

Committee Secretary,
 Standing Committee on Planning and Environment,
 Legislative Assembly for the ACT,
 GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Secretary,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Enquiry into the Namadgi National Park Draft Plan of Management.

Although I am a member of Kosciuszko Huts Association and the National Parks Association (ACT), I make this submission as an interested individual.

I wish to address my comments to the first point, namely *the effectiveness of the Plan's consultative mechanisms and cooperative management arrangements, including the role, management and operation of the Interim Namadgi Advisory Board.*

In relation to community consultation since the release of the first Draft Plan my impression is that this has been done well and that subsequent submissions have been seriously noted, as evidenced by the 28 page summary "Report of Submissions, June 2007"

The Interim Namadgi Advisory Board however experienced a number of problems as detailed in the submission of Di Thompson. An alternative model is proposed in the 2006 Plan of Management for Kosciuszko National Park in Section 4.3, Community Involvement;

- *A permanent management partnership with Aboriginal people is established and operated*
- *Heritage management partnerships are established and operating with particular individuals, families and communities with associations with places in the Park*

This model is worth investigating further and may provide more flexibility than the Interim Namadgi Advisory Board.

The 2003 fires destroyed 19 huts in Kosciuszko National Park and the 2006 Kosciuszko Plan and its associated Huts Conservation Strategy, reflecting community concern, has processes by which destroyed huts may be rebuilt. I would be personally pleased if similar processes were included in the Namadgi Plan of Management

My final point is to express concern about permitting horseriding west of the Bobeyan road in Grassy Creek. The Kosciuszko experience is that horse riders at times tether their horses too close to the huts resulting in accumulation of dung and the spread of weeds. A great deal of voluntary work has gone into the restoration of Westermans and Waterhole huts and I believe their values would be compromised by visitation by horse riding groups.

Yours sincerely



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 13 April 2008

