern well-managed forest with a balanced approach to all types of use that will still be able to be appreciated by my great grandchildren
386	Future management of forests: Re-establish forests and forests officers to physically manage access to forests for public and firefighters. Thin forests to appropriate numbers of stems per hectare. Balance the numbers and species of ground flora and trees to maintain the health of the forest
387	The forests to be thinned so that other plants are able to grow between the trees so as to reduce the fire hazard as well build the fertility of the soil. The trees grow better as they have less competition.”
388	Allowing the use of forests to everyone, maintaining healthy forests with selective harvesting and thinning
389	A place for native plants and animals to grown and live that we beekeepers can work without no government interruptions with fire
390	Open up the forest with plenty of mature trees and eliminate coppice growth. In our regions, Central Victoria, less controlled burning
391	Healthy forested areas that are in the most part accessible that can enrich our lives and planet. Healthy forested areas that maintain landscapes that encourage biodiversity
392	Forests that are healthy, sustainable, accessible, productive and enjoyable
393	Forests that have a diversity of species of flora and fauna. Forests that are well managed or self-managing. Forests where areas have increased and have been linked. Forests where there is culture of restoration and respect for nature
394	Forests that are accessible for any person: within a manageable distance (5km – 20 km?) an area of mature growth forest available to spend time in. Active protection, maintenance and revitalisation of areas of forest as a national policy
395	Forests that are diverse and healthy, protected and with an esteemed spirited connection, connected and integrated into a country-wide and global network that allows the continuing evolution of life on this planet
396	Connection of forests and grasslands by native forests / grasslands corridors so that it forms a living web across the state and interstate. Integration of this concept into plantations (verges, strips within, farmland, road verges, with large untouched patches left that allow for non-human animals and plants to do their own things
397	To take into account that forests and human health are benefit to the community as a whole. To connect humans with natural areas so they will be aware and value them. To allow biodiversity to flourish into the future
398	Working with all stakeholders to see that all can see that what benefits them: forestry companies, farmers, general public.... Involve schools and other community groups in creation of more care.”
399	Our forests restored to the full suite of original fauna with climate change adaptation

400	Forests (and grasslands, woodlands, wetlands etc...) are important for the maintenance of biodiversity. Very careful management is necessary to maintain these habitats and the biodiversity, recreational, cultural, historical values for future generations. Human actions which damage the environment (fire, hunting, logging, off-road vehicle access, etc...) need to be controlled
401	Increased biodiversity within and adjoining forests to ensure improved social, cultural and health benefits for current and future generations
402	All relevant agencies to plan together effectively for the overall health of the forests
403	Develop recreation and tourism opportunities that Traditional Owners can be a part of
404	The forests are for everyone
405	Involve Traditional Owners in developing legislation as part of a real partnership
406	Value the involvement of Traditional Owners in all steps along the way of the modernisation process and with the future management as part of a real partnership
407	Implementation of Traditional Owner management practices including cool burns to protect the flora and fauna, involving Traditional Owners, and involving the broader community so they understand the reasons
408	Replanting of native flora
409	Identify forest related business opportunities for Traditional Owners
410	If native logging is to continue, then log to the specifications of Traditional Owners ensuring sustainability
411	Ensure rubbish is cleaned up after any activity in the forests
412	A strong compliance framework is required and appropriately resourced
413	We need to conserve the forests for the future, so they are there for everyone and for future generations
414	A recognition that the forests are irreplaceable and must be protected as assets
415	Cultural assessments must be conducted before any disturbance and regeneration
416	Cultural signage at all forests
417	Implement the Traditional Owner Burn Strategy adopted by the Federation of Traditional Owners
418	Must preserve and protect waterways
419	Ensure that too much power is not invested in one organisation such as Vic Forests
420	Protect the environment, move all logging to the plantations.
421	Build environmentally sensitive walking paths through the bush so that beautiful places can be enjoyed by many.
422	Develop fire management strategies (with Aboriginal help) that keep forests self-sustainable.
423	Australian flora and fauna are unique and must be preserved. Once it is lost it will not return. Manage these assets accordingly. We have 50,000 years of knowledge to sustain, we have a global responsibility.
424	Connecting people with forests through opening up opportunity. Using connected towns to help with the connection process.

425	Everything is nourished by the Forest. If we use it respectfully it will provide us with the resources. Food, fibre, recreation and comfort for all who dwell within
426	My vision is that we manage and look after our forests for all the right and ethical reasons, to maintain integrity in areas of biodiversity, sustainability, cultural diversity and safety – INSPIRATION.
427	That we manage our forests and wildlife with a long-term future in mind and not with an underlying commercial focus
428	Learn from the knowledge holders and the past, dream for a future where flora and fauna flourish alongside healthy waterways and towering old growth-forests, for us all to share, enjoy and learn to care for.

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How would you like to see our forests in the future?

ID Number	Comment
1	Plantations have a role, but diversity is important
2	Substantive timber industry/harvesting
3	Habitat for wildlife to move around and that they can live
4	Protection of native species
5	Open areas to access and use
6	Protect new areas - great forest NP, Emerald Link, Multi-tiered parks
7	Protect native forest
8	Protect Water
9	Stop logging
10	Ethical hunting
11	better recyclable options
12	Options: Sustainable vs non-sustainable
13	People should still care about climate change in 100 years
14	Better pest control
15	More tourism
16	Let the forest stay the same but be improved
17	Use renewable resources
18	An informed community who understands the importance and interconnectedness of the forest
19	Preventing the effects of climate change
20	Holistic approach to climate change that considers the forest, water, economy, industry etc
21	Supported communities (making shifts to sustainability)
22	Recycling what we have
23	No single use
24	Aware of the consequences
25	Think more long term beyond 100 years
26	Need to manage our water
27	Work with the environment rather than against less intervention
28	Stop chopping down forests provided the growing population. With a unique experience that forests provide
29	Stop clear felling native forests - use the plantations
30	Listen to Traditional owners - plantations - need to still consider the ecosystem.
31	Communicate connection to the environment.
32	Healthy country = equilibrium between people to environment
33	Indigenous people having connection to environment, not having values compromised.
34	Their land is predicted, not exploited - available for future use, sustainable
35	Difficulty describing healthy country to connection

36	Living features different in every area of Australia
37	Connection - good memories, spend time with people.
38	Not allowing places to be destroyed
39	Healthy country - presettlement, abundant supply, clean waterways, clean soil
40	The community want to know about traditional owner values and knowledge
41	Shared spaces
42	Preserve these spaces
43	Maintain accessibility without impacting the wild nature
44	Economic priorities or interest can affect of distribution culture or traditions
45	Where alpine meets ocean - most biodiverse place on planet and ecological value
46	Our background/home spend a lot of the time
47	Barriers to younger people getting involved
48	More casual recreational activities that people can attend spontaneously rather than organised tours
49	More clear info about what hikes are available and the different levels of ability/difficulty
50	Climbing trees
51	Make it normal for people to go outside to spend time in nature
52	Involve more people from different backgrounds
53	Accessibility needs to be easier to get places
54	Get young people (kinder age) passionate about environment
55	Make it easier for people to access opportunities
56	Make information know
57	Dedicate different parts of forest to different uses
58	Balance between rather than in areas
59	Zipling
60	Swimming in the rivers close to Melbourne
61	Hands on experience
62	Access for hunters, 4WD's, more facilities in forest
63	Ecotourism
64	Schools - education, service + ecology
65	Better respect for people who hunt/should be allowed to do what they like
66	Community education is important to keep people learning about values e.g. children educate their friends and family after experience a Parks Victoria activity
67	Have more trails
68	Cleaner
69	Inclusiveness esp. for children
70	A future where people have an opportunity to develop their values and identity with regards to the forest from a young age.
71	Transport options
72	Clear guidelines and respect for guidelines
73	Can't stop industries - need to think about the jobs these industries support
74	Why does it always come clean to financial benefits? There should be alternative drivers

75	Balance between use of paper and tech, don't want to waste paper but don't want to be addicted to tech
76	Need to understand how much paper we're using
77	If we close paper mills, people lose jobs, can't be solely reliant on these industries
78	Game hunting - remembering invisible species e.g. goats for economic benefit
79	Protection of the region
80	Multiple uses to be incorporated in great forest national park
81	Role models
82	leadership incorporating for youth participation
83	Forestry continues to produce needed product
84	Have people realise that not all logging is bad
85	The forest provides but we must also give back
86	Strong laws to protect forests but allow responsible industry
87	Healthy county is: Rich and full, layers sounds/depth, smells textures
88	Calms you and sparks your emotions, settle your mind
89	You are healthy when in country that is healthy
90	Subconscious thing and feel safe
91	Education for protection to people
92	Build Knowledge
93	Great Forest NP
94	Emerald Links
95	Noted that many industries will disappear due to automation and a planned shift to new industries should be made