

URGENT ATTENTION TO ALL YARRA WATERWAYS GROUP MEMBERS

As many landowners are now aware, YCACC – DEWLP have put out their 10 Year Draft Plan for the Yellingbo Conservation Area.

The relevant part for land owners with crown reserves of this 100-page document of mainly 'bureaucratic hogwash' is – **The riparian management license conditions for the north east corner** where it is drafted that the fence is positioned at the minimum set back of 10mts from the top or the river bank to protect re-vegetation.

What happens with the uses and conditions of uses between the 10mtr mark and our title boundary is ambiguous, unfavorable to the landowners and unsustainable by Government departments.

As the Committee of The Yarra Waterways Group we would like to lay down some basic Terms and Conditions that will enable us to take a firm straight forward position to fight back against this bureaucratic creep.

The deal we put forward would be the following -

- **THE FENCE IS POSITIONED 10 METRES FROM THE TOP OF THE RIVER BANK (as per Minister's ruling)**
- **THE LANDOWNER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THAT AREA.**
- **IN RETURN – THE LANDOWNER RETAINS THE REST OF THE CROWN RESERVE TO USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OLD AGRICULTURAL/ GRAZING LICIENCE AT THE LANDOWNERS DISCRETION.**

If you are a member and do not approve of the above principles, please email the Yarra Waterways Group with your suggestions & concerns by the 20 September 2018 (we would also love to see messages of support).

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for their continued support. We will continue to fight to have the north east corner removed from the Y.C.A. and in the meantime forge a simple acceptable agreement for landowners to work with.

It is imperative we stay united and fight as one!

'WE WILL NEVER GIVE IN'

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