

To the review committee for above,

Thank you for the opportunity for further consideration of the Draft Tourism Master Plan re WHA.

In this supplementary submission, we :

1- Refer you to our original submission (attach same) and participation in the focus group (Brighton in our case) discussions of 2019, where we raised these issues, not only on our member's behalf, but the visitors in general to the WHA..

2- On reading the latest draft, express our dismay and ongoing concern at the omission of and non reference to the lack of communication for visitors to the WHA (and surrounding areas). As the Gov't, through its various agencies, will be conducting targeted marketing campaigns highlighting our natural, wilderness attractions, communication (or in this case lack thereof), should be a maximum priority for ALL visitor's safety, be they local or offshore. Mobile phone coverage would appear to be the most cost effective and available to all users of the area. However, we also included a detailed expansion the Tas Marine Radio service in our original submission as an alternative communication system.

In light of the most recent events in public rescues, helicopters and all, following the Covid-19 lockdown and subsequent relaxation measures, they should serve as a stark reminder of the need for efficient communications in ALL areas of visitor access.

3- Looking at the WHA access points noted in the Plan, not one mention is made of the entry points, with associated accommodation locations i.e Miena (Central Highlands Lodge and Great Lake Hotel plus 1000 Lakes Lodge), from the Eastern boundary, in particular via the Liawenee Canal road. The majority of anglers (visiting DIY, guided and locals) plus many bush walkers, photographers etc use this access point.

We appreciate your feedback on these matters as we see them as very important issues that appear to be omitted from the Plan so fa.

Kind regards,

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