



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Tara Cheyne MLA, Minister for City and Government Services

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THE CHAIR: Good on you, Mr Emerson. Minister, the Namadgi National Park Management Plan 2010, I believe consultation on a new Namadgi plan has been underway for several years now. Where is that up to?

Ms Cheyne: Great question. Ms Watts may have the details.

Ms Watts: Yes, yes, so it is in preparation. So the new plan is in preparation now. Consultation is ongoing so that includes consultation with various First Nations and traditional custodian groups who have a connection to country in Namadgi National Park. I understand at the moment, you know, consultation involves yarning circles and workshops. That information will be used to inform the values-based plan of management process that we are undertaking now so that it really does focus on opportunities to embed and acknowledge traditional custodian values within our plans of management.

THE CHAIR: Excellent, and what is the delay on that? Like, when will we have the new plan ready?

Ms Watts: So we have the new plans scheduled for late 2027. In terms of delay, I think we just need to acknowledge that, you know, consultation and a new way of preparing and developing plans of management can be quite protracted. I mean, the way of developing these plans are new, they are best practice, and we want to make sure that with such long-term plans like this, when we are doing it we are going to get it right.

THE CHAIR: Yes, I absolutely agree. Is there a timeline that you can provide of when there might be a new plan or what the next steps are? Is there any sort of what is coming up next in this?

Ms Watts: Yes, I would be happy to take the timeline on notice, but I can say that the new plan is scheduled for release in 2027.

Tara Cheyne MLA, Minister for City and Government Services: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

A new draft plan for Namadgi National Park is expected to be released for community consultation in October 2027. It is anticipated that the statutory approval process will commence in March 2028, which includes referral to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning. A final plan will be available following completion of consultation and the approval process.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning

Signature: 

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By the Minister for City and Government Services, Tara Cheyne MLA