



SUNDAY 29 MAY 2011

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NOTES FROM MEETING WITH 4WD VICTORIA

REPRESENTATIVES OF 4WD VICTORIA MEET WITH THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



Pictured above from Left to Right

Bill Sykes MLA (Member for Benalla – Parliamentary Secretary for Primary Industries), Chris Rose – Regional Manager East (Parks Victoria), John Turbill – President 4WD Victoria, Russell Sturzaker – CEO 4WD Victoria, Michael Coldham – Past President & Political Liaison Officer – 4WD Victoria, Ryan Smith MLA - Minister for Environment & Climate Change - Minister for Youth Affairs.

On Thursday 26 May 2011 I led a deputation from 4WD Victoria to meet with Minister for the Environment, Ryan Smith in Parliament.

The representatives, Russell Sturzaker (CEO 4WD Victoria), John Turbill (President 4WD Victoria) and Michael Coldham (past President 4WD Victoria) highlighted the extensive amount of voluntary work done by the 15,000 members of 4WD Victoria.

The volunteer work includes flood and bushfire response activities, track clearing in National Parks and assisting Parks Victoria staff to reduce hoon behaviour and reduction in damage to signage.

Chris Rose, Parks Victoria Regional Manager East, endorsed the 4WD Victoria representatives' comments stating that volunteers had saved the Government of Victoria many thousands of dollars.

The Minister was impressed by the presentation and has undertaken to consider 4WD Victoria's bid for funding of ongoing activities and new initiatives.

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