

DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN 2015



Freycinet National Park

(Altering the *Freycinet National Park, Wye River State Reserve Management Plan 2000*)



Draft Freycinet National Park Management Plan 2015 (Altering the Freycinet National Park, Wye River State Reserve Management Plan 2000)

This *Draft Freycinet National Park, Wye River State Reserve Management Plan 2015* (draft management plan) alters the *Freycinet National Park, Wye River State Reserve Management Plan 2000* (management plan).

This draft management plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Part 3 of the *National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002*.

Unless otherwise specified, this draft plan adopts the interpretation of terms given in the *National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002*. The term 'Minister' when used in this draft management plan means the Minister administering this Act. The term 'management plan' refers to the *Freycinet National Park, Wye River State Reserve Management Plan 2000*. The term 'draft plan' refers to this plan alteration. The term 'national park' refers to the Freycinet National Park.

In accordance with Section 30(1) of the *National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002*, the managing authority for the reserved land, in this case the Director of National Parks and Wildlife, shall carry out his or her duties in relation to the reserved land for the purpose of giving effect to, and in accordance with, the provisions of the management plan. The position of Director is held by the Secretary of the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment.

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Making a Representation – what do you think?

This is your chance to have a say on the proposed alteration to the *Freycinet National Park, Wye River State Reserve Management Plan 2000*.

Making a Representation

Please make your representation concise and clear. It will help if you refer to the section numbers in this draft plan. You can make a representation in two ways:

In writing addressed to:
Director of National Parks and Wildlife
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Hobart TAS 7001

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- the *Freycinet National Park, Wye River State Reserve Management Plan 2000* that this draft plan is proposing to alter.

Review of Representations by the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC)

To provide for transparency and accountability in finalising management plans the *National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002* establishes a process for review of public representations that involve the TPC.

The Director will review all representations received and prepare a report which includes a summary of all representations, the Director's opinion on the merit of each representation and whether modification of the management plan is required. The Director will forward copies of all representations received, together with the Director's report, to the TPC which will advertise the representations and the Director's report for public viewing. The TPC may hold hearings on the representations.

The TPC will review the representations, the Director's report and the results of any public hearings then prepare a report to the Minister. The TPC report to the Minister will be published.

Consideration of Representations by the Minister and Approval by the Governor of the Management Plan

The Minister will consider:

- public representations;
- the Director's report on public representations;
- the TPC report on the Director's report on public representations;
- the National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council advice; and
- the purposes of reservation and management objectives for the class of reserved land.

The Minister will make such alterations to the management plan considered appropriate and recommend the final management plan to the Governor for approval.

Confidentiality

Your representation will be made available for public viewing by the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

Section I: Introduction

Freycinet National Park is currently managed in accordance with the statutory management plans, *Freycinet National Park, Wye River State Reserve Management Plan 2000* (management plan) and the subsequent plan alteration, *Freycinet National Park Management Plan 2004* which provided for an extended potable water storage capacity and also for the redevelopment of the Wineglass Bay lookout track.

The management plan is being altered to achieve the Tasmanian Government's policy of realising the potential of Tasmania's natural areas by broadening the range of exciting and unique tourism experiences on offer in our national parks and reserves.

This draft plan, if approved, will have the effect of altering the management plan to remove provisions that restrict the extension to the existing area leased for accommodation and prevents the construction of further cabin development beyond the existing capacity.

Section 2 of this draft plan sets out the background to its alteration in respect to the leased area.

Section 3 sets out the actual proposed changes to the management plan.

The management of the Freycinet National Park will be governed by the *Freycinet National Park, Wye River State Reserve Management Plan 2000*, *Freycinet National Park Management Plan 2004* and this plan (once approved) read together.

Section 2: Background to the management plan alteration

Freycinet Lodge Lease History

The area leased for the Freycinet Lodge is located at the southern end of Richardsons Beach mostly on the western side the main access road to the Wineglass Bay lookout carpark.

This parcel of land was originally part of a scenic reserve which later became national park. In 1934, several holiday shacks were built on the site under licence and subsequently were used as an army bivouac during World War II. From 1954 until 1990, 'The Chateau' was operated under lease as a family holiday resort on the site. In 1990, The Chateau's buildings were sold and the lease transferred to new owners for re-development as the Freycinet Lodge.

Why the 2000 Plan Requires Alteration

Currently, the tourism industry in Tasmania is undergoing a period of growth with Freycinet Peninsula and Wineglass Bay must-see destinations for many tourists to Tasmania. To support growth in the tourism industry, in 2014 the Tasmanian Government called for ideas for new tourism experiences that are complemented by sensitive and appropriate tourism infrastructure.

Whilst the current management plan provides for the Freycinet Lodge lease to continue, it restricts future expansion in what is now a climate of tourism growth, thereby limiting the options that may be considered at and around the site.

Through the Tasmanian Government's expression of interest process, a proposal was received from RACT Destinations Pty. Ltd. the current operators of Freycinet Lodge, for a 5.6 hectare extension to the north-east of the current leased area. This would enable 12 serviced sites for motor homes and 12 cabins to be developed. A further 12 cabins may be considered at a future date under a second stage.

The Project Assessment and Approvals Pathway

The alteration of the management plan to remove the restriction on extending the lease area held by Freycinet Lodge is the first step in the process of approving any new development in the national park.

Section 4.5 of the management plan provides protocols for assessing development within the national park including the preparation of a development specific site plan which must be made available for public comment for a period of 30 days minimum.

The Parks and Wildlife Service' Environmental Management Policy and Reserve Activity Assessment process for the assessment of activities on reserved land accord with the management plan's protocols and is used to guide the assessment of development proposals. This assessment process tests consistency with other statutory responsibilities and determines the level of assessment required including that for identifying and ameliorating potential impacts in relation to natural, cultural and social values.

The approval process is also subject to the Glamorgan-Spring Bay (Interim) Planning Scheme 2015 under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* under which a public comment period applies.

Section 3: Alterations to the Freycinet National Park, Wye River State Reserve Management Plan 2000

This draft management plan alters the *Freycinet National Park, Wye River State Reserve Management Plan 2000*.

Text Changes

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The following sentence under Section 5.5.1 Coles Bay Visitor Services Zone (Policies) is altered:

- Facilities may include built accommodation on existing leased or licensed land, camping, a licensed camp, visitor information and interpretation buildings, picnic facilities, nature trails, interpretive displays, toilets, management buildings and management facilities.

It is to be replaced by:

- Facilities may include built accommodation, camping, a licensed camp, visitor information and interpretation buildings, picnic facilities, nature trails, interpretive displays, toilets, management buildings and management facilities.

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The following sentence under Section 7.2 Leases, Licences and Authorities (Policies) is rescinded:

- There will be no extension to the area of land leased by Freycinet Lodge and no further cabin development beyond the existing capacity.



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