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Grampians "All of Park" Access Restrictions

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Dear Minister Stitt,

Please find attached a letter received from Parks Victoria in response to our recent legal query over rock climbing access restrictions. It is clear from this legal response that the only feasible rock climbing offence to be alleged would be:

"fail to comply with the conditions of any relevant set-aside instrument"

We contend that the "all of park" set aside restrictions described within the Grampians Management Plan, contravene the National Parks Act 1975. Refer to this 2022 ACAV article for further details:

[ACAV Calls For Withdrawal of "All of Park" Access Bans](#)

We respectfully request a review by your department of this bullish and unworkable all-of-park approach for restricting public access to the entirety of a National Park.

Rock climbing is successfully managed internationally using collaborative management methods, as described within the [Victorian Climbing Management Guidelines](#).

Kind Regards,
Mike Tomkins
ACAV President

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