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Questions - Outdoor Education field trip

Mt Hollowback

- 1) Imagine you were the first settlers in the area – what do you think you would have seen? What would the landscape have been like around Creswick then?

- 2) Imagine you were an Aboriginal person living in the area (Dja Dja Wrung people). What would you feel/think about settlers moving onto the land and introducing animals and plants that you had not seen before, changing the landscape by clearing the land and building dwellings?

- 3) Are there any conflicts of interest here in the use of the land?

- 4) How would the attitudes of indigenous people and non indigenous settlers towards the use of natural resources differ?

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Long Point Botanical Reserve

5) What are the main and important remnant species on this reserve?

6) Why is it important to conserve remnant vegetation?

7) What social/economic benefits would this patch of remnant vegetation provide?

8) What evidence is there of a conflict of interest in the use of this land?

Kieran Moore's farm

9) What are the land degradation issues being addressed on Kieran's farm?

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10) Give a brief description of each.

11) Why would it be important for Kieran to address these issues?

12) What possible conflict of interest about use of the land can you see here?

13) Why is it important to have a variety of species and sizes in the plantations and why use local indigenous species?

14) What are the benefits for the land and landowner of direct seeding and tube stock plantations?

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15) What are some of the threats to the significant road side indigenous vegetation?

Seed bank

16) Why is it important to collect native seed and store it in a facility like the seed bank?

17) What are the seeds tested for?

18) Find out about the Millenium Seed bank Project – what do you think it is about and why is it important? <http://www.kew.org/msbp/>

La Gerche Trail

19) What attitudes would John La Gerche have encountered when he began as Forest Bailiff at Creswick in 1882?

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20) Why is it important to preserve and conserve natural areas for recreation?

21) Why would early settlers import plants and animals from their own countries?

22) How and why have attitudes of non indigenous settlers towards indigenous and native vegetation changed over the years?
