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Annual Report 2017-18

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 2017 – 2018 financial year have included:

Public engagement & education

- Redevelopment of the TNPA website and much greater use of social media.
- Publication of the biannual *TNPA News*.
- Support for *Refining the Definition of Wilderness*. This was not launched until August 2018 but most of the work on it occurred during 2017-18. Two of the authors are members of TNPA exec.
- Organisation and publicising of the TNPA Autumn Walks program, during which the TNPA hosts a month of free guided bushwalks on weekends.

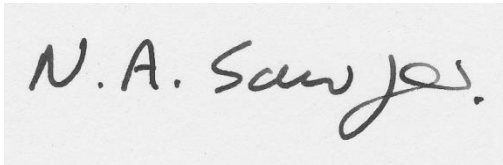
Collaborative management

- Participating in regular meetings with representatives of other key Tasmanian environmental organisations.
- 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; included meeting with Planning Minister Gutwein & Premier Hodgman.
- 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.
- Representation to Kentish Council on DA for redevelopment at Cradle Mountain (former airstrip).
- Letter to Cascade Brewery re proposed Mount Wellington Cable Car.
- Submission to PWS on draft Frenchmans Cap Recreation Zone Plan.
- Feedback to PWS on RAA for Glacier Rock viewing platform (Dove Lake, Cradle Mountain).
- Feedback to PWS on proposals for redevelopment at Dove Lake.
- Letter to ALP re reopening of 4WD tracks in Tarkine (joint letter with other NGOs).

- Letter to Wellington Park Management Trust – request for clarification on Mountain Bike Track proposals.
- Letter to PWS re standard of track work.
- Letter to Minister re South East Cape Track proposal.
- Letter to, and meeting with HCC Parks & Rec Cttee re management issues.
- Participated in consultation re Springs Visitor Centre.
- Letter to Geeves Effect committee.
- Letter to PWS – concerns re assessment process for Lake Malbena.
- Submission to federal government re EPBC assessment of Lake Malbena.
- Letter to Wellington Park Management Trust re draft Track Users Code.
- Invited by PWS to review RAA for Dove Lake Boatshed Track.
- Meet with Greens.
- Meet with ALP (Craig Farrell & adviser) with TCT.
- Brief National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Committee.
- Consulted by PWS re RAA Review.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature reads "N. A. Sawyer." with a period at the end. The letters are cursive and fluid.

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