



Tasmanian National Parks Association President's Report 2015 – 2016

The main focus of the TNPA's activities during 2015 - 2016 has again been the draft TWWHAMP (Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Management Plan) 2014, along with the Tasmanian government's call for EoI's for commercial tourism developments in national parks and reserves and in addition the proposed Statewide Planning Scheme.

The TNPA has carried out the following key actions:

- Submissions on draft management plans for Narawntapu and Freycinet National Parks.
- Participated in combined environment groups presentation to IUCN Reactive Monitoring Mission review of management of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.
- Met with RACT Board to discuss their proposed Freycinet Lodge expansion in Freycinet National Park.
- Meetings with Tasmanian Greens in relation to developments within Tasmania's national parks and reserves.
- Submission to Senate Inquiry into the response to, and lessons learnt from, recent bushfires in remote Tasmanian wilderness
- Submission on draft Statewide Planning Scheme
- Correspondence to (Federal) Minister Hunt regarding draft management plan for Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

Collaborative management:

- The TNPA has been an important player in the informal alliance of Tasmanian eNGOs. The alliance, which first began meeting (but much of the communication happens via email) some two years ago, has been very effective in informing and engaging the public in issues relating to the protection and management of Tasmania's natural and cultural heritage.
- The TNPA continues to participate (via phone link-up) in meetings of the National Parks Australia Council (NPAC), the peak body for National Parks Associations in Australia. Nick Sawyer is the TNPA's representative on the NPAC. In Oct-Nov 2015 the TNPA hosted the NPAC AGM and meetings of delegates.

Public engagement:

- The TNPA's annual Autumn Walks program was organised this year by Anne McConnell. The diverse program of free bushwalks for the public was, as usual, very successful. Thank you to Anne.
- Stall held at the annual Sustainable Living Festival in Hobart. A lot of concern from the public about the key issues that the TNPA currently engaged with.



TNPA News and Communiques:

Issues #21 and #22 of the biannual journal *TNPA News* were produced during the year and the email Communique, which keeps members up to date with the latest information on key issues as well as on forthcoming events, has been sent out regularly.

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