

Dear Kelly Crosthwaite,

Thank you for replying to my emails regarding Haining Farm.

With respect I do not believe you are taking this serious, we as a community voted **against** the planting out of Haining Farm however as you mentioned the broader community which means inner city, interstate and whoever Zoo's Aus could get to vote for concept 3 has somehow make the decision final.

My letter to you was from the heart I was reaching out to you to listen and to re-look at this whole thing however you haven't it's just political spin again ...

We voted against the planting and somehow this whole process is going to happen because people in inner city etc voted to plant out the farm.

Did they know the whole story? Did they know how close it is to houses ? NO they didn't ... A very clever campaign Zoos Aus, Greening Aus and Parks Vic ran.

These people do NOT know where Haining Farm is and how close it is too houses so can you Please tell me how you can make a decision that from the start was always working in favour of Concept 3, it looks like now we as a community were just added into this vote as it looks political right to do so.

After your letter I was more anxious and wrote to CL mentioning that you will incorporate additional water sources in these areas, which may include either an internal sprinkler system or **irrigation**.

I had a phone call from BE ES in response to my letter to CL - **Have you talked to them ?** Well they are very concerned with the plans for Haining Farm to be planted out he listened and understands the area as he lives in Dixons Creek he is a local and understands the threat to the local community. Also understanding my concerns of the the **one way street** to get out if there is a fire .... and that conservation shouldn't be planted out so close to houses.

A phone call was nice even though it was hard not to contain my fear and tears at times ..... NO ONE IS LISTENING I said to him .... However I hopped off the phone and said to my husband in tears that B listened and he believes in our concerns.

Parks Vic , Zoos Aus and Greening Aus have the money the power how does a small community fight against that ?

I am writing to anyone that will listen... I didn't want to however I am now going to Radio and newspapers you leave my family and friends in fear you disregard the CFA and ES concerns and our concerns.

You could make this Farm something amazing again while teaching young people about farming practises while value adding any produce made at the farm there is endless

ideas from a very creative community in the Yarra Valley ... As I mention to B we would be safer with the farm kept as is and upgraded than it being planted out. YES he agreed.

I have great concerns how well the land will be maintained ... it all seems like talk and then after a few years things will get let go, which will leave to a bigger fire risk .

I am not against conservation but not here in Don Valley so close to houses. **Have you been to Don Valley to see for yourself our concerns?**  
**Will you approve this on the bases that adding sprinklers and irrigation will make us safer?**

Where is the money coming from to maintain the Farm it's OK to have the money for planting trees but who will make sure all the things that are meant to keep us safer are maintained.

This is madness and should be re-looked at **NOW**

It looks like the organisations have worked there magic with you and your government this was never about politics for my family it was standing up for something that so wrong and dangerous.

Don Valley is full of families living in one way streets how do they get out when/if Haining farm is on fire ....

My drive home to Flowerdale on Black Saturday sadly had too many cars that were burn't out on the roads .... People don't always leave before. People in my area sometimes don't leave at all on those days ....

Take this on ....Your government I thought was progressive you are on so many levels however you won't re-look at this issue ...

I just don't understand why not on this issue .... **This is about keeping Don Valley/Yarra Valley safer and saving lives**

**I would love to meet you talk to you ...**

Oh I offered our land for them to look at ( at the concept meeting ) for the two endangered species as we feel we many have the right conditions for one or both of the species however they were not interested.

Regards BP