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Annual Report 2020-21

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 2020 – 2021 financial year have included:

Public engagement & education

- Increased use of social media and regular issues of the *Buttongrass Bulletin*.
- As of 27 October 2021, our emails go to 460 people and our Facebook page has 2468 followers.
- Regular updating of the revised TNPA website.
- Publication of the biannual *TNPA News*.

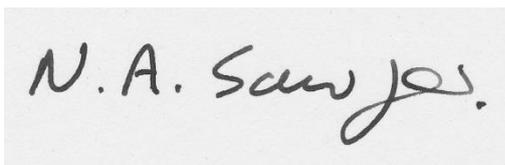
Collaborative management

- 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 only concluded on 15 September 2021. A full history is available at <https://tnpa.org.au/lake-malbena-development-proposal-background-summary/> The TNPA's Nick Sawyer was a speaker at a public meeting organized by the group FAWAHA (Fishers and Walkers Against Helicopter Access), at the Miena Hall in the Central Highlands in September 2020.
- The TNPA has continued to raise concerns with Hobart City Council over the 'Riding the Mountain' Mountain Bike Plan for the kunanyi/Mt Wellington foothills. The TNPA supports the concept of providing some improved facilities for local mountain bikers on the lower slopes of kunanyi but expects the proposed tracks to represent a considered compromise between the needs of mountain bikers, the needs of other users, and the cumulative impacts on the natural and cultural values of kunanyi.

- The TNPA commented on the state government's Wild Fallow Deer Management Plan and joined with other conservation groups to support the development of an alternative Feral Deer Management Strategy for Tasmania by the Invasive Species Council.
- The TNPA commented on the draft TWWHA Biosecurity Strategy 2021-2031.
- The TNPA commented on the discussion papers which comprised the initial stage of comment on the draft Fire Management Plan for the TWWHA.
- The TNPA has continued to raise concerns about the implementation of the Cradle Mountain Master Plan, both the massive and inappropriate proposed Dove Lake (Cradle Mountain) viewing shelter and the proposed cable car from Visitor Centre to Dove Lake, which the TNPA considers to be inappropriate and unnecessary, given that the existing shuttle bus service is working well.
- The TNPA has continued to question the suitability of the Tyndall Range as the location for the 'Next Iconic Walk'.
- The TNPA made a representation to Clarence Council opposing the proposed hotel development in Rosny Hill Nature Recreation Area and has supported the Rosny Hill Friends Network.
- The TNPA provided a detailed response to the PWS draft Kia Ora Site Concept Plan (replacement for the existing hut on the Overland Track).
- TNPA joined a number of other eNGO's and individuals in publishing a proposal for a new Kooparoona Niara (Great Western Tiers) National Park.
- TNPA submitted comment on Govt's proposal for FPPFL (Future Potential Production Forest Land) within the TWWHA.
- TNPA members and supporters participated in a Vote for the Environment rally ahead of the Tasmanian State election.
- A Roy Morgan national opinion poll, commissioned by Martin Hawes and the TNPA's Grant Dixon, found that 90% of Australians agree with the statement 'Australia's remaining wilderness areas should be protected'.
- The TNPA made a submission on the Maria Island National Park Management Plan Review.
- The TNPA made a representation on proposed kunanyi cable car and associated infrastructure.



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