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Barry Powell,



9th November 2009.

Cassandra Stephenson,
Committee Clerk,
Standing Committee on Public Administration,
Legislative Council,
Parliament House,
Perth WA 6000

Dear Ms Stephenson

Standing Committee on Public Administration
Recreation Activities within Public Drinking Water Source Areas

I am a very keen bushwalker and am very concerned at the possibility of been excluded from a very large area of bushwalking country so close to Perth.

I would suggest that keeping the forest pristine is an objective shared by both the Water Corporation and bushwalkers.

Bushwalkers' impact is low. We create no noise. The biggest track we leave is the Bibbulmun Track. The potential refuse we might leave behind is severely limited by the amount we can carry in. However, while I can't provide the research I would suggest that bushwalkers as a group are the least likely to leave rubbish behind.

We walk and we talk encouraging others into a body friendly, mind friendly and environmentally friendly activity.

Bushwalkers access areas that rangers in vehicles can't. We are in a position to report matters that may be of interest to the Water Department and other authorities. We are a potential asset, sharing often complementary objectives. **Use us!**

There are few cities in the world that can boast a wilderness so close to the city. I am a teacher and I like the idea of that magnificent resource accessible to children accompanied by adults who can impart its value.

PLEASE DON'T BAN THE PEOPLE WHO CARE!

Yours Sincerely

Barry Powell