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Wellington Park Management Trust

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COMMENT ON WELLINGTON PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN – REVIEW OF VALUES ARTICULATING PARK VALUES – 3 AUGUST 2023

The listing of values in the current management plan (pages 14-18) provides considerably more detail than draft Park Values Statements. The TNPA considers that most of this information should be retained in the management plan.

The supporting information states the intention that the proposed Register of Features of Interest will “sit outside the Management Plan”. If it is not to be within the plan, it is important that there is some form of statutory control over the addition and removal of features from this register, including a requirement for public consultation.

The TNPA supports the addition of Aboriginal Values. The TNPA supports the intention that these should be defined by the appropriate members of the Aboriginal community. The TNPA would support the use of the name *kunanyi* throughout the management plan if this was supported by the Aboriginal community.

Comment on specific aspects of the draft Park Values Statements follows:

- The Values Statement could usefully include an acknowledgement that not all values exist in all locations simultaneously and that some cannot coexist in a single location/time.
- The *Wellington Park Act 1993* s5(a) states that “the provision of recreational and tourism uses and opportunities [are to be] consistent with the purposes specified in paragraphs (b) to (e)”. i.e. Tourism and Recreation are subservient the other purposes for which the Park is set aside as a reserve. This hierarchy of values should be clearly reflected in the Park Values Statements so that it is not forgotten.
- Many values have multiple categorisations under Natural, Cultural, Use and Aboriginal categories and sub-categories. This needs to be acknowledged in some way, such as by cross-referencing.
- The TNPA considers that *Beauty, Landscape and Sense of Place* (Management Plan, pages 16-17) articulates these values better than the proposed replacements – some restoration of the original wording should be considered, especially in relation to the naturalness of the landscape.
- The TNPA considers that *Sense of Place* (Management Plan, page 17) is fundamental to articulating why so many people feel so strongly about *kunanyi*. It must be restored to the draft Park Values Statements.
- USE VALUES – Recreation & Tourism, dot point one:
 - The term “a high degree of wild character” is more appropriate than “elements of wilderness”.
 - It could usefully acknowledge opportunities for experiencing solitude and natural quiet.

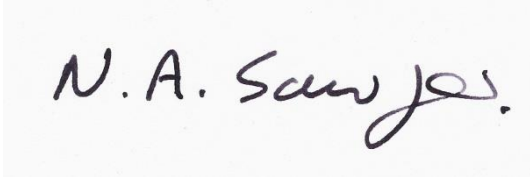
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The TNPA acknowledges the First Nation peoples of Lutruwita (Tasmania) and their enduring connection to country. We pay our respects to their elders past and present. We also acknowledge that their land was taken, and sovereignty was not ceded.

The TNPA suggests the addition of the following values:

- Natural quiet.
- Dark skies (Value of Darkness / Visibility of the Night Sky).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray background. The signature reads "N. A. Sawyer." in a cursive, slightly slanted script. The letters are connected, and there is a period at the end.

Nicholas Sawyer, President, TNPA