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Dear Ms Salvaneschi

Re: Submission to Inquiry into Current and Potential Ecotourism of the ACT Region

SEROC welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the above Inquiry as the ecotourism assets in the South East Region of NSW are quite extensive and diverse.

Rather than address the terms of reference SEROC would like to take this opportunity to make a general submission regarding the opportunity for the ACT Government and SEROC to work together to maximise and grow the ecotourism potential of the region.

In addition to the ACT, the South East Region encompasses a number of very diverse sub regions including the Southern Tablelands, Yass Valley, South Coast and Snowy Mountains which all have many natural attractions. By marketing and promoting the attractions on a regional basis and developing an Ecotourism Trail for example, it may encourage more people to visit the region and stay longer.

A regional approach which can showcase our natural assets, build environmental awareness and promote ecological conservation will enhance the funding opportunities at all levels of Government. This in turn will contribute to the Region's economy and provide incentives to protect and enhance our natural assets and attractions.

I look forward to further consideration of a proposed regional partnership approach.

Yours faithfully



Don Cooper
Executive Officer