

Supplementary comments to Submission No 13

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Subject: Re: Biosphere reserve nomination - Public hearing Tuesday 10 April

To me it seems that there may well be advantages in working with New South Wales and the Kosciuszko Biosphere Reserve providing the ACT is not swamped by New South Wales interests. Kosciuszko is an already existing biosphere reserve and approval by UNESCO of an extension to an existing biosphere reserve should be a less onerous and less time consuming process for UNESCO than considering a separate new submission for the ACT. Having New South Wales behind a nomination which included the ACT could give considerable additional high level impetus to gaining biosphere reserve status for the ACT sooner rather than later.

From the very first days, we have built into our consideration of an ACT nomination the fact that the ACT adjoins an existing biosphere reserve, Kosciuszko. We felt that it would be better to nominate the ACT separately as it was such a different kind of nomination from Kosciuszko, a national park with a small permanent population base and therefore somewhat limited scope to practise sustainable development. We believed it was more likely that Kosciuszko would go the other way and link up with the Victorian high country to form a cross-border Alps biosphere reserve.

The Atherton to ALPs Wildlife Corridor proposal could change this thinking somewhat.

Ian

