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Vegetation clearing on Elphinstone (Radiata) Plateau

Dear Mr Greenwood

A number of Blue Mountains Conservation Society members, including Lachlan Garland, the convenor of the Land Use Subcommittee, have visited Elphinstone Plateau over the past few days.

They were initially distressed to find that most, if not all, tracks on the Plateau have been widened quite extensively.

They were then very concerned to find that a very large area has been completely stripped of its understory. There appears to be no reason for this work. Survey pegs were noted in parts of the area, these having notations such as BDY and CNR.

Perusal of the Council website does not show any current Development Application. Nor have the local residents been advised of a proposed development.

The Society would like to be advised what these activities are on the Plateau and whether they are legal. If they are illegal what steps will be taken to rectify the situation. The Society would also like to be kept up to date with any future plans for this important site on the Mountains.

Yours sincerely

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