

To: Mr. Andrew Harvey,

Project Manager,

Tourism Master Plan for the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area

Dear Mr. Harvey,

Here are some comments regarding the Tourism Master Plan (TMP) for the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA):

1. I have been concerned for some time that proposals for tourism developments in the TWWHA are being strongly encouraged and indeed have been approved by the Tasmanian Government BEFORE the Master Plan has been finalised. This can only be described as 'putting the cart before the horse', an approach to planning that is completely unacceptable and can only lead to poor outcomes for the TWWHA. I am also concerned that public land has already been leased to at least one private operator, the proponent for the Lake Malbena proposal, and I query whether this is compatible with the TWWHA Management Plan, 2016, and in the best interest of the people of Tasmania. There should be no public subsidy for any private developments within the TWWHA.
2. It is very important that any tourism proposals currently under consideration should not be used to influence the final version of the TMP. If they are no longer compatible with the final version, then they will need to be withdrawn.
3. It is critical that tourism development does not lead to the loss of wilderness and Aboriginal heritage. These are the *raison d'être* of the TWWHA and cannot be comprised. Any developments will need to meet the strictest of criteria before being allowed to proceed and will need to comply with the National Parks and Reserves Management Act, 2002, which requires that national parks managers 'preserve the natural, primitive and remote character of wilderness areas'.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

Patricia Ellison