

Dear Project Manager

I am writing regarding the Draft TWWHA Tourism Master Plan (TMP).

After observing the community concerns relating to the Lake Malbena tourism proposal I read the TMP expecting clear guidelines around future tourism proposals. One of the issues with the Lake Malbena proposal was around whether the buildings proposed were huts or a standing camp, although clearly not fitting the description of standing camp structures in the Standing Camp Policy 2006. The TMP does not help to resolve this conflict. The last paragraph of item 7.9 - Visitor accommodation, huts and camping - just states '...more guidance is necessary to inform both PWS, private proponents and the community what is appropriate and where.' This plan just tells us there is a problem and doesn't provide a solution or give direction as to where the guidance is to come from.

Similarly with the noise pollution and degrading of wilderness values that would result from the helicopter access to Lake Malbena. Item 7.6 of the TMP states noise pollution raises 'vexed questions' and in the Strategic Guidance Recommendations there is a revision of the Fly Neighbourly Agreement suggested. Again, no answer to the Malbena conflict. To me the TMP seems like a plan to make a plan!

Section 6 of the TMP states ' a core component of theTMP is to provide strategic guidance on issues relevant to the visitor experience and tourism in the TWWHA.' The same paragraph ends with 'the following have been identified as the key areas in which additional strategic guidance is required.' These key areas are Recreation Standards Framework, Events, Science, Research and Conservation, Access, Quality Assurance and Strategic Data Collection and Analysis. For all of these areas policy creation or revision is recommended. The TMP is a plan to rewrite and review policy.

I was hoping that the TMP would provide clear and strict criteria for tourism development to give tourism proponents and the community clear direction. This weak document will only serve to continue the conflict around tourism development in Tasmania.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on the TMP.

Yours sincerely

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