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Thankyou for the opportunity to make comment on the Draft Tourism Master Plan for the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (DTMP).

On a positive note, the DTMP outlines a solid framework to build upon which is to be applauded. However, for the Final Tourism Master Plan (FTMP) to be meaningful more detail needs to be included and tourism developments should be frozen until such detail is finalised and released.

The deficiency of detail I refer to is actually highlighted within the DTMP and includes the following actions:

1. Develop a storytelling strategy
2. Improve wayfinding
3. Review Recreational Standards Framework
4. Prepare a policy for events
5. Prepare a policy for voluntourism
6. Prepare an aircraft access policy
7. Revise Fly Neighbourly Agreement
8. Prepare a commercial boat access policy
9. Prepare Aboriginal heritage and cultural awareness training
10. Prepare workshop-based training program
11. Develop strategic data collection and analysis
12. Develop a Tasmanian cost-benefit analysis
13. Develop detailed guidance document for social impact assessment
14. Cohesion of all staff towards bushfire protocols
15. Prepare policy and guidance on lighting plans and noise pollution
16. Update and clarify Walking Tack Classification Policy 2014
17. Develop policy and guidance document on visitor accommodation
18. Guidance document for sustainable construction
19. Guidance document for natural values surveys
20. Consultation and assessment of impacts to Aboriginal cultural values
21. Develop a policy for Cumulative Impact Assessment with mitigating measures

22. Review methodology for wilderness quality
23. Guidance document for public infrastructure

These are important actions and they are well overdue. How can any tourism development be allowed to operate or commence without these actions being detailed and implemented? Even as I write this, the Western Wilds Route is being fast-tracked and EOI proposals are progressing – I find this unbelievable and it indicates to me that this Tourism Master Plan is a stunt and just a token gesture to appease the World Heritage Convention.

As such, until more detail is seen, I cannot comment further.

Yours sincerely,

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