



Monday, 21 January 2019

Hon Lily D'Ambrosio
Minister for the Environment
Level 16, 8 Nicholson Street
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Minister,

I am writing on behalf of the Peninsula Preservation Group (PPG) who is seeking access to the Arthurs Seat State Park to conduct an ecological survey.

Part of the Arthurs Seat State Park is in the immediate vicinity of a proposed quarry site on Boundary Road in Dromana, on the Mornington Peninsula. The quarry proponent, Hillview Quarries (owned by the R.E Ross Trust group), will need to undertake an ecological survey of the proposed quarry site as part of the EES process on their proposal. Given the ecological importance of the area and its location within an existing Green Wedge zone, PPG would like to commission their own independent ecological assessment.

PPG will commission and pay for a consultant with considerable experience on the Mornington Peninsula. They propose to engage the services of Malcolm Legg of Mal's Ecological and Environmental Services. Mr Legg has previously undertaken work for Parks Victoria, the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP).

As the PPG have been denied access by Hillview Quarries to the property where the proposed quarry will be located, PPG are hoping to be granted access to Arthurs Seat State Park to survey the surrounding areas.

PPG have stated that all findings from the survey would be made available to Parks Victoria and DELWP. PPG believe that it has been roughly 20 years since any ecological surveying has been conducted in the Arthurs Seat State Park, so this information may be of value to the State Government.

I am writing on behalf of PPG to seek permission to access the Arthurs Seat State Park for the purposes of ecological surveying. Such an ecological survey would be valuable in gathering new data on the flora and fauna species that exist in the area.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Hunt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" being more prominent than the last name "Hunt".

Greg Hunt MP