

Pumphouse Point Development Proposal

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The Tasmanian National Parks Association (TNPA) is strongly opposed to the Pumphouse Point development within the Cradle Mountain Lake St Clair National Park and the World Heritage Area.

Our reason for disallowing the development proposed at Pumphouse Point is that such a development within a National Park, will degrade the natural values of the area. The reason Pumphouse Point has been included within not only National Park boundaries but the Wilderness World Heritage Area as well, was primarily because of these world class natural values.

The overall management objective as stated in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Management Plan 1999 (page 30) is "to identify, protect, conserve, present and where appropriate, rehabilitate, the World Heritage and other cultural and natural values of the WHA". Development of the site will not help achieve the above objectives. Quoted from page 178 of the TWWHAMP under New Facilities "If adequate facilities or services exist or can be developed outside the WHA that meet visitor needs, such facilities and services will not be provided as concessions within the WHA". Excellent alternative sites exist outside the National Park. We encourage Doherty Hotels to site this development at Derwent Bridge or nearby environs outside the Park. Not only will it protect the values of the Park but it will benefit the local community more substantially.

This development would not pass Ecotourism Accreditation (a well known tourism scheme promoting environmentally friendly tourism businesses) as:

- It does impact adversely on the ecosystem
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