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## Annual Report 2019-20

The TNPA continues to be the main public voice on management issues relating to Tasmania's conservation reserves. The main issues that have concerned the TNPA during the 2019 – 2020 financial year have included:

### Public engagement & education

- Increased use of social media and regular issues of the *Buttongrass Bulletin*.
- Regular updating of the revised TNPA website.
  - This has resulted in an increased number of supporters and Facebook followers, primarily attributed to interest in the Malbena campaign. As of 25 September 2020, our emails go to 464 people and our Facebook page has 2003 followers.
- Publication of the biannual *TNPA News*.

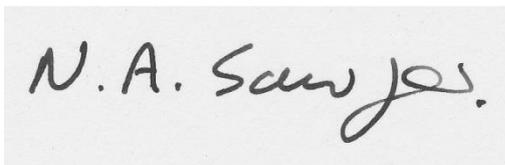
### Collaborative management

- Participating in regular meetings with representatives of other key Tasmanian environmental organisations.
- Membership of the Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania.
- Regular discussions with other NPAs via membership of the National Parks of Australia Council (NPAC).

### Environmental review and advocacy

- TNPA was one of the parties in the planning appeal relating to the proposed tourism development at Lake Malbena. The initial RMPAT hearing was conducted in June 2019. This led to an appeal to the Supreme Court followed by a further appeal to the Full Bench of the Supreme Court which is on-going at time of writing. A full history is available at <https://tnpa.org.au/lake-malbena-development-proposal-background-summary/>
- The TNPA raised concerns about the Major Projects Bill, particularly that the legislation is applicable to all categories of reserved land including Wellington Park.
- The TNPA, along with other conservation groups, declined to participate in the consultation process on the Draft Tourism Master Plan for the TWWHA.
- The TNPA met with PWS for preliminary discussion on the Fire Management Plan for the TWWHA.
- The TNPA raised concerns about the massive and inappropriate proposed Dove Lake (Cradle Mountain) viewing shelter.

- The TNPA questioned the suitability of the Tyndall Range as the location for the 'Next Iconic Walk'.
- The TNPA commented on the Walls of Jerusalem Recreation Zone Plan, which proposes new walker infrastructure, but fails to address the imperative of otherwise managing visitor numbers in the area.
- The TNPA criticised the PWS proposal to construct a second lookout platform overlooking Wineglass Bay on the basis that this is 'another example of putting engineering solutions ahead of directly tackling the real issue – too many visitors in one place at one time – with no apparent consideration of alternatives'.
- The TNPA commented on the site plan for the proposed new (replacement) Windermere Hut on the Overland Track. The TNPA's view is that the hut is unnecessarily large given that most Overland Track walkers stay at Waterfall Valley or Windermere, not both.
- The TNPA commented on the PWS Background Report on the Lower Gordon River Recreation Zone which focussed on the management of recreation and tourism. The TNPA comments noted a range of issues that the proposed plan does not address, such as the imperative to protect the Gordon River's flora and fauna and other natural values and the need for measures to prevent further river bank erosion and rehabilitate past damage.
- The TNPA provided feedback to the proponent on a proposed commercial hut development at Lake Rodway and expressed opposition to the proposal on the grounds that its negative impact on the natural environment and experience of other users outweighed any benefits.
- The TNPA made a representation to Clarence Council opposing the proposed hotel development in Rosny Hill Nature Recreation Area.
- The TNPA supported the concept of a new kunanyi (Mount Wellington) visitor centre at Halls Saddle while criticizing the lack of a strategy for addressing the excessive and growing number of vehicles using the Pinnacle Road.
- The TNPA met with the project manager for the Wellington Park Visitation & Recreation Strategy Project, which has the aim 'to identify the visitation and recreational needs and opportunities that can be sustainably provided in the Park and provide recommendations and actions to realise these opportunities for the next 10 years'.
- The TNPA submitted to Hobart City Council an alternative to its 'Riding the Mountain' Mountain Bike Plan for the kunanyi/Mt Wellington foothills. The TNPA proposed a minimum number of new mountain bike tracks to address the desires of local mountain bike riders for improved connectivity while simultaneously addressing the concerns of walkers by proposing that several shared use tracks revert to walking only and minimizing environmental impact by keeping the number of new tracks to the minimum.



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