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The Friends of Mt Cole & the Pyrenees Ranges wish to thank-you for your interest in our local community group, and potential membership.

As you may be aware, VEAC (Victorian Environmental Assessment Council), has been commissioned by the State Government to undertake an environmental study of our local forests, called the *Central West Investigation*.

Our aim is to represent the local communities during this investigation. We are asking for your support by becoming a member of the FOMC group.

Your membership will help us financially, as well as strengthening our group’s voice; by having your input regarding the future management of our forests.

Individually we will not be heard, although as a unified group our voices will stand out. We need to make the government recognise that the local voice is stronger than that of the environmental groups, who do not live within our communities. Doing nothing will possibly mean that our local State Forests will become State or National Parks, which will restrict access for many user groups including; horse riding, motor bikes & four wheel driving, firewood collection and free camping. Industries such as Timber production and Apiary will also cease.

This is our last chance to keep our local forests managed as State Forest. Any future changes to the management structures will be permanent.

You can contact us by email at [friendsofmountcole@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmountcole@gmail.com) or on our Facebook page, ‘Friends of Mount Cole and Pyrenees Ranges Inc’.

There are various ways to become a member. You can fill out the attached form, go to our website [www.friendsofmtcole.com.au](http://www.friendsofmtcole.com.au) and download a copy or follow the link on Facebook. If you wish to make a direct deposit, our bank details are BSB 633-000 A/C no 137453775.

If you do not wish to become a member and want to support our group, you are welcome to make a financial donation.

Thank-you for your ongoing support to help keep our mountain areas a State Forest.

-Friends of Mount Cole and the Pyrenees Ranges Committee Members