



## **ITS TIME TO LISTEN TO THE LOCALS OUR COMMUNITIES DO NOT NEED MORE FLAMIN' REDGUM NATIONAL PARKS**

These people are not rabid, feral, rent-a-crowd protesters.

They are ordinary, every day people from the redgum forest communities of Northern Victoria.

They are volunteer firefighters, community volunteers, business owners, shire councillors, hunters, fisherman, campers, timber workers, farmers, graziers, teachers, grandparents, mums, dads and kids

Part of the social fabric that keeps rural communities viable and sustainable.

Above are some of the more than a thousand people that have attended protest meetings held outside five of the seven VEAC Public Consultation Forums held along the Murray River, in the past two weeks.

People gathered at Shepparton, Cohuna, Echuca, Nathalia and Swan Hill to voice their protest at the devastating implications of the VEAC Draft Proposals on their communities..

A resounding vote of “No confidence in the VEAC Council, the process or the data” was taken at every meeting.

Two phone polls conducted by WIN TV-in Shepparton and Bendigo-asking “Do you agree with VEAC’s recommendations to turn public land along the Murray River into National Park?” had massive NO vote rebuttals of the proposals- 87% NO- Shepparton, 96% NO- Bendigo.

Good environmental outcomes will not be achieved by locking up the redgum forests into National Parks.

Flamin’ redgum national parks will not be a good outcome for biodiversity or the forest or its people.

These forests require active management to ensure their survival.

**We support sustainable multiple use of our redgum forests and public lands. Living, Working, Playing Redgum Forests supported by sustainable, viable communities.**