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**From:**  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 April 2020 11:02 PM  
**To:** TWWHA Tourism Master Plan  
**Subject:** submission regarding TWWHA Tourism Masterplan

Hi there,  
I would like to make a submission regarding the TWWHA Tourism Masterplan.

In general I am in agreement with the contents of the plan, regarding the increased investment in edge nodes and the maintenance of the wilderness values of the more remote parts of the park.

I have interacted with the TWWHA as an Outdoor Recreation Student, Walking Guide, and Conservation Volunteer, including to some very remote and seldom visited parts of th TWWHA. As such I see the value of the remote and unaltered nature of large parts of the park.

While I support the maintenance and upgrading of tracks and facilities in high traffic areas, I would not like to see a proliferation of further upgraded tracks into renowned and remote wilderness areas such as Federation Peak, the Western Arthurs and so on. I feel like a huge part of the appeal of these areas is their remote, tough, and inaccessible nature. Making more remote areas accessible would ultimately detract from the wilderness values.

This also carries over to a concern about aircraft and helicopter access, as referenced in the masterplan. I would like to see aircraft access remain minimal.

Even though I work in the guiding industry, I would also not like to see more private commercial huts being built in parts of the TWWHA. Reports of these being considered for walks such as the South Coast track are concerning, and I feel the encroachment of less self-sufficient groups would take away from the wilderness experience, while also opening the door to further hard infrastructure in the TWWHA that could be deemed necessary as visitor numbers increase.

In summation, I would like to see the current emphasis on wilderness values, remoteness, and biodiversity maintained and strengthened.

Regards,  
Liam Oakwood