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Annual Report 2016-17

The TNPA continues to be the public voice on management issues relating to Tasmania's conservation reserves. The main issues that have concerned the TNPA during the 2016 – 2017 financial year have included:

Public engagement & education

- Answering and following up issues brought to our attention by members and the public;
- Publication of the biannual *TNPA News*, keeping the TNPA website current, organisation of public events (e.g. *Mountain Seasons* on 11 August 2016), and the set-up and staffing of an information stall at the Sustainable Living Festival, for the purpose of raising public awareness on issues concerning the ongoing management of reserved lands in Tasmania; and
- Organisation and publicising of the TNPA Autumn Walks program, during which the TNPA hosts a month of free guided bushwalks on weekends.

Collaborative management

- Participating in regular meetings with representatives of other key Tasmanian environmental organisations; and
- Regular discussions with other NPAs via membership of the National Parks of Australia Council (NPAC).

Environmental review and advocacy

- Several meetings with the General Manager, Parks and Wildlife Service regarding management issues in National Parks;
- Written submission on draft management plan for Tasman National Park (amendment to plan to facilitate commercial aerial access);
- Representation to Tasman Council in relation to development application for commercial huts associated with Three Capes Track.
- Correspondence and meetings with PWS in regard to replacement of existing hut and toilet at Lake Tahune (Frenchmans Cap) and draft Recreation Zone Plan for Frenchmans Cap;
- Correspondence and meetings with representatives of the Wellington Park Management Trust and Hobart City Council in relation to the management of kunanyi/Mount Wellington;

- Presentation to the Senate enquiry into the response to, and lessons learned from, recent bushfires in remote Tasmanian wilderness (Launceston, 2 November 2016);
- Attended Tasmanian Tourism Industry Conference Launceston, 25 May 2017;
- Meetings with Tasmanian Greens and Labor Party in relation to developments within Tasmania's national parks and reserves and planning more generally;
- Membership of and participation in the Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania particularly in regard to the implications of proposed Statewide Planning Scheme on development control in national parks and reserves;
- Correspondence to (Federal) Minister Frydenberg regarding the adequacy of the response to the recommendations of the IUCN Reactive Monitoring Mission review of management of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area; and
- Meeting with Tasmanian Walking Company (TWC) on 9th December 2016 in Hobart. The TWC currently operates the long-established Cradle Mountain Huts, Bay of Fires Walk and Wineglass Bay sail/walk businesses in Tasmania.

Conspicuous by their absence from this list are meetings between the TNPA and the then Tasmanian Minister for Parks and Environment, Matthew Groom. Requests from the TNPA to meet with the Minister, who had held that portfolio since the election of the Liberal State government in 2014, had gone nowhere.