

Schedule of Public Representations and Responses to the *Walls of Jerusalem National Park Draft Recreation Zone Plan 2013*

The public comment period for the draft Walls for Jerusalem Recreation Zone Plan closed on 19th July, after six weeks. During the comment period three briefing sessions were held with target stakeholders; in Launceston (15 attendees from walking and mountain huts interests), Hobart (one briefing with 8 attendees from walking and conservation interests, another with three attendees from commercial interests). These were all well-received.

Forty seven submissions were received comprising six from walking clubs (including the umbrella group, Bushwalking Tasmania), two from outdoor education interests, two from fishing interests, three from commercial interests, two from conservation interests, and 32 from individuals. All submissions are from Tasmanians.

Representations from all submissions are summarised below together with the PWS response. Notable observations are:

- There is near universal support for the proposed approaches regarding fire and education (especially track rangers).
- There is widespread support for the proposals regarding track and campsite hardening, toilets, banning camping in the Central Walls, and the idea of creating a higher-class Dixons-Ball-Adelaide loop track.
- The most polarising issue relates to the proposed management of larger groups, including a registration/booking system and associated definition of larger groups. This is a particular concern for walking clubs. However, there is also considerable support for the proposal from other representations.
- There is concern amongst some about a possible future booking system for all users and that this may lead to fees, although the draft plan only proposed an all-user booking system be investigated and did not advocate fees.

Various changes or additions have been made to the draft plan in response to suggestions or comments contained in representations and these are detailed in the responses below. The most significant change is that the proposed registration system for larger groups will apply initially only to commercial, school and outdoor education groups, with other larger groups being encouraged to register. This will allow information sharing and aid PWS in developing and trialling a more comprehensive group campsite booking system. This system would subsequently be replaced if a web-based booking system for all camping (not just group camping) within the Recreation Zone is developed in the future.

A number of representations covered issues outside the scope of the Recreation Zone plan. These have been recorded separately below; see representations 295 and beyond.

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1	Devonport Fly Fishing Club	Agree that Recreation Zone needs protection and support strategies outlined in the draft plan. Proposals will not adversely affect fishers using the area as mostly traverse the Recreation Zone to access other areas.	Noted, no change to draft plan required.
2	Private individual #1	A well considered plan to protect the values of this park . The need for a better track from Dixons Kingdom Hut is definitely a plus as the nature of the surface between these areas is very sensitive to damage. Hardened campsites at Dixon Kingdom Hut a definite plus.	Noted, no change to draft plan required.
3	Private individual #1	Suggests some improvement in the car park at the start of the track. In peak times there is considerable congestion at this site with cars being parked on the access road verges.	The car park and access road is not located within either the national park or Recreation Zone and is therefore beyond the formal scope of the plan. PWS will continue to work with Forestry Tasmania and Hydro over access issues, including road maintenance. This will be noted in the final plan. As a result of the Tasmanian Forest Agreement, land containing the car park and its access road will likely be managed by PWS in the future. Improvements to the car park will be considered when the area becomes PWS-managed land.
4	Private individual #1	With larger school groups I assume there will still be the option to split larger groups in two? In some cases with extreme weather conditions it is sometimes important to form one larger group when walking in difficult snow conditions. This allows a saving on energy by rotating leading walkers.	Operational matter; no change to draft plan required.
5	Private individual #1	In future planning it would be good to spread the load on the commonly used access track by promoting a one way through scenario (ie enter through Trappers Hut route leave by Lake Meston/Lake Bill track or vice versa).	A one-way walk scenario would decrease flexibility for group management. Nevertheless, such a scenario may be considered as part of some future web-based booking system (see response to representation 35).

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6	Private individual #2	Express concern about the possibility of charging walkers for access to the park . Feel that this will be yet another unnecessary and exorbitant fee to be charged to locals. Note that, as taxpayers, they already subsidise these parks, and also hold a National Parks' pass - so are already paying towards the upkeep of these parks.	Noted, no change to draft plan required. There is no current proposal to introduce fees to the Walls of Jerusalem area (beyond existing park entry fees).
7	Private individual #2	The talk is that the numbers walking into the Walls of Jerusalem National Park have increased due to the steep fees imposed on walkers wishing to walk the Overland Track in the (ever-widening) booking season - we believe this certainly would be the case.	There is no clear evidence either way for such displacement. It is difficult to conclusively detect user displacement (spatial or temporal) as there are lots of variables and one would need to undertake before and after surveys over time at both locations. Anecdotal reports are unreliable.
8	Private individual #3	The draft plan is impressive and sensible . It would be excellent to have track rangers present in the Park to ensure that it is treated respectfully by all users; discontinuing camping in the central walls to prevent further deterioration there is a sound idea, and I applaud the loop track. With increasing use, registering large parties of walkers and eventually instituting a web-based booking system (preferably free of charge) may well be necessary.	Noted, no change to draft plan required.
9	Private individual #3	Existing Wild Dog Ck tent platforms are difficult to use . Some people camp elsewhere to avoid battling with the platforms. Need a better (simple & effective) attachment system that works with ALL tents and enables guys to be tensioned for all weather, both at Wild Dog and any future platforms.	An improved tent attachment system will be developed as part of the site design process for the proposed hardened campsites. The provision of on-site instructions for use will be provided. The education and camping sections of the plan (p.26 & 32) will provide for this.
10	School #1	Runs trips to the Walls of Jerusalem for Outdoor Leadership classes, consisting primarily of Year 12 students. The Walls provide an excellent venue to look at areas of leadership, navigation and related walking/trip skills . In addition, it provides a unique opportunity for students to experience Tasmanian	Noted, no change to draft plan required.

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		<p>wilderness in a relatively accessible way, fostering a further understanding of how we relate to nature.</p> <p>The ability to run 1-3 night programs including weekends is vital to avoid disruption to other curriculum subjects. We are aware of the potential impact large groups can have on others visiting the area. As such, we ensure that students are well educated on such things as Leave No Trace. Adhering to any set number restrictions is also important.</p>	
11	School #1	<p>Campsite, waste disposal and fire management are certainly of concern and proposed management strategies look sound and well justified. Increasing facilities, though a cost would obviously be involved, should offer some long-term relief to the environment. It could also be good to provide waste bags – as used in areas of New Zealand – and cigarette disposal containers at the park entrance.</p>	<p>Noted, no change to draft plan required.</p> <p>Promotion of carry in-carry out as part of Leave No Trace principles will be promoted (as per p.32-33 of draft plan) and is much more desirable than offering a means to dispose of rubbish on-site.</p>
12	School #1	<p>It is interesting, when conducting school trips, to observe the other park users. More often than not it is private users who lack understanding, care and respect about Park maintenance. More than once students have also pointed this out. I feel that education of the public is of great concern. Your proposal to increase information about the Park would be a beneficial step.</p> <p>I wonder if a field guide would be welcomed by the general public.</p>	<p>Noted, no change to draft plan required. The education strategies proposed will target all users.</p> <p>The draft plan advocates consideration of a saleable product describing history, values and experience of the area (p.33) and this may be a field guide.</p>
13	School #1	<p>Maximum group size certainly needs to be enforced but poses difficulties for school groups where class sizes are often capped at 16 (to ensure a 1:8 ratio on trips – male and female instructor). This can create a group size of 18 in total. I have been lucky in that there are always some students who are unable to attend but worry that the time may come when we are restricted due to size. I wonder if there</p>	<p>Noted, no change to draft plan required. Group sizes of 13 are already large groups, an expansion to 18 would significantly impact on other users and require enlargement of group camping areas. It is not proposed to expand group size limits at the Walls of Jerusalem in this manner. The proposed group booking system will allow groups to book the single group-specific site at Wild Dog Ck. After expansion at</p>

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		are certain tracks that can handle 18 as a maximum – particularly if large-group-only areas can be increased slightly. Generally we use the existing commercial site at Wild Dog which has tent platforms and a communal area. Could it be possible for schools to book this area – which would ensure that only one (or two if expanded) large groups are using a campsite at any one time. This should also improve the experience of other users.	Wild Dog Ck and construction at Dixons Kingdom, an additional group site will be available. See also response to representation 16 (below).
14	School #1	We use the schools exemption when registering and would certainly welcome a formal registration process for all users (starting with large groups) to avoid your reported cases of groups of 22!	Noted, no change to draft plan required.
15	School #1	This area is a location that we have used for off-track navigation . We reduce our group sizes to adhere to restrictions and teach techniques that will reduce the impact on the natural environment. It would be a shame to see this opportunity lost.	Noted, no change to draft plan required. Off-track navigation opportunities will be maintained. If undertaking off-track walking, visitors are currently encouraged to do so in smaller groups (6 or less, and preferably 4, persons); this will continue to be the case.
16	School #1	In my experience commercial groups have a huge impact on private users . Would it be possible, if sites were further developed for commercial users and other large groups, that they be slightly removed from general camping areas?	Noted, no change to draft plan required. Site designs for Wild Dog Ck campsite upgrade and Dixons Kingdom development will provide for separation of commercial & non-commercial group nodes from each other and the other general public camping areas.
17	School #1	Supports new biosecurity measures but notes have observed the cleaning station not working on occasions. Also observed users walking straight past without realising that it was there, or what it was for. Perhaps signage needs to be clearer – or located at the carpark?	Signage will be improved consistent with the broader educational strategies proposed (p. 32-33 of draft plan). Maintenance is an operational matter; observation noted and passed on to field centre.
18	Private individual #4	The draft plan is well written and very accessible .	Noted, no change to draft plan required.

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19	Private individual #4	Some of the more popular walking tracks are becoming degraded . Maybe more signage asking people to stick to the track may be useful. It is probable that school groups with enthusiastic children are more at fault here than other visitors. Maybe school groups could be asked to ensure that their children stick to tracks by explaining the damage that they will do by leaving the track, especially in high impact areas.	Noted, no change to draft plan required. Such educational messages are important and will be communicated to all users as per the strategies outlined in the draft plan (p.31-33).
20	Private individual #4	Walking from the car park up to Wild Dog Creek is quite easy in one day but then you have to camp with other groups or persons and you lose the sense of isolation and privacy that is an essential part of the walking/camping experience . Walking from the car park up to Dixons Kingdom is quite a long pull for one day and I like to break the journey somewhere in the Central Walls area. Maybe a hardened camping area with toilet in the Central Walls area is part of the answer. The hardened camping area could be located away from the main track and the main attractions such as Pool of Bethesda.	Noted, no change to draft plan required. Site designs at Wild Dog Creek and Dixons Kingdom will attempt to separate camping areas as much as possible. Walkers in groups of <7 people will be able to camp at other sites as they wish, but not in the Central Walls area. The Central Walls area is to be declared a no camping area due to its environmental sensitivity and consistent with a long-standing prescription of the TWWHA management plan.
21	Private individual #4	The issue of commercial walking groups needs real examination. I fail to see why my walking and camping experience should be downgraded because someone wants to make money out of a public resource such as national parks.	It is a requirement under the <i>National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002</i> and the TWWHA Management Plan 1999 to provide for recreation and tourism. Commercial walking tours enable a wider range of people to experience the park and, in turn, support its continued reservation. Commercial use is currently a relatively small component of the total use of the Walls area, is managed via the licensing system and the proposed camping infrastructure will limit larger groups to particular sites. It is considered there is no need for additional restrictions at this stage. The creation of separate camping nodes for

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			commercial use at hardened campsites will assist in separating such groups from other users. There are similar issues with larger groups generally.
22	Private individual #4	The toilets at Wild Dog Creek and Dixons Kingdom are essential and any designated camping area with a reasonable number of campers needs a toilet.	Supported; plan changed to add toilet for Lake Adelaide (p. 27).
23	Private individual #5	With regard to the proposals for hardened campsites, I wonder whether you would consider constructing suitable anchor points for hammock camping ? Hammock camping is quite low impact camping. Usually a hammock would be attached to two trees with the use of tree protection straps, however, in the instance of the Wall of Jerusalem campsites it would be simple to construct to upright posts with eye bolts attached in order for hammockers to tie their hammocks. Given the right set up, hammocks can and are used in extremely cold conditions so are suitable to Tasmanian conditions.	Noted, no change to draft plan required. This is an interesting idea and may be considered as part of the site design process for the new hardened campsites.
24	Private individual #6	The draft plan recognises the human impact on this fragile alpine area and, as more people are attracted and use the area, there is a need for PWS to have a staff presence , particularly at peak times.	Supported; no change to draft plan required. The re-introduction of a seasonal track ranger presence is a core part of the draft plan.
25	Private individual #6	As the provision and maintenance of facilities and staffing imposes direct costs to PWS, every opportunity must be taken to gain income from all users . That includes the abolition of exemptions of fees to any particular group or individual who visit this very special area.	Consideration of exemptions from park entry fees are beyond the scope of the plan. Such exemptions (for educational groups, for example) are provided for in Regulation 34 of the <i>National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002</i> . Presentation is an important aspect of World Heritage management and introducing children to the TWWHA and bushwalking is an important responsibility for PWS.
26	Private individual #6	I note (p 10) the word 'Palawa' has been used . This relates only to those Tasmanian Aborigines who are	The term 'Palawa' will be removed from the final plan and the indigenous inhabitants referred to as simply

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		<p>descended from the Bass Strait Islanders. Its use is offensive to me and to others. It should therefore be expunged in this instance.</p> <p>I also find the word 'exploited' has an implication of human abuse, misuse or rip off of the land. More correctly, the Aboriginal population who occupied the upper Mersey valley and the surrounding alpine high country made use of and benefited from the land, rather than 'abused' it.</p>	<p>"Tasmanian Aborigines". The term "exploited" will be altered to "utilisation" in the final plan.</p>
27	Private individual #6	<p>The Walls of Jerusalem area is an outstanding example of an Indigenous Landscape which forms an important part of the cultural heritage and should be more closely considered in this draft. Particularly as this value has already been impacted as per the illustration on the cover with the view of the white walking track that has slashed across this once wild landscape. This impact should be a warning to ensure that measures need to be taken to ameliorate the damage already done and to avoid any such disruption to the Indigenous Landscape cultural heritage values in other areas.</p>	<p>The current landscape of the Walls of Jerusalem is likely much as it was for the last few thousand years during which time indigenous use occurred. Aboriginal modification of the said landscape was likely minimal as activities such as firing seem to have been far less prevalent in this alpine setting (see p. 8 of draft plan) but, regardless, it is acknowledged the area is an Aboriginal landscape and this will be considered, in association with the Aboriginal community in the interpretation plan to be developed for the area. This is noted in the final plan (p. 33)..</p> <p>Consideration of visual impacts of proposed developments is an operational matter and considered as part of PWS's internal Reserve Activity Assessment (RAA) process.</p>
28	Private individual #6	<p>The management of the Walls of Jerusalem area and the protection of values is presently part of the management plans by Hydro Tasmania in their <i>Mersey-Forth Water Management Review (2012)</i>. PWS should perhaps consider linking in with their skills and knowledge as they also have similar management issues in this area.</p>	<p>Noted, no change to draft plan required. The Hydro Tasmania review has focussed on their land and infrastructure. The only potential related issue is an Aboriginal heritage study apparently underway. This will not encompass any part of the Recreation Zone nor likely alter PWS consideration of Aboriginal heritage issues there (p.10 & 58 of draft plan).</p>
29	Private individual #6	<p>As a former commercial eco-tour operator, I consider that whilst such operations are acceptable, the activities by numbers of operators should not be at</p>	<p>Noted, no change to draft plan required. The maximum party size of commercial groups is dictated by their</p>

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		<p>the expense of visits by other recreation users of the area. Also the party size of 13 is considered far too high, especially at peak times.</p>	<p>license to operate but is also required to be consistent with the prescriptions of the PWS Track Classification Policy (Appendix 3 in draft plan). Party sizes up to 13 are acceptable on higher class tracks (i.e. the proposed circuit track but not other lower class tracks). See also response to representation 21.</p>
30	Private individual #6	<p>The five points under the heading <i>Future recreation management</i> (in the draft plan), indicates that PWS is well aware of the many issues that have evolved with increased use of the area. Without ranger staffing, a booking system would be both costly and unacceptable to many users, particularly locals. All promotional material on the area should emphasise small groups and appropriate signage to remind users of their obligations to respect the area and care for its facilities.</p>	<p>Noted, no change to draft plan required. The proposed education strategy (p.31-33 in draft plan) includes an on-site staff presence (track ranger) and the use of a variety of media to promote appropriate behaviour and interpretation messages. The group management proposals aim to maintain freedom for smaller groups.</p>
31	Private individual #7	<p>I have been to the Walls at least once a year for the last 7 years and I have not noticed any significant environmental degradation in the area. The track work has been excellent and walkers tend to stay on the tracks and to camp at Wild Dog Creek or Dixons Kingdom. The area has for decades been grazed by cattle and walked and camped on by bushwalkers. It is a very robust area.</p>	<p>Recreational impacts have not been static over the last few years, or prior to that, as is outlined in the draft plan (p.19-22). Some parts of the area are indeed robust (but not indestructible) but much is sensitive to a range of human impacts. Long term protection of both the environment and the recreational experience is the underlying rationale for plan.</p>
32	Private individual #7	<p>The increase in usage has come about by favourable publicity and the increase in the Overland Track booking fee and the extended Overland Track booking period has not helped.</p>	<p>There is no clear evidence for displacement from the Overland Track (see response to representation 7).</p>
33	Private individual #7	<p>Facilities could be improved by expanding the Wild Dog Creek camping area and more toilets are definitely required. Designated camping areas at Dixons Kingdom and Lake Ball would also be a significant improvement. I strongly approve of those approaches mention in the plan. Larger group camping</p>	<p>Supported; no change to draft plan required. Expanded/hardened campsites are planned for Wild Dog Creek and Dixons Kingdom but not Lake Ball (this site will remain available for smaller groups but there is no space for a major developed campsite; also it is</p>

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		sites for school groups would also be sensible.	another sensitive Pencil Pine forest setting) Separate group camping sites for commercial and non-commercial (eg. schools) groups will be provided at both locations.
34	Private individual #7	There are significant social advantages for more people walking in the bush – it is part of the “Healthy Parks Healthy People” approach and I welcome and encourage this development. Rather than trying to limit the numbers you should be managing the numbers. This means improved facilities.	There is no proposal to limit overall visitation. Improved facilities will include hardened campsites with separate nodes for larger groups, toilets at these sites, and the hardening and upgrading of a southern circuit walk. The plan also proposes a booking system for larger groups, limiting camping options for larger groups to certain sites while allowing greater freedom for smaller groups and promoting a range of Walls experiences (day, overnight base camp & multiday circuit). All these components of the plan are intended to “manage the numbers” and prepare for potential future increased use.
35	Private individual #7	I strongly object to any form of booking system . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can approach the Walls from many directions – a booking system will be totally impractical to control. • A booking system which then becomes a fee paying system will further disenfranchise Tasmanian walkers from walking in their own state. • A booking system will displace walkers to other areas which are not so robust and with far greater environmental damage and ultimate economic cost. 	A registration system for large groups is proposed and is an important component of visitor management. Initially this will apply to commercial, school and outdoor education groups although others will be encouraged to utilise it (see response to representation 114). The planned system will be user-friendly with minimal imposition on walking groups. Smaller groups will not be subject to this registration system. There is no current proposal to introduce fees to the Walls of Jerusalem area (beyond existing park entry fees). The introduction of a web-based booking system for all overnight users will be examined in the medium term (as indicated on p 25 of the draft plan). Such a system would allow upfront education and route information to be distributed; all walkers to find out how busy the

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			<p>Walls will be and decide whether they want to go or not; and would apply equally to all visitors. However a number of issues need to be considered carefully, e.g. the multiple entrances to the zone, through walks that traverse the zone, multi-night stays at campsites, the potential imposition on walkers and potential fees. Hence the proposal to evaluate the business case (i.e. undertake a cost-benefit and feasibility analysis) of such a system over the next few years and see if it is appropriate. PWS's consideration of such a system will allow opportunities for comment by walkers.</p> <p>The potential for spatial displacement is hypothetical and difficult to prove. See also response to representation 7.</p>
36	Private individual #8	I am very impressed with the proposals and am glad that the PWS are aware of the issues currently being experienced in the Walls of Jerusalem.	Noted, no change to draft plan required.
37	Private individual #8	I think the creation of a circuit loop via upgrading the Dixon's Kingdom-Lake Ball track is an excellent idea and should hopefully lead to less impact on the environment in the current 'pad' area in this region. Similarly, improved, expanded and hardened campsites at Wild Dog Creek and Dixon's Kingdom are an excellent way of reducing the impact of bushwalkers.	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
38	Private individual #8	I think walkers in small groups [eg. maximum of 4 or 6] should still have the freedom to camp at will throughout the national park as is currently the case; but any group larger than this should be strictly prohibited from camping at sites other than the major campsites on the proposed circuit loop. As the PWS has aptly identified in its draft plan, large group sizes are a big problem in Tasmania's national parks as they are significantly detrimental to the enjoyment of	<p>Noted, no change to draft plan required.</p> <p>Proposals to manage larger groups while maintaining freedom for smaller groups are a core component of the plan. See response to representations 35 and 114.</p>

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		<p>other users, particularly those in small groups.</p> <p>I think group sizes should be capped in the Walls of Jerusalem; PWS's proposed 'large group registration' system is a good step towards this. Large groups contribute massively to track and environmental degradation; on many occasions, I have seen 'Leave No Trace' and 'minimal impact bushwalking' policies clearly breached, particularly by school groups and large commercial expeditions.</p>	
39	Private individual #8	<p>Larger groups should be capped (for size) and restricted to the area in the 'circuit walk'. These groups should also be appropriately charged for the service PWS provide; perhaps an extra 'large group' fee of \$100-300 should be charged when bookings are made for large parties through the proposed web-based system, and the proceeds used to improve the Walls of Jerusalem camping areas, etc.</p>	<p>Noted, no change to draft plan required.</p> <p>The plan proposes larger (>7) groups are restricted to defined campsites on the 'circuit walk' (Wild Dog Creek, Dixons Kingdom and Lake Adelaide).</p> <p>Re group fees and a possible web-based booking system, see response to representation 35.</p>
40	Private individual #8	<p>I would like to support any moves made to forcibly 'de-publicise' the Walls of Jerusalem as a tourist and bushwalking destination. Books like John Chapman's, and forums like 'Bushwalk Tasmania' are a fantastic resource, but only contribute to increased environmental impact in areas like the Walls of Jerusalem.</p>	<p>Noted, no change to draft plan required. Most forms of publicity are beyond the control of PWS (eg. the internet) but many do provide a conduit for appropriate messages. The education approaches outlined in the draft plan (p.31-33) aim to minimise impacts by promoting appropriate and responsible behaviour to all users.</p>
41	Private individual #9	<p>Overall, it (the draft plan) really hits the mark; A1.</p>	<p>Noted, no change to draft plan required.</p>
42	Private individual #9	<p>I endorse duckboarding or rerouting around sensitive areas such as sphagnum moss beds, as far as budget enables it. This applies to many parks unfortunately and a cheap solution needs to be adopted to maximize the kilometres.</p>	<p>This is an operational matter. Noted; no change to draft plan required.</p>
43	Private individual #9	<p>I support licensed guided parties, although I have never been on one. I have met plenty and they seem to be very good operators, highly 'educational' and</p>	<p>Noted, no change to draft plan required. Promotion of Leave No Trace principles will be a key component of a broad communication strategy for the area.</p>

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		<p>supportive of 'leave no trace' etc.</p> <p>School parties are good to see too but, in my opinion, don't match the environmental and safety standards of commercial groups.</p> <p>Club parties maybe the same; are also organized /'led' groups and most, but not all, would (I think) comply already.</p>	<p>Messages will be disseminated in a variety of ways, including on-site track rangers, signage and off-site media (see p.32-3 of draft plan).</p>
44	Private individual #9	<p>Poor faecal waste disposal practices seem to be a big problem in undeveloped camping areas. Maybe need more in your face signage or something pictorial?</p>	<p>Noted, no change to draft plan required. Such issues and approaches will be considered as part of developing a broad communication strategy for the area.</p>
45	Private individual #9	<p>Pencil pine regeneration seems to be a real problem and needs further study; some trial area could be fenced off from wallabies for a decade or so. Presumably there was a period when regeneration was occurring, I wonder under what conditions?</p>	<p>Supported; no change to draft plan required.</p> <p>Possible research studies are beyond the scope of the Recreation Zone plan but the question is being considered by Departmental botanists and others.</p>
46	Private individual #9	<p>Thistles are getting a hold in places and walkers should be encouraged to pull them.</p>	<p>Weed control is part of day to day operational park management, no change to draft plan required.</p>
47	Private individual #9	<p>Access road is whose responsibility? Maybe should be mentioned in plan.</p>	<p>See response to representation 3.</p>
48	Private individual #10	<p>(The Walls of Jerusalem) is an amazing place and MUST be protected.</p>	<p>Noted, no change to draft plan required.</p>
49	Private individual #10	<p>Priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets - to prevent illness. If this means an extra levy, it should be added onto the annual parks passes. • Hardened camp sites - not new huts. If new huts are built you will get the unprepared walkers heading there and they are a danger to everyone. • Re-route eroded tracks to hard ground or board areas so eroded ground can rehabilitate (cost by parks pass levy - I would pay an extra \$20 per 	<p>Supported; no change to draft plan required.</p> <p>Toilets exist or are proposed for the major hardened campsites.</p> <p>Overnight accommodation huts would be inconsistent with the self-reliant camping experience offered by the area. No overnight accommodation huts are proposed and existing huts are considered emergency shelters only.</p> <p>Hardening or rerouting sections of the Dixons-Ball-</p>

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		pass if it was guaranteed to go to a good cause.	Adelaide loop track is proposed. Comment re additional levy noted.
50	Private individual #10	Follow the example of MAST, where they show the recent improvements , like new boat ramps and jetties in their monthly newsletter . Park users would then know what their levy (entry fee) is going towards.	Facilities improvements and reserve management activities are showcased in the twice yearly Buttongrass magazine (see: www.parks.tas.gov.au/index.aspx?base=5952) as well as on Facebook. No change to draft plan required.
51	Private individual #11	I support the web-based booking system for commercial purposes and large groups , but will this be based on number of tent sites, number of people or both. There has been evidence of some groups in the past spreading out across multiple pads when they could have shared. This leaves it difficult for other parties to get a site.	Noted, no change to draft plan required. The initial booking system for larger groups will be based on group size (7 or more persons will be considered a "large group"). Later consideration of a possible web-based system may consider a range of options. See response to representations 35 and 114.
51	Private individual #11	The circuit past Lake Ball is a terrific idea. It is hard to find the track once you leave Dixon's and head towards Lake Ball. This will certainly protect the vegetation in that area.	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
53	Private individual #11	I would also recommend a toilet at Lake Adelaide if you are putting in camp platforms.	Camp platforms are not proposed immediately at Lake Adelaide (addressing issues at Wild Dog Creek and Dixons Kingdom are a higher priority); rather the site will be monitored and the need assessed. However, the need for a toilet has been identified and will be included in the final plan (see response to representation 91).
54	Private individual #11	Will you also be looking at a water solution like you have a Wild Dog creek at the other campsites? An upgrade to some signage would also be beneficial.	Any hardened campsites will need ready access to water. The best way to provide this may be similar to Wild Dog Creek but options will be considered as part of the site design process.
55	Private individual #11	Non-commercial groups should also contribute by paying a parks pass or similar system as they use the facilities, considering the numbers in your report this is	Noted, no change to draft plan required. The educational discount proposal is beyond the scope

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		significant. In my opinion the educational exemption from paying park fees should be ceased. Maybe an educational discount could be offered instead. This will still provide some funding to maintain the facilities.	of the plan. See response to representation 25.
56	Private individual #11	With the risk of fires, will on the spot fines be issued by rangers if walkers have a fire? This should be considered as a deterrent.	Noted, no change to draft plan required. Track rangers have the power to issue infringement notices.
57	Private individual #11	The interpretation signs at the huts are terrific for providing knowledge about the history. Could additional signs be added about the responsible camping , no fires and the leave no trace message? These could be erected at all the huts and even on the back of the toilet doors.	Noted, no change to draft plan required. Consideration of all such ideas will form part of the approach to education and interpretation for the Walls of Jerusalem (see p.32-34 of plan).
58	Private individual #11	Closing of campfires at Junction Lake Hut and Meston Hut - I support keeping the fireplaces/chimney to ensure the character of the huts is maintained, but could the actual front of the fireplaces be closed or covered over i.e. square fencing wire? I have not seen the inside of these huts to know if this is possible.	Supported; no change to draft plan required. The Junction Lake and Lake Meston huts are outside the Recreation Zone and so are not explicitly covered by the plan. Plans of management for both huts (2000 & 2001 respectively) prescribe maintenance of the hut fabric and hence removal of their chimneys would not be considered an option for preventing fire use. There have been various attempts to block the internal fireplaces but they have subsequently been reopened. PWS will continue to explore effective options here.
59	Private individual #11	For groups wanting to use the park for educational purposes, could a ranger greet the group and provide some face to face education . A ranger based in Wild Dog Creek during the peak reason would also be beneficial. This works successfully in New Zealand national parks.	Noted, no change to draft plan required. A track ranger or management presence, at least during peak periods, is a core component of the plan. One of their tasks would be face-to-face promotion communication with and education of all users.
60	Private individual #12	If you are providing hardened camping areas, like at Wild Dog Creek, you really need to improve the attachment points for tents . We found it extremely difficult there last time to pitch a tent, and almost	Supported; plan changed. See response to representation 9.

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		impossible to pitch more than one per platform. The only attachments are twisted bits of cable and not many of them. Somehow there need to be a lot of attachments all over the platforms, to allow for various size tents, guy ropes, and multiple arrangements of multiple tents.	
61	Private individual #13	I find the key elements of the plan yet again flawed. A simple questioning of the walkers will find that the majority are tourists that either choose not to pay the Overland Track fee or have missed a booking spot. Also increasing usage is due to significant advertising of the area by your organisation and bushwalking magazines. Your plans appear to be designed to force locals out of their traditional areas with promises of better infrastructure that is only required to deal with the tourist numbers and their needs.	<p>With respect to the points raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than half the visitors to the Walls of Jerusalem are Tasmanians. • There is no hard evidence of displacement from the Overland Track (see response to representation 7). • National and international publicity of the Walls of Jerusalem is occurring regardless, and is beyond the control of PWS. • Plans for additional infrastructure are intended to both protect the environment and maintain a quality recreational experience for all users. • There is no intention to force local users out of traditional areas.
62	Private individual #13	Hardening of the tracks is a good thing for the environment and tourists but is not required by the locals. As for fire, yes the area is under threat but again due to tourists that smoke and set up campfires in an effort to survive due to inappropriate equipment choices. Toilet issues are a concern but again are driven by numbers of tourists that lack basic equipment such as digging tools. Parks is also addicted to one type of toilet (fly in and out) and appears unable to explore other options. Why can New Zealand develop acceptable systems avoiding the high cost of helicopters?	<p>Comments regarding track hardening are noted.</p> <p>The issues of fire and appropriate gear choice will be highlighted in education materials (p. 32-33 of draft plan).</p> <p>In Tasmanian alpine settings such as the Walls of Jerusalem it is considered only fully closed toilet systems (i.e. no effluent escape to the environment) are acceptable. Such systems will always require effluent to be physically removed from the site.</p>
63	Private individual #13	I have experienced firsthand the effect whereby an Israel-based travel website has caused inappropriately equipped backpackers to attempt	A range of educational strategies are proposed to better inform potential visitors about appropriate

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		the area. It is considered an “easy” walk requiring minimal equipment and the draft plan further seeks to make this the case. It is also seen as a cheap way to bypass the Overland Track booking and fee system via access from the Never Never area.	behaviour and the experience they might expect (p.32-34 of plan). A group registration/booking system and perhaps, in future, a web-based system for all users provides a mechanism for potential visitors to be appropriately educated and informed.
64	Private individual #13	I am completely at odds with platform camping as what wilderness experience does this provide? Also the tent platforms are generally poorly maintained with a fixing system to replace pegs so ineptly designed to defy logic nor sized to deal with many family sized tents. Instead they are optimised for single tourist’s tents, further demonstrating PWS’s contempt for local families.	Camping platforms have proven demonstrably popular with the majority of walkers (even in more remote areas like the Western Arthurs where they were first trialled) and have made a significant contribution to environmental protection. Re platform design, see response to representation 9.
65	Private individual #13	The plan is yet another attempt to turn a traditional local camping area into a theme park for tourists . PWS has consistently ignored setting aside areas for locals to use, instead appear to be attempting to drive them out with additional fees and a booking system that is completely at odds with planning for the weather (a very sound Tasmanian practice of making walking decisions based on the most recent weather forecast).	Re booking and fees, see response to representation 35. Only larger groups of 7 or more people will be required to book, smaller groups retain their current flexibility. The proposed track and camping infrastructure are intended to reduce the potential for further environmental impacts and facilitate directing visitors towards an appropriate recreational experience within the Walls area.
66	Private individual #13	My primary concern is the forced use of platforms and “designated” tracks is at odds with the traditional users . Such things will merely serve to benefit ill-equipped tourists. Additionally, having just completed the Overland Track I have strong doubts over Parks’ asset management skills as many board walks are in a poor state of repair and dangerous with numerous designs demonstrating a lack of standardised drawings, the corner stone of an asset management system approach. Basically the quality of infrastructure promised on the Overland Track has not happened so unlikely to happen as promised by the	With respect to the points raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only larger groups of 7 or more people will be required to use designated campsites (with platforms when constructed), at Wild Dog Creek, Dixons Kingdom and Lake Adelaide. Smaller groups can continue to select their own sites (although there will be no camping within the Central Walls area). • Upgrade and repair of aging infrastructure on the Overland Track is progressing but time consuming.

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		Walls plan.	Standardised designs are being developed.
67	Private individual #13	The area should be left as a traditional area and preferably classified for only Tasmanian use . Why do tour company's demands for platforms and board walkers take precedent over traditional users? Parks has forced locals away from the Overland Track with creeping growth of the fee payment systems and attempts to restrict access to areas adjacent to but not on the Overland Track. Why are northern users being disadvantage by booking systems and additional fees while southern areas remain as is?	<p>With respect to the points raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is not possible or equitable to exclude a section of the public from accessing public land based on their place of residence. Furthermore, the Act does not allow for it (see response to representation 21). • Camping platforms and hardened tracks are constructed to protect the environment and minimise the impact of all users. They are popular with both commercial and non-commercial users. • Booking systems are implemented only when they are the most practical means of managing visitation and impacts. A booking system will also operate on the Three Capes Track in the south.
68	Private individual #13	<p>The plan is flawed in concept and design as all it will do is drive locals away and increase damage done by tourists that see boardwalks as an easy and "safe" track to the OLT area.</p> <p>I request that the plan be scrapped until Parks can clearly define what are the users it intends to service for the area. Once the users are identified then it will be apparent what infrastructure is required.</p>	<p>There is no evidence tourists have and do cause any more impact than local visitors, and more than half the visitors to the Walls of Jerusalem are Tasmanian. There is no intention to "drive locals away" but there is a management requirement to protect the environment and offer all users a valued experience.</p> <p>See also response to representation 65.</p>
69	Private individual #14	<p>In essence the plan makes for sound reading and makes perfect sense.</p> <p>The creation of a loop track and limiting camping to hardened platforms is quite acceptable.</p> <p>The signage re fires being enhanced also is a positive (I have witnessed fire places which is not acceptable and a poor reflection on the users of the park)</p>	Noted, no change to draft plan required.
70	Private individual #14	<p>The only part of the plan I have a potential issue with is the "web based booking system".</p> <p>I fear that unacceptable fees will be brought in to</p>	<p>See response to representation 35.</p> <p>The point regarding cost to families on the Overland</p>

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		<p>access WOJ which similar to the Overland Track would discourage usage. To put this into context I hike with my wife and 3 children which makes the Overland Track an unaffordable option @ \$170 each.</p> <p>I fully understand that improvements cost money however a higher annual parks fee might be a better option. If a user pays system is implemented then as WOJ is the main area I visit, then I would question the value of an annual all parks pass.</p>	<p>Track has been noted and passed on to Overland Track managers for consideration.</p>
71	Private individual #15	<p>I believe the following steps would all help protect the Walls of Jerusalem Recreation Zone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of tracks, toilets and camping facilities • Employment of a track ranger (I am horrified that people are lighting fires in such a delicate area nearly 25 years since the FSOA was declared). Advertising and invoking substantial fines and sanctions on the perpetrators would be made more likely by a track ranger presence • Educational efforts to promote best practice bushwalking • Monitoring of usage and of any changes in vegetation and water quality. 	<p>Supported; no change to draft plan required.</p>
72	Private individual #15	<p>The Walls is such an outstandingly important bushwalking destination the standard aimed for should be that of a hardened track for the entire walking circuit from Trappers Hut to Wild Dog Creek to Lake Ball to Lake Adelaide and return. However, I believe that a lower priority could be given to the section of track from Lake Adelaide back to Lake Loane; most of it is in much better condition than the confusing de facto multi-optioned tracks that has developed between Lake Adelaide and Dixons via Lake Ball.</p>	<p>Supported; no change to draft plan required.</p> <p>The main aim is that the track be stable and a condition appropriate to its classification. This is unlikely to require continuous hardening as some sections are robust. Regarding priorities, it is recognised that the Lake Adelaide - Lake Loane track is in generally acceptable condition and so this section would likely be addressed last in any staged hardening of the Dixons-Ball-Adelaide circuit track.</p>

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73	Private individual #15	I am not opposed to the closure of the lakeside campsite at Lake Adelaide near the junction of the Junction Lake and Lake Ball tracks. The alternative option some 150 metres away seems preferable for several reasons.	Noted, no change to draft plan required.
74	Private individual #15	Care will need to be taken with the design of the further development of the Wild Dog Creek camping area , so that it does not become unappealing to visitors.	Noted, no change to draft plan required. Such issues (including the visual impact of the new platforms) will be considered during the site design process.
75	Private individual #15	It seems very important that targeted monitoring of educational groups by track rangers be introduced. Track rangers' days on duty should be managed so that they are able to closely check Educational Groups which have been a major source of non-compliance and other problems in the past. A strict ceiling of 13 (the same as for commercial groups) should be placed on this visitor sector.	Noted, no change to draft plan required. Track ranger's duty rosters are an operational matter but the suggestion has been noted and part of their task will be to ensure compliance with group policy.
76	Private individual #15	Most overnight and extended walks undertaken by local Tasmanian bushwalking clubs have voluntarily-imposed restrictions on group size. Given this fact and that the average party size is below 3 (an average clearly reduced by small privately-organised walking parties), it is problematic whether an across-the-board booking system would be beneficial to the Walls environs.	Noted; hence the need to operate the proposed large group booking system for some time and assess whether a further system is required. See response to representation 35.
77	Private individual #16	I support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The construction of a camping area near Dixons Kingdom. • The construction of a track from the Kingdom to Lake Ball, and suggest that a route on the eastern side of Jaffa Vale, on the lower slopes of the Great Pine Tier be investigated. • The construction of a camping area at Lake Adelaide. • Upgrading of the current track from Lake 	The hardening of various camping areas and tracks is supported, hence no change to draft plan required, but the priorities will be considered in an operational context. The Lake Ball and Solomons Jewels track re-route suggestions have been noted and will be considered.

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		<p>Adelaide to north of Lake Loane, so as to complete a southern circuit of good standard.</p> <p>Further, I suggest that a thorough investigation be made of a possible new route for the northern end of the track past Solomons Jewels to Wild Dog Creek before any more work is done on the existing track - a shift downhill and to the west would take out an unnecessary climb and descent, and become part of the upgraded track north from Lake Adelaide, thereby avoiding the bog north of Lake Loane.</p>	
78	Private individual #16	<p>I am disturbed that a key desired outcome is restricted to "No campfires are lit", a very limiting objective. A much broader and meaningful objective is needed, that would take note of what is the major risk to the vegetation of the Recreation Zone, fires invading from the lower lands to the north, in the Park (noting that the changes to land tenure consequent on the Tasmanian Forest Agreement have materially added to the land in the Park), and from outside it.</p> <p>This matter is recognised on page 30 but is dismissed as an external factor "beyond the scope of this plan". It may be outside the current scope of this draft plan, but it needs to be dealt with as a matter of urgency. A general plan for managing fires in the Park (and up-wind areas of State forest) would be the best solution so that an outcome (see Appendix 4, Outcome 3) such as " No wildfires have impacted on the vegetation of the Recreation Zone" could be sought.</p> <p>The Lake Rowallan wildfire of late last century can be considered to be foretaste of what is likely to occur in the sub-alpine and alpine areas of the Park. It killed very significant areas of alpine communities on Mount Rogoona, and pencil pine and fagus forest and shrublands in the vicinity of Lakes Ball, Bill, Meston and Myrtle. That fire started as a fisherman's campfire</p>	<p>The Key Desired Outcome of "no campfires are lit" (in the Recreation Zone) was selected as this is a simple indicator that can and will be readily monitored.</p> <p>While beyond the explicit scope of the Recreation Zone plan, the broader (but no less important) issue of wildfires originating beyond the boundaries of the recreation zone or national park are and will be addressed as part of the PWS Northern Region Strategic Fire management Plan (2009). Under the current version of the Bushfire Risk Assessment (BRAM) model used by this plan the natural values at potential risk in the Walls of Jerusalem area are considered "extreme". Any wildfire threatening these values, whether external or internal to the Recreation Zone, would be a high priority for suppression. The Fire section of the final plan will be modified to clarify this (see p. 22 & 30 of plan).</p>

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		on the shore of Lake Rowallan.	
79	Private individual #16	<p>Mature pines in the stand on the south eastern side of The Temple are falling apart in significant numbers and others are dying on their feet, with regeneration conspicuous by its absence, which is in accord with the observations on page 8 that regeneration of pencil pine is rare in all of its range, with the cause(s) being very poorly understood. But the only action prescribed in the draft plan is monitoring of the situation, whilst the features noted above have occurred for many years; it is certain that neither the "great" nor the "acceptable" results will be met. Why is nothing to be done to establish regeneration? At least on an experimental basis, given that it is unreasonable to expect over-mature trees to re-juvenate.</p>	<p>Agreed that KDO 8 in draft plan ("pencil pine forest at Dixons Kingdom maintained in healthy condition") is unrealistic given what is known and prescribed in the plan. Active regeneration efforts (or other methods) require a better understanding of the causes of the issue. KDO 8 to be changed to <i>Improved understanding of the health of the Pencil Pine forest at Dixons Kingdom and the conditions affecting it</i>, with appropriate modifications to the results considered acceptable, etc.</p>
80	Private individual #17	<p>I support the policy directions and plans outlined in the draft plan for the Walls of Jerusalem NP. In particular I support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seasonal ranger presence, particularly for educative purposes re fire and camping impacts. • Strict limit on group size and conditions imposed upon larger groups. • Camping excluded within Walls basin. <p>Taking the long term view, further research should be undertaken into the failure of pencil pine regeneration.</p>	<p>Supported; no change to draft plan required. Re research into Pencil Pine regeneration, see response to representation 79.</p>
81	Private individual #18	<p>I have walked numerous times in the Walls of Jerusalem area. I have walked with people who have never bushwalked before, and have always seen this area as a fantastic place to take new comers to bushwalking to demonstrate how beautiful walking can be.</p>	<p>Noted, no change to draft plan required.</p>
82	Private individual #18	<p>I have stayed in the park both prior to and since the hardening of Wild Dog Creek camping area. I think that this has been a great addition to the park. Rather than</p>	<p>In developing the proposal to establish a new hardened campsite at Dixons Kingdom and also promote Lk Adelaide (as part of the circuit option)</p>

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		<p>placing a hard camp site at Lk Adelaide (a boggy, wet cold site and I will never camp their again) - why not build a proper camp site at Lake Ball (with toilet), and do away with the camp site at Dixon Kingdom hut? This would provide this very sensitive site with the ability to remediate - whilst allowing walkers to either set up a base camp at Lake Ball, or Wild Dog Creek to explore the other features of the area. If you are trying to convince people to do a circuit - then why build a bigger campsite at Dixon's - isn't this too close to Wild Dog Creek to be worth it to most groups?</p>	<p>many issues were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dixons Kingdom is a well-known and promoted camping destination (2nd-most popular after Wild Dog Creek) and the reasons are clear. Changing such long-established use would be very difficult. • Existing use requires additional robust (hardened) camping capacity in the vicinity of the Central Walls area. Merely expanding the Wild Dog Ck campsite will not provide this. • Lake Adelaide has robust non-boggy campsites to the north of the lake (although hardening may be required in the long term). • Many factors must be considered in designing a new large hardened campsite. It is unlikely a site sufficiently large or robust could be found at Lake Ball.
83	Private individual #18	<p>I would also suggest a bigger campsite at Lake Meston - near the old hut, to allow the more adventurous walkers to have a destination before they attempt the Never Never.</p>	<p>Lake Meston lies beyond the boundary of the Recreation Zone and so is not explicitly covered by the plan. Nevertheless, emerging issues in such adjacent areas have been noted (see page 23 of draft plan) and will be considered as part of the overall management of the national park.</p>
84	Private individual #18	<p>The thing that you seem to miss is the use from the east. As the partner of a fisherman, we have spent many trips walking to and from the walls from the east. Whilst you probably don't want to promote these alternative access routes into the Walls - there is possibly a fair bit of use in this direction. This is also where the counter numbers may not match with walker use in the area? Plus for those driving from Hobart- you get to start your walk much earlier in the day - and you can get into the walls fairly quickly via this method.</p>	<p>The areas noted lie to the east beyond the boundary of the Recreation Zone. This is a Self-reliant Recreation Zone (see p.7 of draft plan) and wide promotion of walking options therein is undesirable. Nevertheless, it is known that some visitors access the Recreation Zone from this direction (numbers are unknown, but are unlikely to be very high) and this will be made clearer in the plan.</p>
85	Private individual #18	<p>As to promoting walks in the area, I think that by not recommending some of the key peaks to climb, you</p>	<p>The tracks to Mt Jerusalem, Solomons Throne and The Temple have been hardened and so comprise the</p>

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		will continue to promote the proliferation of different access to peaks/ locations that are not well known - or are promoted by the web/ walking clubs etc. Personally you are better off to sign post these, indicate that they are difficult etc but make them clearly sign posted/marked on maps etc.	preferred side-track experiences. Use of these tracks will be further encouraged as part of general user education (p.32-34 of draft plan). This will be explicitly noted in the plan.
86	Private individual #18	You should be charging commercial operators a decent sum of money.	Licensed operators pay licence fees. This matter is outside scope of plan, no change required.
87	Private individual #19	The Walls of Jerusalem is one of the more iconic destinations within the state. Unfortunately, I too have noticed the degradation caused by increased human traffic which is regrettable. However, if it is suggested the Tasmanian economy is to hang its hat on its pristine environment and reserved areas. Therefore I completely disagree with the limiting of party size . If economically the state is to survive, the area should continue to be promoted and infrastructure upgraded accordingly. The true cost of supplying adequate infrastructure and personnel should be determined and users charged accordingly .	The proposal to limit party sizes (and the sites that larger parties can camp) is part of a package of measures to manage the social and environmental impact of visitation. There is no proposal to limit total visitor numbers. Management of this sensitive alpine area involves striking the best balance between protection of the park's special values and appropriate levels of use and development, bearing in mind the range of other natural area destinations in Tasmania. See also response to representation 172. The broader issue of a user pays approach to Park management is beyond the scope of the plan. The point is noted and has been passed on to PWS business managers for consideration.
88	Private individual #20	I have one question for you regarding the Walls of Jerusalem proposal - will you start charging fees for regular usage ? As I am a regular user with a two year National Parks Pass, I hope this beautiful park is not going to be turned into another government cash cow.	See response to representation 35.
89	Private individual #21	I would support a properly formed and marked track from Dixon's Kingdom to Lake Ball , to replace the rather degraded and boggy route that currently exists. That is a connection I have used a few times to complete a circuit from the Bernes Valley around to the	Noted, no change to draft plan required. Re walkers transiting the Recreation Zone, see response to representation 119.

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		<p>Powena Creek valley.</p> <p>If ever a booking system, or limits, were to be introduced, I would hope that walkers not intending entering the Recreation Zone any further than this particular through-route and not intending to camp or use the facilities in any way, would not be restricted from doing so.</p>	
90	Private individual #21	<p>Regarding the Pencil Pine forest at Dixons Kingdom, this is so precious that I would support whatever measures you decide are worth implementing to protect against fire. Personally, I would avoid camping among those trees simply because they are too precious to risk losing to an accidental fire from a stove or whatever.</p>	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
91	Commercial operator #1	<p>I fully support the proposals, and only suggest that you consider a toilet at Lake Adelaide as a priority before even building platforms there.</p> <p>Other campsites have toilets, whereas Lake Adelaide does not and even though, ideally, platforms should accompany toilets, visitors are going to camp there come what may, so a toilet is a must.</p>	Supported; the need for a toilet has been identified and will be included in the final plan (see p.27 in final plan).
92	Commercial operator #1	<p>The other concern I have is the access road. I know this is a Forestry Tasmania responsibility, however I generally destroy a bus tyre each time driving up to the carpark at Fish River and this represents a very real disincentive to visit the park. Perhaps you can put some pressure on Forestry to improve the road access?</p>	See response to representation 3.
93	Commercial operator #2	<p>There is an enormous range of possibilities depending on the "management vision" for the place, and TWE business interests might be different from Parks' general view (i.e. keep everyone else out). But, given the access and heavy use, a hut like that at New Pelion near Dixons Kingdom is probably a</p>	Plan proposals have been carefully developed to be best fit with the values of the area and the visitor experience of a relatively wild nature (see many other comments, such as 94 and 99). The need for a hut needs to be considered in the context of the recreational opportunities offered by Recreation Zones

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		sensible consideration (perhaps with a section or annex for groups), and installation of toilets near Lake Adelaide probably sensible re-protecting water sources from pollution.	State-wide. A major accommodation hut at the Walls of Jerusalem would not be consistent with the self-reliant camping experience the area offers (see p. 1-2 of draft plan). Furthermore, huts are expensive to build and maintain and, because the plan area is very accessible, it is not considered appropriate. Regarding a toilet at Lake Adelaide, this is supported, see response to representation 91.
94	Private individual #22	I am very glad that the Walls have been identified as an area that needs more work put into it . I have visited the Walls a number of times and it rates on my list as the best wilderness experience in Tasmania in terms of quality, quantity, variety and especially accessibility.	Noted, no change to draft plan required.
95	Private individual #22	An actual track from Dixons to Lake Ball is crucial. Without this, walkers will continue to walk where they want and damage the area. I must admit, I have walked down to Ball a few times, always via a different route. While I really enjoyed the adventure of this, I would have used a track if it were available. I also really enjoy camping at Lake Ball too. A campsite on the eastern end of Ball would be great.	Noted, no change to draft plan required. It is not proposed to develop additional large hardened campsites beyond those proposed, but unimproved sites, like that east of Lake Ball, will remain available for camping by smaller groups.
96	Private individual #22	Every time I have been to the Walls, I have camped at Wild Dog Creek. The platforms are excellent, but there aren't enough of them . I just hope you're planning on putting in a significant number of additional platforms. Have you considered a platform and possibly even a roof for a communal cooking/eating area? Similar to what is there for the group area, but for smaller groups to congregate.	Additional platforms are proposed for the Wild Dog Creek campsite. Supports for a tarpaulin shelter will be considered as part of the site design for the additional larger group sites proposed for Wild Dog Creek and Dixons Kingdom but not for the non-group sites. This is consistent with the self-reliant camping experience that the area offers (see p. 1-2 of draft plan).
97	Private individual #22	While I have camped in the central Walls and absolutely loved it, I can understand the rationale for stopping this. It is such an important area. I haven't	Supported; no change to draft plan required.

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		ever camped at Dixons - there isn't much there to interest me, but I have certainly seen others camping there in the past.	
98	Private individual #22	It might be worth investigating improving the track from Solomons Throne to King Davids Peak - along the West Wall. This is a fantastic walk and gives amazing views of the central Walls area. A track from King Davids Peak down to the Lake Adelaide track would be great too and allow for a circuit walk.	Both these routes are and will continue to be managed as routes (with the King Davids Pk - Lk Adelaide route essentially trackless). As such they provide a more challenging off-track option for experienced walkers. The West Wall route has some track development from walker use but the environmental impact is not such that hardening is considered necessary or desirable.
99	Private individual #23	I would like to support the continuance of self-reliance in this wilderness area, and the ongoing exclusion of fire. I also support the formalising of the circuit walk , and whilst I am aware of the need to reduce environmental impact, it is important that this track be kept challenging, reflecting the nature of the area.	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
100	Private individual #23	For the changes proposed to be successful, it is essential that a ranger be present during the peak walking season , as without this presence it is unlikely the current situation of inappropriate group sizes will continue. It is really critical that the proposed changes for group booking management are implemented, even though I am aware there will be considerable push back against this.	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
101	Private individual #23	There is an increasing use of the Walls to access the Overland Track via the Never Never. This area is clearly outside the scope of this plan, however, the connectivity between the Overland Track Recreation Zone and the Walls of Jerusalem Recreation Zone ought to be acknowledged, especially due to the anecdotal accounts of increasing numbers of walkers try to access through this area.	The connectivity between the Walls of Jerusalem and Overland Track via the Mersey lakes corridor will be more explicitly noted and the Overland Track Recreation Zone Plan referenced in the final version of the Walls of Jerusalem plan.

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102	Commercial operator #3	Tasmanian Expeditions welcomes and supports the current draft schedule for the major actions prescribed in the Walls of Jerusalem management plan.	Noted, no change to draft plan required.
103	Commercial operator #3	We support fully the introduction of a groups register/booking system to ensure that mass use at one time is diverted as long as the emphasis of the system is in being in favour of exclusive booking dates for current long term commercial operators such as Tasmanian Expeditions.	Supported; no change to draft plan required. The group booking system has yet to be designed but, certainly once the group platforms exist at both Wild Dog Ck and Dixons Kingdom, the intent is that there is provision for exclusive booking of these.
104	Mountain Huts Preservation Society	The MHPS supports prohibition of camping in the Pencil Pine and grassy area around the immediate vicinity of Dixons Kingdom hut and new camping site with relocation of the existing toilet facility, in a sheltered area, outside of the hut view field but within a short walk of Dixons Kingdom hut.	Supported; no change to draft plan required. The site design process for the proposed new hardened camping area at Dixons Kingdom will consider all these issues.
105	Mountain Huts Preservation Society	The MHPS supports the ongoing preservation, protection and maintenance of the historic huts within the area covered under the plan.	Supported; no change to draft plan required. Plans of management for the Dixons Kingdom, Lake Ball and Trappers huts exist and will continue to guide future maintenance. The ongoing involvement of the MHPS is welcomed.
106	Mountain Huts Preservation Society	The MHPS supports the closing of fireplaces at the Lake Meston and Junction Lake huts . The solutions are NOT to include removal of the chimneys from these huts.	Agreed, see response to representation 58.
107	Mountain Huts Preservation Society	The placing of a full capture toilet facility at the northern end of the Lake Adelaide camping area is also sought.	Supported, see response to representation 91.
108	Private individual #24	The importance of re-introducing the Track Ranger programme into the Park cannot be over-emphasised, especially as it is all too apparent that many concerning impacts in this and other National Parks have appeared since this programme was wound up.	Supported; no change to draft plan required. It is envisaged that any staff or volunteer operating in the area on behalf of PWS would be provided with an effective communication device.

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		<p>If campsite hosts are to be used as a cost-saving substitute, or to support the Track Rangers, these people should be issued with satellite phones so that they can call for reinforcements if necessary or report illegal activities or emergency situations such as bushfires.</p>	
109	Private individual #24	<p>While I can see the reasons for PWS trying to find a suitable location for a hardened campsite in the vicinity of Dixons Kingdom hut (after all, people have been either staying in the hut or camping nearby for the last 50 years or so) I think that the potential risk to the priceless Pencil Pine forest outweighs all other considerations. I suggest looking for a suitable location further down Jaffa Vale, perhaps close to Lake Ball, which would be an attractive and appealing site.</p> <p>And the public would need to be educated and informed about the reasons for this – most people “do the right thing” once they understand the reasons for the changes.</p>	<p>The location of the proposed hardened campsite will form part of the broader site design process and any preferred location will then be subject to PWS’s environmental assessment (RAA) process.</p> <p>See also response to representation 209.</p>
110	Private individual #24	<p>I strongly support the proposed online booking system, not only for management purposes but also because it provides an opportunity to educate walkers about LNT and the particular issues for this Park.</p> <p>It is worth promoting (on the PWS website?) the benefits of the booking system for all walkers planning to visit the Park – that booking provides a way for walkers to find out when large groups, especially school groups, will be in the area, and they may wish to plan their own dates and movements accordingly.</p> <p>I also think that PWS should not be afraid of resistance to the idea of booking from some of the older bushwalking fraternity – younger walkers are used to and expect to do a lot of their gathering of information, planning and booking via the Web (if not by phone apps).</p>	<p>These issues will be considered as part of the proposed medium-term assessment of a web-based booking system for all overnight visitors (as per p.25 of draft plan). See also response to representation 35.</p>

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111	Private individual #24	I would like to congratulate PWS on this draft Recreation Plan and on taking the step of involving stakeholder groups , and hope that the Plan will serve as a model for other national parks in Tasmania.	Noted, no change to draft plan required.
112	Private individual #25	<p>We strongly support upgrading the well-traversed circuit route. We also support additional camping infrastructure. More toilet facilities will improve the experience for all guests especially around the popular campsites. BUT concerns regarding the environmental risk of locating platforms in Dixons Kingdom hut vicinity.</p> <p>All upgrades must have adequate funding for upkeep and maintenance or the overall result of intervention is an increase in visitor numbers and further degradation of infrastructure and the environment.</p>	<p>Supported; no change to draft plan required. See also response to representation 109.</p> <p>The plan will provide a good basis for securing funding for ongoing management of the area.</p>
113	Private individual #25	We are concerned that camping for groups of more than six will be limited , especially if those groups are constrained to only camping on the platforms in the Recreation Zone	This is the intent of the plan, thus limiting potential impacts from larger groups at other sites, maintaining the freedom of smaller groups and so encouraging smaller groups (which have less environmental and social impacts) generally.
114	Private individual #25	<p>If implemented a group booking system must be well designed and simple (or it will not be used or respected and policing will be problematic).</p> <p>Predicting the size of parties who may attend a trip we co-ordinate for the (Deloraine) walking club is difficult and reasonably last minute. We adjust the length and grade of the walks to accommodate walker's needs and the weather conditions. We would like to be able book group camping sites from at least two days before our intended departure, and we would like to know how many tents will fit at those camp sites.</p> <p>We do not support a compulsory booking system for all walkers for the entire Recreation Zone. It would be imposing.</p>	<p>It is now proposed a registration system for larger groups will apply initially only to commercial, school and outdoor education groups, with other larger groups being encouraged to register. This will allow information sharing and aid PWS in developing and trialling a more comprehensive group campsite booking system. Once the proposed new group campsites have been established and a comprehensive group camping booking system is in place, all groups of 7 or more members will be required to book to camp within the Recreation Zone. See p. 31-32 of the final plan</p> <p>Regarding a potential booking system for all users, see</p>

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			response to representation 35.
115	Private individual #25	<p>While we don't object to registering as a large party of eight or more, we suggest that increasing the size of the group before restricting the party to the group camping platforms would be fairer and more reflective of the Track Classification Scheme. We would like the group size to increase to between eight and thirteen before group restrictions apply, although we feel a tent number based group booking trigger is fairer than party number.</p>	<p>While the PWS Track Classification System (TCS) recommends a maximum group size of 8 for lower class (<T3) tracks, it also notes that "party sizes of 6 or less will be encouraged". In order to be both consistent with this and provide the freedom for smaller groups to wander and camp at will on all lower class tracks (including trackless routes), the draft plan defines larger groups as 7 or more persons. Thirteen is the maximum group size recommended by the TCS for the highest grade tracks and campsites, and therefore the largest party size appropriate for any setting, so setting this as the size before registration etc is required would be meaningful.</p> <p>In some respects a tent-based booking trigger may be desirable, but social and many environmental impacts are largely related to people. Furthermore, recommendations and regulations based on party size are long-established and recognised here and overseas. As a general principle, encouraging the sharing of tents (minimising the number of tents) in a party of any size is desirable and should be encouraged.</p> <p>Any booking system should aim to be as fair and equitable as possible and an approach that applies consistently to all users is preferred.</p>
116	Private individual #25	<p>Ideally, applying existing restrictions to commercial and school groups and then only restricting non commercial users around the Dixon's Kingdom hut area would constitute a fair solution for all users, and strikes a balance between conservation and the freedom to enjoy such a beautiful place relatively unhindered.</p>	<p>Plan proposals have been carefully considered and are considered as fair as possible. See also responses to representations 34, 38 and 114.</p>

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117	North West Walking Club	The existing car-park is inadequate and gives a poor first impression, and there is a need for toilets at the car park. While we appreciate that the car park is outside the Walls of Jerusalem National Park, joint arrangements with the area's current managers need to be made to improve the car-park, which becomes congested at peak times. We propose that priority should be given to enlarging the car-park and installing toilets, as well as some basic shelter.	Re car park, see response to representation 3. The proposal for a toilet has merit and will be investigated. There are existing toilets at the Mersey Whitewater Forest Reserve, about 3km north of Rowallan Dam. These will be promoted in any future access material prepared by PWS.
118	North West Walking Club	We support the development of a circuit track as proposed via Lake Adelaide and Lake Ball, but believe that this should only be pursued as a second priority to bringing the existing track from the Fish River car-park to the Walls up to a T1 standard. If the track standard is good, degradation of the area is minimised. (and note that this was achieved with 1990s reroute between Trappers Hut and Solomons Jewels).	Noted, no change to draft plan required. While there are aspects of the main access track that do not meet T1 standards the track is largely stable and merely requires some maintenance. In contrast, sections of the proposed circuit track have and are actively degrading (see p. 19-21 of draft plan); hence the plan considers these areas a priority.
119	North West Walking Club	There should be unrestricted access for walkers to transit the Walls as a means of gaining access to areas beyond. This may not be a common event, so any effects are inconsequential.	Walkers transiting the Recreation Zone would be encouraged to comply with group size recommendations that apply for the relevant track class (see p.53 of draft plan). Walking corridors in areas beyond the Recreation Zone comprise lower class tracks (T3 or less) or routes. If the group sizes recommended or encouraged for such tracks are complied with there is no issue.
120	North West Walking Club	We agree that managing future degradation would be best achieved by providing additional hardened surfaces at the commonly used campsites . Our club considers that this will be best achieved by concentrating development at the Wild Dog Creek site. We strongly believe that there should be a separately located facility within this area to accommodate commercial groups, school and scout groups. We are of the opinion that no more development	Supported; no change to draft plan required. Separate groups camping areas for commercial and non-commercial groups are proposed for both Wild Dog Creek and Dixons Kingdom sites. The site design process for the proposed campsite development at Dixons Kingdom will address the stated concerns. See also response to representation 20.

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		should take place too close to the Dixons Kingdom historic hut, but support construction of additional hardened campsites, with toilets, within that general vicinity.	
121	North West Walking Club	The increase and development of campsite locations is premised in the report on a projected increase in the number of visitors to the area . This would appear to be contradicted by estimated visitor numbers indicated in the report (and) agrees with the observed experience of our members. Unless there is a strategy implemented for increasing visitor numbers, then the evidence would suggest that there is unlikely to be any significant increase in the next few years.	Most of the proposals in the draft plan aim to address issues with existing visitation and do not presume an increase (although recent data indicates the 2012-13 season has seen an increase compared to immediately preceding seasons).
122	North West Walking Club	The proposal to phase out all camping within the central Walls area is sound and supported by our club, as it will protect water quality and limit the potential for any future localised damage to vegetation.	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
123	North West Walking Club	The draft plan presents no proposals as yet for campsite development and toilets at Lake Adelaide or Lake Ball as part of the proposed circuit walk. We accept that these campsites have potential as they are both at lower altitude and are relatively sheltered.	The need for hardening of the Lake Adelaide site will be considered in the future (see p.27 of draft plan). The need for a toilet will be considered in the interim (see response to representation 91). It is not proposed to promote or harden a campsite at Lake Ball but to allow its continued use as an unimproved site for smaller (6 or less) groups.
124	North West Walking Club	The NWWC is strongly opposed to the requirement that parties of larger than six must register prior to any walk. We consider such a quota limit to be unnecessarily restrictive. (noting that clubs are responsible, practice LNT and that there are many factors that determine the appropriate size of a party).	The plan proposal that parties of 7 or more register (and ultimately book) aims to ensure that there is adequate appropriate space available for group camping and that other users might be informed of the presence of larger groups. This is intended to limit negative social and environmental impacts of multiple large groups visiting together (see p.25 of draft plan). No overall quota is proposed. See also response to

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			representations 114 and 115.
125	North West Walking Club	NWWC members are strongly opposed to the introduction of any formal booking scheme that may affect them and other visitors to the area, with the exception of commercial and educational groups. (noting concerns re justification and administrative costs).	See response to representations 114, 116 and 124.
126	North West Walking Club	It has been suggested that overnight fees may be considered for introduction in the future. If there is any consideration of this, the North West Walking Club is strongly opposed to the concept. (noting that members already contribute via park fees, taxes and volunteer work).	See response to representation 35.
127	North West Walking Club	The NWWC is supportive of any initiative to enhance ranger presence in the area during the peak summer months. These rangers could be volunteers for periods, to help control costs. The approach of any rangers should be one of providing a gentle presence through education of visitors in good camping and walking practice.	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
128	Anglers Alliance Tasmania	The PWS are commended for this timely initiative to reduce visitor impact on this fragile alpine wilderness. Anglers Alliance Tasmania generally supports the recommendations, especially the requirement to register groups of 7 or more . We suggest a maximum party size of 10, including school or commercial groups. These provisions, along with education, are the key to enjoying and sustaining a low impact 'wilderness experience' in the area.	Supported; no change to draft plan required. Maximum recommend group sizes are linked to the PWS Track Classification System (appendix 3 in the draft plan) and relate to different track class settings, but 13 is the maximum group size. See also response to representation 115.
129	Anglers Alliance Tasmania	To ensure these practices are carried out it would be necessary to have a permanent ranger or track monitor employed in the park, at least during the busiest months.	Supported; no change to draft plan required. A track ranger presence is proposed (p.32 of draft plan).

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130	Anglers Alliance Tasmania	Given climate change, that fires can be kept out of the park indefinitely is unrealistic. We suggest that PWS together with experienced fire personnel develop strategies to mitigate fire risk, particularly to sensitive areas such as the stands of Pencil Pines.	See response to representation 78.
131	Anglers Alliance Tasmania	The park approaches are in need of attention ; the road from Mersey Forest Rd to the car park badly needs upgrading and a toilet at the car park should be reinstated urgently	See response to representations 3 and 117.
132	Private individual #26	To manage the Walls Recreation Zone in a way that is fair to users and to keep it in the best possible condition is not an easy task. I heartily endorse commitment to conversation with user groups. I endorse many of your Key Desired Outcomes and have only commented on the issues that as a long time user I feel I must bring to your notice. (see below)	Noted; specific responses below.
133	Private individual #26	Agree with principle of designating camping sites and identifying a maximum group size able to camp at particular sites (p.24:3 of draft plan) but consider compliance work by PWS staff required and they are in short supply and not in the field enough.	Supported; no change to draft plan required. The draft plan also proposed an increased field presence (track rangers; p.32 of draft plan) to facilitate implementation of all aspects of the plan.
134	Private individual #26	I think a booking system is unrealistic , very difficult to enforce and very restricting and may be ignored by many. As noted in the draft plan there a large number of alternative ways into the Walls and walkers should not be restricted if they choose to use these other entries. I understand your budget is restricted so I would prefer to see the physical work done before spending is used for a booking system.	The proposed group registration system would only apply to large groups of 7 or more & is intended to be relatively simple (see response to representation 114). The majority of groups are small groups and would be unaffected. A potential web-based booking system for all users is only proposed for investigation (see response to representation 35); consideration of issues such as likely compliance and enforcement would form part of this investigation.
135	Private individual #26	Group size of seven is too small. The boardwalks and hardened areas can easily carry larger groups. I	Maximum recommended group sizes for the hardened campsites (Wild Dog Creek & proposed Dixons

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		suggest ten or twelve.	Kingdom sites) will be 13, as is the case now. At unimproved sites and in less hardened areas groups of <7 will be promoted. See response to representation 115.
136	Private individual #26	The introduction of a properly signed circuit walk, Dixons, Ball to the end of Lake Adelaide is excellent. However this track is not a new one, having been used for many years and some hardening & rerouting has been done some years ago on the part from Lake Ball hut to the end of Adelaide. Agree no camping in the area of the Lake Ball hut.	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
137	Private individual #26	I would like to see the northern end of Lake Adelaide with a hardened campsite . There is a very soft area where the track from Lake Ball ends and maybe needs a boardwalk to the lakeside from the Pines area. It is a favourite turnaround place for a day walk.	The “soft area” is the most impacted site at Lake Adelaide, is not robust and is proposed for closure to camping (p.27 of draft plan) however, a short hardened track to access the lake shore may be considered. Regarding a hardened campsite at Lake Adelaide, see response to representation 53.
138	Private individual #26	Agree with the establishment of a T2 track from Dixons Kingdom down to Lake Ball . This is a beautiful walk and walkers need to be kept on one track and not all over the place as at present.	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
138	Private individual #26	Boot cleaning stations are good and have been used before. If nothing else they show that Parks are very serious about contamination. That means that the maintenance must be kept up to show that Parks mean business. Pleased to see the (new) station on the Walls track recently but it was completely empty.	See response to representation 17.
139	Private individual #26	Fuel Stoves Only was a great success and compliance was high especially among walking clubs. Agree that education for users must be kept up. (Further notes that walking clubs are generally well-informed and compliant re fires, natural values, etc.)	Supported; no change to draft plan required. There has been a resurgence of unauthorised campfire use in the Walls of Jerusalem (p.21-22 of draft plan) and additional many of the proposed education strategies (p.32-33 of draft plan) aim to address this.

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140	Private individual #26	I disagree with registering to visit or traverse the recreational zone of the Walls except in the case of commercial groups, schools etc. The Walls Recreation Zone is only a small area within a much larger area of the Central Plateau and the area of Meston, Junction & the Bill Track and others from the Mersey Forest road. On an extended walk often plans have to change.	See response to representations 119 and 124.
141	Private individual #26	Commercialisation of the Walls similar to that of the Overland Track I would find unacceptable. I would be horrified if a fee was installed especially if it was for the length of time of the Overland Track.	The plan does not propose a fee, see response to representation 35.
142	Private individual #27	The draft plan makes positive sense, but I am worried about a booking system that may be placed on the walk for small parties or solo walkers (like the booking system on the Overland Track). My concern is that I am a Tasmanian tax payer who also pays a yearly All Parks fee so I can walk in my own state when I want. Does the Walls of Jerusalem Plan stop me walking when and where I can? If this happens then the Yearly All Park Fees would be a joke!	The proposed initial registration system applies only to larger groups so smaller parties (6 or less) would remain unrestricted. Re any possible future booking system or fees, see response to representation 35.
143	Private individual #28	Overall the draft management plan appears quite sensible and rational but there are worrying underlying issues. Lack of historical knowledge , impact statements based on short term studies and failure to consider broader implications of Parks' own management policies limit the usefulness of this document.	Noted. Responses to detailed points follow.
144	Private individual #28	Many of my concerns stem from PWS's poor understanding of the history of the area . Comments on fire exemplify this. The 1960-61 fire is mentioned but not the fact that there were at least two other major fires in the 20 th century in this area. The grasslands around Dixons Kingdom were maintained by a	The 1960s Central Plateau wildfire is explicitly mentioned because it is the most infamous and extensive, not to imply it was the only one. There is no ecological evidence for the Dixons Kingdom or other alpine grasslands being maintained by firing and therefore ecologists consider Aborigines

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		<p>combination of regular burning, by pastoralists (and most probably Aborigines for hunting) and grazing of sheep, cattle and rabbits.</p> <p>Parks crusade over the last couple of decades to remove all fireplaces, irrespective of their cultural heritage significance, is another such example.</p> <p>Recent visitor numbers ignore the fact that from the late 1960s Duke of Edinburgh candidates often visited the area and also the large number of school parties in the 1980s when many teachers undertook Mountain Leadership Training courses and outdoor education was booming are ignored. This reduces the value of comparisons over time.</p>	<p>did not use fire extensively on the Central Plateau (unlike in the lower altitude montane grasslands, for example). Evidence includes the presence of the ancient pines themselves and the lack of any charcoal in sphagnum bogs 1000s of years old.</p> <p>The existence of informal fireplaces constructed by users encourages further campfire use and there is ongoing evidence for this. Hence, dismantling these is an integral part of a Leave No Trace program. Fireplaces in historic huts will remain (as prescribed by their plans of management) but must be rendered unusable.</p> <p>While acknowledging the veracity of information regarding use of the Walls area during the 1960s - 1980s, there is no reliable data from this period. In any case, the proposals in the draft plan aim to address issues that relate to current use and visitation.</p>
145	Private individual #28	<p>Too often studies of the impact of walkers on vegetation are limited to short periods of time. Thus they may be indicative but unless based on continuous studies over extended periods of time are of limited value as a management tool.</p> <p>Another issue is the apparent view that vegetation is unchanging. A quick glance at landscapes across the Tasmanian high country reveals that this is not so. In many areas plains are being transformed into scrubby areas and, in some cases, the start of forests because of the absence of regular firing for the last fifty odd years for the first time since the end of the Ice age.</p>	<p>Rather than lack of firing, the vegetation change elsewhere on the Central Plateau has been driven by the catastrophic firing of the 1960s (and earlier) and associated soil loss. Observations in the NSW and Victorian mountains over long periods support this. Frequent firing of such places favours re-sprouting-type plants and hence leads to an increase in shrubby vegetation if the time between fires is too short.</p> <p>See also response to representation 144.</p>
146	Private individual #28	<p>The draft plan does not adequately consider the implications of transferral of walkers from Cradle Mtn-Lake St Clair to the Walls during the peak visitor period.</p> <p>The draft is focussed on the western approaches to the</p>	<p>See response to representation 7.</p> <p>The final plan will more clearly acknowledge visitation to the Recreation Zone from other directions but there is little data available. Nevertheless, the vast majority of visitors enter from the west (no evidence suggests</p>

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		Walls and ignores the considerable numbers who approach from either the Lake Ada area or from the Lake Mackenzie area.	otherwise) and managing this access is therefore a primary focus.
147	Private individual #28	If tracks are to be discontinued it is to be hoped that markers from old historic routes such as Ritter's Track are not removed.	There is no proposal to remove any historic track markers. Ritters Track lies largely beyond the Recreation Zone that is the subject of the draft plan.
148	Private individual #28	It is to be hoped that another booking system similar to the Overland Track is not introduced. Fundamental questions such as the favouring of commercial groups over individuals have never been fully acknowledged. If such a system is introduced it is likely that walkers will transfer their attention to another Park and creating issues associated with increased use.	See response to representations 35 and 114.
149	Private individual #28	<p>There are several assumptions which do not stand up to close scrutiny. One such example is that the area is wilderness - it is only a wilderness for those who do not know and understand history.</p> <p>Then there is the belief that cultural values are unchanging. Reverence for the stately Pines, highlighted by those at Dixon's Kingdom, has not always been the predominant cultural aesthetic. Historian and surveyor James Erskine Calder was far from impressed with dreary Pines when traversing the Plateau in the 1840s.</p> <p>The belief that the landscape is so fragile that it needs protecting from humans can only be substantiated by long term scientific studies.</p>	<p>Whatever the land use history, the perception of wilderness is important to many visitors. The draft plan makes no judgement on this; it merely notes (p.11) that wilderness quality (a relative measure utilising remoteness and naturalness criteria) is high in parts of the Recreation Zone. This does not imply there was no past human use of the area, either European or Aboriginal.</p> <p>Re attitudes to the Pencil Pines (for example), the draft plan, and any current plan, must be couched in the context of current values and scientific knowledge.</p> <p>See also response to representation 145.</p>
150	Private individual #28	Plans should be based on sound principles and assumptions made explicit. Well made tracks (perhaps widen the boards) and toilets are a necessity, but it should be acknowledged that walkers will always go off track and that attempts to control flow of information in walking guides etc will never overcome the bush telegraph which rapidly spreads news of	<p>Noted, no change to draft plan required.</p> <p>The education strategies proposed (p.32-34 of the final plan) can only promote preferred routes and Leave No Trace principles in the hope this will minimise off-track and other impacts.</p>

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		areas and tracks as do old maps.	
151	Private individual #29	My main concern with this draft plan is the inevitable push for a business plan . I have watched over a period of years the rights of independent, parks annual fee-paying walkers being slowly being eroded (eg. access to the Overland Track and the bracket creep of fees).	See response to representation 35.
152	Private individual #29	The draft plan indicates that the Lake Adelaide track and the T4 track to Tiger Lake are in the Recreation Zone. These routes are often used by parties to access other areas. The group size for walking clubs will often exceed the criteria . It should be recognised that the Walls area is heavily used by Tasmanian walkers as it is able to be accessed without bookings and is viewed as reasonable low risk, high value area.	Providing and maintaining a range of recreational opportunities within the Recreation Zone is a core aim of management (see response to representation 184). Hence the classification of tracks and routes varies. Some tracks and routes are more remote and/or less trafficked and their lower level classification is intended to reflect this. Users are encouraged to comply with associated recommendations (such as group size) in order to minimise the potential for escalating impacts and so preserve the experience such tracks offer.
153	Private individual #29	Historically, the presence of Parks' personnel in the Walls of Jerusalem National Park has been abysmal. At least two rangers should be on duty in the park from November to the end of March especially weekends and holiday long weekends. The Lakes Meston, Adelaide and Myrtle areas should also be under scrutiny as continuing campfire problems exist here. It is not unreasonable to consider having PWS personnel at the car park on peak weekends, with a hand out and courteous introduction to the park.	Noted, no change to draft plan required. Staffing levels and location are an operational issue but additional track rangers are proposed (p.32 of draft plan).
154	Private individual #29	I commend the idea to harden the track to Lake Ball and on to Lake Adelaide (and on, I would assume back to Trappers Hut). The campsite at Lake Adelaide should be hardened before it deteriorates and toilets installed.	Re Lake Ball-Adelaide track; supported; no change to draft plan required. Re Lake Adelaide campsite, see also response to representations 91 and 123.

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155	Private individual #29	<p>The existing signs promoting fuel stoves are totally inadequate, being too small and not placed in appropriate areas. They should be more obvious, and be in German and other languages, and include strong wording about cigarettes. Having personally put out both smouldering and blazing camp fires in the park, I consider fire awareness does not exist with foreign walkers. Comprehensive information should be disseminated at the starting point.</p>	<p>Noted, and observations will be considered as part of a review of signage, a component of the broader educational strategies proposed (p.32-34 of the final plan).</p>
156	Pandani Walking Club	<p>Generally, we agree with the objectives and approach in the plan. There is clear overuse of many areas and improvements are required to tracks and camping locations. Therefore the proposals to improve tracks, develop platform campsites and improve, and provide, toilets are strongly supported. The proposal to ban camping in the Central Walls area, while not desirable from a users' point of view, is acknowledged as necessary and so supported.</p> <p>The need to continue the Fuel Stove Only policy is also acknowledged as necessary to minimise the risk of a wildfire in the park and is therefore also supported.</p>	<p>Supported; no change to draft plan required.</p>
157	Pandani Walking Club	<p>Many people visit the Walls to have a wilderness-type experience. Whilst establishing designated camping areas will minimise damage there is also the potential for it to distract from the remote wilderness experience by crowding too many people into one area. Separation of the large group camping areas from the camping areas for individuals or small groups would help prevent this situation.</p>	<p>This is part of the site design process. The intention is to provide spatially separate sites for larger groups at the proposed hardened campsites. This will be noted in the final plan.</p>
158	Pandani Walking Club	<p>Our principle concern is the forcing of groups to follow the circuit route, staying one night at each of three designated campsites. We acknowledge the reasons for this, however to fully enjoy the area a longer stay is often required. We therefore request an ability to book the "non commercial" group sites for</p>	<p>There is no proposal to force groups to follow the Dixons-Ball-Adelaide circuit route. While the circuit route will be promoted once upgraded, and the upgraded campsites will facilitate this, it will be only one of several Walls experiences promoted (see p. 3 of draft plan); others including overnight camping at</p>

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		longer than one night duration.	either Wild Dog Creek or Dixons Kingdom. The only booking system explicitly proposed in the draft plan would require larger groups to utilise the aforementioned sites, but it is not proposed to limit stays to one night.
159	Pandani Walking Club	The minimizing of the use of the Dixon's Kingdom Hut is acknowledged as a necessary objective and we feel the only real way of achieving this would be to offer an alternative. The hut is often used by small groups for cooking etc in bad weather as an alternative to cooking in tents and as a means of socialising at the end of the day. The provision of a simple alternative shelter would provide an alternative to using Dixon's Kingdom Hut.	See response to representation 96.
160	Pandani Walking Club	The education strategy and the proposal to employ a track ranger is commended.	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
161	Pandani Walking Club	Whilst not proposed in the Plan our club is against quotas or additional fees for the Walls area.	See response to representation 35.
162	Pandani Walking Club	Whilst not part of the Recreation Zone, the car park also requires attention. It would benefit from the provision of a toilet and some shelter.	See response to representations 3 and 117.
163	Circular Head Bushwalking Club	The existing car-park is inadequate and gives a poor first impression of the walking experience. There is a need for toilets at the car park or at some other location south of Rowallan Dam. While it is noted that the car park is outside the Walls of Jerusalem National Park, joint arrangements with the area's current managers need to be made to improve the car-park, which has increasingly been congested at peak times. A priority should be given to enlarging the car-park and installing toilets, as well as some basic shelter.	See responses to representations 3 and 117.
164	Circular Head Bushwalking Club	We support hardening of existing T1/T2 tracks to provide an enhanced walking experience and assist in	See response to representations 91, 118 and 123. It is not anticipated that all visitors will undertake the

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		<p>the prevention of erosion.</p> <p>The development of a circuit track via Lake Adelaide and Lake Ball is supported. However, this should only be pursued as a second priority to bringing the existing track from the car-park to the Walls up to a T1 standard. The circuit track should only be preceded with where provision for campsites and toilets at Lake Adelaide and/or Lake Ball are developed as part of the circuit walk.</p>	<p>circuit walk; this is only one of the experiences proposed for ultimate promotion (see p. 3 in final plan).</p>
165	Circular Head Bushwalking Club	<p>There are localised areas of the Walls where the vegetation has a heightened sensitivity to the impacts of walkers. As such it is considered that localised management of such areas is deemed appropriate rather than broad restrictions on walker access.</p>	<p>Whilst some vegetation types are more sensitive to trampling than others, they occur in a mosaic in many areas. It is also necessary to be mindful of existing user-preferred camping areas. The plan aims to manage this complex reality by a combination of campsite definition and hardening and group management.</p>
166	Circular Head Bushwalking Club	<p>There should be unrestricted track access for walkers to transit the Walls as a means of gaining access to areas beyond. This may not be a common event, so any effects are of low impact. However, off track access should be strongly discouraged.</p>	<p>See response to representation 119.</p>
167	Circular Head Bushwalking Club	<p>Managing potential degradation of the Wild Dog Creek and Dixons Kingdom campsites would be best achieved by providing additional hardened surfaces. But, by concentrating development at the Wild Dog Creek site the need for development at the Dixons Kingdom historic hut could be avoided, particularly with the development of the Lake Adelaide circuit walk, with inclusion of provision for campsites and toilets at Lake Adelaide and/or Lake Ball developed as part of the circuit walk.</p>	<p>Existing use of the Dixons Kingdom site is similar to Wild Dog Creek. Hence the scale of development required at Wild Dog Creek to cater for all overnight use there would be very large and unacceptable. Furthermore, there is a long-established and large demand for camping at or near Dixons Kingdom. For these reasons it is not considered feasible to seriously consider a “no camping” option for the Dixons Kingdom area. See also response to representations 82 and 209.</p> <p>Future development of the Lake Adelaide site is foreshadowed (p.27 of draft plan). See also response</p>

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168	Circular Head Bushwalking Club	The proposal to phase out all camping within the central Walls area is sound and supported by our club	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
169	Circular Head Bushwalking Club	Logically, impact minimisation would be achieved by phasing out (in the longer term) all camping in the Park, and establishing a well established camping/accommodation area in a close-by less sensitive location, and making the tracks very high quality to permit day walks.	A broad no camping approach may minimise impacts but would be a substantial change from the current and proposed visitor experience for the area (p. 1-2 of draft plan). It is considered more practical to continue to manage the area for both day and overnight use broadly similar to current demand, but with the proposed combination of hardening and group management.
170	Circular Head Bushwalking Club	A link track from Wild Dog Creek campsite through to Junction Lake track should be established to provide for a Lake Adelaide circuit track walk option.	This option could be considered in the future but not during the life of the plan. There are many current issues to be addressed and prioritised which will facilitate the promotion of three types of Walls experiences (day, overnight and circuit; see p. 3 of draft plan). This should adequately meet demand for walking opportunities.
171	Circular Head Bushwalking Club	There should be a separately located facility within the Wild Dog Creek area to accommodate commercial groups, school and scout groups . Booking arrangements could easily be implemented and provide the surety of a confirmed booking. The facility for these groups should incorporate a structure for collective cooking shelter and perhaps water supply.	Separate commercial, non-commercial and individual camping areas are proposed at Wild Dog Creek (see p.27 of plan), and also at Dixons Kingdom. Once constructed, the proposed group booking system is intended to provide for the surety of a site. No change to draft plan required.
172	Circular Head Bushwalking Club	CHWC is strongly opposed to the introduction of any formal booking scheme that may affect them and other visitors to the area, with the exception of commercial, scout and educational groups. The club considers the need for a general booking system has not been demonstrated. Furthermore, a booking system would be very difficult to administer	Re a booking system, see response to representations 35 and 116. Re additional facilities, there are both practical and environmental limits to what infrastructure can and should be built and maintained in the Recreation Zone. The former necessarily includes consideration of cost

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		<p>for this particular park as there are so many entry points.</p> <p>If an increase in visitor numbers is expected, the strategy should be to commensurately increase the available toilet and other facilities. This is preferable to a booking system which will restrict or discourage visitors to the area. It will reflect badly on the states attitude toward eco-tourism.</p>	<p>(unless additional funding can be sourced or significant user fees are imposed). The latter involves (in part) considerations of the footprint of structures, maintaining a relatively wild experience, and the appropriate limits to development in an area with very high conservation values. Additionally, in the current fiscal environment, PWS cannot commit to more than what is proposed in the draft plan. The draft plan is for 5-10 yrs; PWS is reasonably confident that proposed infrastructure will meet demand over that period.</p>
173	Circular Head Bushwalking Club	<p>There is a suggestion circulating that overnight fees may be introduced in the future. If such fees are under consideration, the Circular Head Walking Club is strongly opposed. The club members consider that they already contribute generously through annual Park pass fees and via State taxes.</p>	<p>See response to representation 35.</p>
174	Circular Head Bushwalking Club	<p>The CHWC is supportive of enhanced ranger presence in the area. The presence should not concentrate on policing Parks Pass possession, administering bookings or fee collection, but provide an educational and ecological monitoring function, as well as a maintenance role for tracks and facilities.</p>	<p>Supported; no change to draft plan required. Tasks undertaken by track rangers will be an operational decision but user education will be a priority.</p>
175	Tasmanian Outdoor Education Teachers' Association	<p>PWS Ranger scheduled during peak periods; a resounding yes to this proposal.</p>	<p>Supported; no change to draft plan required.</p>
176	Tasmanian Outdoor Education Teachers' Association	<p>A Walls of Jerusalem Information Pack (available on-line for download) is a must for all users: private, commercial and school/group. It is critical that access to the pack is free. Suggested inclusions - up to date map (digital & easily downloadable), preferred walking routes, list of all campsites and facilities, LNT and MIB principles, range of fact sheets, feedback form/survey.</p>	<p>Development of an information pack is proposed (p.33 of draft plan) but consideration will be given to expanding its contents and distribution as suggested.</p>
177	Tasmanian Outdoor Education Teachers' Association	<p>Toileting facilities and uncontaminated drinking water are two of the most basic human needs in this</p>	<p>Supported; no change to draft plan required. Currently signs encourage the use of poo tubes at</p>

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		<p>remote area. Given the already large numbers of walkers, and the increasing visitor rate, it is imperative that such infrastructure be available. The presence of this built infrastructure, and the benefits it offers to people and the environment, far outweighs any concern that these might detract from the natural experience.</p> <p>As a side note, whatever happened to the promotion of 'poo-tubes'? A small number of schools / groups use these very successfully.</p>	<p>Lake Rhona (Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers NP) and PWS plans to build low key promotion of the use of poo tubes more generally; for example, describing the benefits and practicalities on the PWS website.</p>
178	Tasmanian Outdoor Education Teachers' Association	<p>Dedicated web area for Walls of Jerusalem; resounding yes to this proposal It is important to provide users with a 'one stop shop' in which to access all the relevant information, forms, etc. If PWS is serious about promoting and facilitating a positive experience then it must do all it can to enable easy access to all information pertinent to the Walls.</p>	<p>Supported; no change to draft plan required. All points will be considered in the proposed enhancement of the PWS website (p.33 of the final plan).</p>
179	Tasmanian Outdoor Education Teachers' Association	<p>Signage on the Overland Track has helped many walkers and groups to better understand and appreciate Leave No Trace/Minimum Impact practices, and the unique requirements of this fragile World Heritage Area. Similar is needed for the Walls of Jerusalem.</p>	<p>Supported; no change to draft plan required. This will form part of the development of an education and communication strategy.</p>
180	Tasmanian Outdoor Education Teachers' Association	<p>The threat of prosecution for illegal activity should always form part of any management approach; if an activity is deemed illegal it should attract a fine. However, there is a level of cynicism in the community, particularly in the outdoor community, about the veracity and execution of this by PWS.</p>	<p>This is covered by <i>National Parks and Reserved Land Regulations 2009</i> and is not a matter for the plan. Members of the public are prosecuted for illegal activities within parks.</p>
181	Tasmanian Outdoor Education Teachers' Association	<p>An on-line survey could usefully gauge the Walls experience, and particularly for a growing number of people to whom this type of on-line feedback is a normal part of everyday life.</p>	<p>On-line surveys have been used successfully with Overland Track users and will certainly be considered as part of a broader education and communication strategy for the Walls of Jerusalem area.</p>

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		Feedback and information from users could also be sought via forms available at trail heads and campsites, and a requirement of all commercial and organised or school groups	
182	Private individual #30	One immediate way to reduce the pressure upon the (Walls of Jerusalem) park is to prohibit commercial activity within its boundaries. It is not the purpose of national parks to facilitate the making of profit by private individuals.	It is a requirement under the <i>National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002</i> and the TWWHA Management Plan 1999 to provide for recreation and tourism. Commercial tours enable a wider range of people to have a first-hand experience of this park. See also response to representation 21.
183	Private individual #30	How will PWS “ promote ” preferred routes within the Walls of Jerusalem area and where does this leave Tasmanians in using their own initiative to choose where they might go?	A range of media will be used to promote appropriate messages, including preferred routes (see p.32-33 of draft plan). The only proposed restrictions involve larger groups; users in smaller groups are free to choose where they wish to walk and camp. See also response to representation 34.
184	Private individual #30	Pressure upon existing tracks and their surrounds can be alleviated by opening up alternative routes of entry into the Walls of Jerusalem (eg. from Little Fisher Valley, Lake Mackenzie, Pine Tier lagoon, Lake Louisa).	The plan (and management of walking opportunities across the broader World Heritage Area) aims to provide and manage a range of walking opportunities, from hardened tracks to more challenging routes. Creating more hardened tracks progressively narrows this Recreational Opportunity Spectrum as well as creating more and more infrastructure to manage and maintain.
185	Private individual #30	Reduce pressure on the Walls of Jerusalem by rebuilding the road bridges over Meander River and Mother Cummings Rivulet, accessing one of Tasmania’s best day-walking areas.	These day walk areas are beyond the Recreation Zone (and national park) boundary and are managed by Forestry Tasmania and are therefore beyond the scope of this plan. It is debatable whether visitation to these areas would or does have any influence on overnight visitation to the Walls of Jerusalem Recreation Zone.

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186	Private individual #30	A “ web-based booking system ” is a good way to kill local people’s initiative and make them not want to go. (further notes issues re spontaneity, young vs older people, dictatorial controls, safety, etc.)	See response to representation 35. These points will be considered when undertaking the proposed medium-term cost-benefit analysis of such a system.
187	Private individual #30	The draft plan notes that the Walls of Jerusalem is important because it largely escaped the 1960s wild fires . But this is not quite true, as evidenced by the extensive burnt country east of Mt Jerusalem.	The draft plan intends to refer to the Recreation Zone when stating the area largely escaped the 1960s wild fires (p.8); the Central Plateau east of Mt Jerusalem lies beyond this zone. This will be clarified in the final plan.
188	Private individual #30	The draft plan suggests that drying due to climate change may facilitate more off-track walking due to reduced bogginess; my experience is the opposite with areas becoming increasingly shrubby due to reduced snow lie.	Possible reduced bogginess as a result of climate change is only considered a potential impact (p.11 of draft plan) and, in any case, would likely vary with the environmental setting. Changes from grassy to shrubby vegetation are likely related more to the influence of fire than snow lie (see response to representation 145).
189	Private individual #31	The focus of the draft plan appears one dimensional - the preservation of wilderness values . Users are also viewed in one dimension as being problems endangering wilderness preservation. Proposed solution - restrict them via quotas and a compulsory booking system. A key alternative focus that should have been applied is the requirement under the <i>National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002</i> to encourage and provide for tourism, recreational use and enjoyment consistent with the conservation of the national parks natural and cultural values.	There is no current proposal to either restrict visitor numbers or introduce a compulsory booking system (except for large groups). See response to representation 35. The draft plan does detail the objectives of providing for both recreation and conservation (p.5-6) and the various proposals are presented in this context. Existing facilities and services are proposed to be expanded to facilitate recreational use and enjoyment.
190	Private individual #31	The Plan notes that 2012/13 usage appears destined to be higher than for previous years. Though not mentioned, it is most likely that this increase is a direct side-effect of increased party restrictions in the adjacent Overland Track . (and concern about	While recent data confirms increased visitation during the 2012/13 season, see response to representation 7.

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		possible further displacement from the walls if a booking system and fees are introduced)	
191	Private individual #31	The Plan basically aims at introducing restrictions via a booking system for the area. I suspect that fees may be proposed later to enforce lower visitor numbers. Presumably number limits would also apply. However, the dispersal of these numbers would be difficult to manage, particularly at peak times.	See response to representation 35.
192	Private individual #31	The draft plan provides a picture of recent annual visitor/party numbers. However in planning for facilities we need to know when peak usage occurs . Is it for only a few key long weekends/public holidays? How are the main groups (commercial/school/private) represented at these key times? The Service should be able to provide some approximate data from the log books intentions. Without such data one can't plan individual facilities.	Logbook data is available but cannot provide a complete picture due to variable compliance (proportion of walkers signing in) and other issues. Physical impacts around the existing hardened sites and many reports of crowding are a clear indication that the current facilities are inadequate.
193	Private individual #31	The implementation schedule includes surveying visitor knowledge and attitudes regarding various issues. This probably relates to assessing the success of education strategies. Why not, as a very high priority, survey visitors as to their reasons for visiting the area, trip satisfaction and suggestions? It may provide both an indication of education needs and emerging usage trends.	The only relevant past user survey is that noted on p.14 of the draft plan. Any future surveys (as proposed) would likely aim to collect data like that suggested as well as assessing management strategies. Comment received on the draft plan has also been informative in this regard.
194	Private individual #31	The draft plan proposal would require all parties of seven or more to register in the first year with a possible extension for all users. Seven is too low. I suggest 10.	See responses to representations 229 and 257.
195	Private individual #31	A publicly accessible web based booking system could be used by smaller parties to check on larger parties' bookings/intentions. Knowing of likely overload conditions should persuade smaller, more flexible groups to reschedule their visits.	Yes, this would be one of the positive aspects of any such system.

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196	Private individual #31	A mandatory booking system for all users would be problematic and potentially a waste of scarce implementation and operating costs. (and further adds various potential issues and complications of a booking system)	See response to representation 35.
197	Private individual #31	Have all Park visitors been included in the statistics presented in the plan. Do the numbers only relate to those coming via Trappers Hut? Are walkers from the east or Lake Meston included?	The usage data presented relates only to the western (Trappers Hut) access. There is no reliable data available for other access routes. But it is considered the vast majority of visitors utilise the western access (no evidence suggests otherwise).
198	Private individual #31	Will visitors entering from the east or south have to book? They may or may not end up camping in the Recreation Zone.	The only explicitly-proposed booking system involves larger groups (see response to representations 35 and 114). Re walkers transiting the Recreation Zone, see responses to representations 84 and 119.
199	Private individual #31	The Plan does not provide a comprehensive picture. Alternatives to proposals are not listed or considered. Visitors' needs/desires are barely considered, apart from opening motherhood statements. At the end we are left with an incomplete action plan and a number of proposals aimed at restricting users. I contrast the restrictive approach evident in the draft plan, to track management in the South Island of New Zealand. There a booking system (now web-based) was introduced to augment existing camping restrictions on the Milford Track and Routeburn tracks. The Kepler Track was constructed in the late 1980's to take pressure of these tracks, satisfy increasing tourists/trampers numbers and generate local employment.	Many alternatives to the final approach in this plan were considered, see pages 24 and 25 of the plan that examine a number of these. It is unclear how or why the NZ system, which is quite restrictive (book per night), is considered better than the large group booking system proposed for the Walls of Jerusalem (and even the existing Overland Track booking system which provides more freedom than NZ approaches); see response to representation 114. As for any future web-based system, a full analysis of that is proposed (see response to representation 35). Part of the rationale for the Kepler Track construction has not been satisfied as, rather than take pressure off other tracks, it has merely provided another recreational opportunity and so increased the need for a booking system.

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200	Private individual #31	It is suggested that separate facilities may be provided for large groups. However, if these groups are infrequent, then we run the risk of providing expensive facilities that may go unused for extended periods. That would be a waste of scarce funds. And how would this segregation be enforced?	Separate campsites at each hardened node are proposed for commercial and non-commercial groups (p.27 of draft plan). The proposed group booking system would facilitate their management, backed up by track rangers.
201	Private individual #31	Why aren't huts considered? They may cost more to build, however, why not include and cost them. They would provide several benefits.	See response to representation 93. While accommodation huts generally can have some benefits, they are not considered appropriate or desirable in the Walls of Jerusalem Recreation Zone and this will be noted in the final plan (see p. 26 of final plan).
202	Private individual #31	The Plan makes brief unquantified reference to resources and costs. The Plan recommends a number of actions for the first year. No costs, not even rough estimates are provided. A management plan without costs is not much better than a wish list . A plan with costed alternatives would have provided a far better basis for constructive, evaluative input.	Parks and Wildlife Service Management plans are strategic documents and do not include costings. This Recreation Zone plan is intended to provide strategic direction for developments for recreational use for the next 10 years and costings rapidly date. Costings are determined at the site design stage and are finalised as part of the PWS Reserve Activity Assessment (RAA) process.
203	Private individual #31	A typical user finds the detailed Track Classification table (p.51-54) complicated and confusing. A simple track description would be easier to follow, at least by way of introduction. It would tell us what is broadly intended rather than all the technical details.	The first line of the track classification table ("overview" field; see p. 51 of draft plan) provides a simple summary of each track class. The details are (and have been) of interest to some users and their inclusion provides the full picture for those that want it. Also, a number of the proposals relate to aspects of the track classification.
204	Private individual #31	Re implementation schedule (p.58) a simple Gantt-type chart would make it clearer what would be happening each year and how the different activities related to each other.	The current approach provides a reasonable level of guidance as to what is planned to occur in the short, medium and long term. The current fiscal and political environment requires flexibility as to when things can be progressed. Given these circumstances the level of detail provided here is seen as appropriate.

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205	Tasmanian National Parks Association	National parks are the only land tenure which accords priority to nature and with this in mind the TNPA strongly argues that the all activities and management measures within national parks must be ecologically sustainable . There are limits of acceptable change for human activities in parks and when these limits are breached management action is essential to limit and where necessary reverse any negative impacts.	Noted, no change to draft plan required.
206	Tasmanian National Parks Association	Given the acknowledged increase in threats to the natural values in recent years (especially user-related fires) the TNPA supports the recommendation for the presence of track rangers in the area as a matter of urgency.	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
207	Tasmanian National Parks Association	The TNPA supports the proposal for an expansion of the hardened campsite at Wild Dog Creek .	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
208	Tasmanian National Parks Association	The TNPA supports the proposal to formally ban camping in the Central Walls .	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
209	Tasmanian National Parks Association	<p>The proposed multi-day circuit walk currently includes two additional hardened campsites and is not viable without at least one, but the TNPA does not consider that two additional hardened campsites (Dixons Kingdom and Lake Adelaide) are necessary. Furthermore, TNPA is very doubtful that any appropriate site can be identified in the vicinity of Dixons Kingdom.</p> <p>PWS should identify potential site(s) for additional hardened campsite(s) required for the proposed multi-day circuit walk and undertake a rigorous assessment, including <u>seeking further public comment</u>, on the assessment of the preferred site(s). If no acceptable sites can be identified, the circuit walk proposal should be abandoned.</p>	<p>The circuit walk has existed as an option for many years, is now traversed by 20% of visitors and impacts are escalating. The plan proposals aim to manage this reality.</p> <p>Consideration of the location and site design of the proposed hardened campsite at Dixons Kingdom is a priority. This will be undertaken by the PWS Reserve Activity Assessment (RAA) process. Key stakeholders will be consulted as part of the RAA process.</p> <p>See also response to representation 167 and 210.</p>

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210	Tasmanian National Parks Association	<p>The establishment of a hardened campsite at Dixons Kingdom would be contrary to the draft plan's stated priority to protect the extremely high conservation values of this area. The TNPA is not aware of any suitable location for a large hardened campsite in the vicinity of Dixons Kingdom that does not impact upon the grassy Pencil Pine forest or other high conservation value ecosystems in the vicinity, to say nothing of its visibility from the surrounding peaks. Camping should be totally excluded from this ecosystem.</p>	<p>The Dixons Kingdom area's very high conservation values have been acknowledged (p. 8 of draft plan; also see response to representation 79) but see responses to representations 82, 167, 209 and 236.</p> <p>If the circuit walk (Dixons Kingdom - Lake Ball - Lake Adelaide) is to be developed, as proposed and widely supported, then Dixons Kingdom is an important overnight site forming part of this experience.</p> <p>Field inspection has identified two areas that meet most of the criteria identified for the Dixons Kingdom campsite (see p. 27); these will be carefully reviewed as part of the RAA and site design process.</p>
211	Tasmanian National Parks Association	<p>The TNPA agrees that the Dixons Kingdom - Lake Ball corridor has already suffered substantial trampling damage. The TNPA supports appropriate hardening and reclassification.</p>	<p>Supported; no change to draft plan required.</p>
212	Tasmanian National Parks Association	<p>The TNPA supports, in principle, the immediate introduction of a "booking system for large groups". This is assumed to mean that all groups of 7 or more may only camp within the Recreation Zone at designated group campsites (currently only at Wild Dog Creek) which must be booked in advance. However, PWS must clarify this. This could be a "win-win" situation if a booking guaranteed the availability of a campsite capable of accommodating the entire group.</p>	<p>See response to representations 114, 124 and 103 and pages 31-32 (Groups non-commercial) of the final plan which details the adopted approach.</p>
213	Tasmanian National Parks Association	<p>The TNPA considers that the booking system for the popular Overland Track has worked reasonably well and has been accepted by most walkers. But the TNPA would first like to see how the group booking system (together with the other management measures to be introduced) helps alleviate the present problems in the Walls area before seeing a booking</p>	<p>A group booking system is the approach adopted. The plan proposes a registration/booking system for larger groups (see response to representations 114 and 124). In the medium-term investigation of a web-based booking system for all users will be considered (see response to representation 35). This would therefore be able to take account of the success (or otherwise)</p>

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		system considered for all walkers. If limits are needed to curb ongoing non-sustainable impacts then the TNPA would consider the need for a more broadly based booking system in the longer term.	of more immediate management measures. See page 33 of the final plan for details.
214	Tasmanian National Parks Association	Given that large groups of walkers are acknowledged as causing a disproportionate level of adverse impacts (both ecologically and socially) the TNPA supports management measures to monitor and where necessary limit both the size of groups and the number of large groups in the national park.	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
215	Tasmanian National Parks Association	<p>There is no excuse for the possible ignorance of commercial operators (noted at the briefing) regarding group size limits on lower class tracks and they should be advised immediately that party size limits will be enforced during the 2013-14 walking season and thereafter. The TNPA also expects that the group size limits will be strictly enforced for non-commercial groups (e.g. school groups).</p> <p>TNPA would accept an exception being made to permit groups of 13 using the Dixons Kingdom to Lake Ball T4 until this is upgraded to T2 standard. However, an annual limit on the number of such groups needs to be put in place.</p> <p>Given the increasing publicity of the Walls of Jerusalem and demand by commercial and other groups to visit, the identification of this limit and its management needs to be undertaken as a matter of urgency.</p>	This is an operational matter, no plan change required.
216	Tasmanian National Parks Association	It was apparent from discussion at the briefing that collection and analysis of walker logbook data has not been a priority in recent years. While track counters provide more reliable numbers than logbooks, and collation of logbook data is very time consuming, both	Supported; this is an operational matter which has been noted and passed on to the field centre.

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		<p>are needed to provide the best possible understanding of walker numbers and activity. Collection and analysis of logbook data must continue if future management decisions are to be made on the basis of knowledge rather than speculation.</p>	
217	Hobart Walking Club	<p>The Walls is an important destination for HWC members. It is initially attractive to members early in their walking career, but members are likely to revisit the area occasionally because it is relatively easy to visit or because they may use the area as an access route to walks further afield.</p> <p>It also provides an opportunity to train inexperienced members in visiting alpine environments in relative safety and causing no discernible damage to the environment.</p> <p>This is because of the features of the Walls (almost unique in Tasmania): namely a hardened track coming directly up from low altitudes, hardened campsite at Wild Dog Creek and toilets.</p>	Noted, no change to draft plan required.
218	Hobart Walking Club	<p>There are a number of things in the draft plan that the HWC can easily agree with, in particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improvement of tracks, toilets & camping facilities; 2. Employment of a track ranger; 3. Educational efforts to promote best practice bushwalking; and 4. Monitoring of usage and of any changes in vegetation and water quality. 	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
219	Hobart Walking Club	<p>(Noting track campsite and fire issues) the HWC believes that the appropriate responses are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify, establish and harden a long-term robust route between Dixons Kingdom and Lake Ball; 2. Employ a track ranger; 3. Promote fuel stove only regulation; 4. Increase the capacity at Wild Dog Creek camping area; 	<p>Points 1 to 5 supported; no change to draft plan required.</p> <p>Re point 6, the final plan proposes that any development (hardening) of the Lake Adelaide is subject to monitoring (p.27) and is a lesser priority than the upgrade of the other designated campsites (p.58). The need for a toilet has been accepted and has been</p>

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		<p>5. Develop the Dixons Kingdom campsite; 6. Build camping platforms at Lake Adelaide and install a toilet; and 7. Identify and develop alternative areas of high quality track walking.</p>	<p>included in the final plan (see response to representation 91).</p> <p>Re point 7, assuming this means walking areas beyond the Walls of Jerusalem area, this is a strategic decision beyond the scope of the Recreation Zone plan.</p>
220	Hobart Walking Club	<p>HWC believes that for such an important bushwalking destination the track standard aimed for should be that of a dry hardened major track (better than T1) for the entire walking circuit from Trappers Hut to Wild Dog Creek to Lake Ball to Lake Adelaide and return. Side tracks to such destinations as Solomon's Throne and Mt Jerusalem should be good boot standard to encourage walkers to stay on the track (at least T2).</p>	<p>The proposed track classes beyond Dixons Kingdom are considered appropriate for the more remote setting; environment and usage patterns. Prescribing higher class tracks (e.g. T1 or greater) ultimately requires more infrastructure and greatly increased cost. A T2 standard track from Dixons Kingdom to Lake Loane via Lake Adelaide is considered appropriate for the next 10 years, given proposed levels of use. The T1 standard track (main access to Dixons) is appropriate to allow for day walk and base camping in these areas. See response to representation 172.</p>
221	Hobart Walking Club	<p>The (major) campsites should be extended and improved to cater for the level of demand expected of such an important destination.</p> <p>HWC is opposed to the closure of the lakeside campsite at Lake Adelaide near the junction of the Junction Lake and Lake Ball tracks.</p>	<p>The draft plan proposes the extension of major campsites at Wild Dog Creek and Dixons Kingdom (p.26-27). However, there are limits to what is considered practical and appropriate (see representations 157 and 172).</p> <p>If a major hardened site is to be developed at Lake Adelaide there is insufficient space at the lakeside locality mentioned. Lake shore camping is also discouraged due to trampling and potential pollution issues. Furthermore, while the lakeside locality is impacted and deteriorating, it is (for now) still recoverable. Hence the proposal (p.27) to close this small site and promote (and maybe develop) an area north of the lake.</p>

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222	Hobart Walking Club	<p>There is no evidence presented that justifies the imposition of any kind of (group) booking system.</p> <p>None of the evidence presented justifies the targeting of all parties larger than six for restrictive management. Parties larger than six are identified in the draft plan as comprising only seven per cent of all walkers. Of these, a significant proportion must be commercial groups and educational groups, which, according to the draft, tend to be very large and poorly behaved.</p> <p>The draft does not discuss parties larger than six who belong to walking clubs. HWC has, on occasion, lead parties of as many as 10 people through this area, although the more typical numbers would be 6 to 8. We do not believe that we are poorly behaved and do not believe that we should be singled out for restrictive management practices.</p> <p>We want the opportunity to continue to visit the area with a minimum of inconvenience while obeying the leave no trace principles that preserve the area for the appreciation of future visitors.</p>	<p>Parties of > 6 comprise 23% of groups visiting the Walls of Jerusalem (p.13 of the plan), and it is evident from the chart on p.14 that parties of > 6 persons are large by comparison with the majority of visitors (and this is similar for other Tasmanian backcountry areas). Furthermore, backcountry groups > 6 are also considered large by managers in some overseas areas (e.g. Fiordland National Park, NZ). The use of a > 6 figure for defining larger groups is also consistent with the recommendations of the PWS Track Classification Scheme (see response to representations 115 and 225).</p> <p>The proposed registration and booking system for groups will be phased in, as outlined on pages 31-32 of the plan and in the response to representation 114.</p>
223	Hobart Walking Club	<p>As regards the consideration of a booking system for all overnight visitors, HWC does not believe that this is justified. The arguments given in favour of considering such a system are nonsensical.</p>	<p>A possible booking system for all users is proposed for investigation; see response to representation 35.</p>
224	Hobart Walking Club	<p>HWC believes that the PWS should be aiming to encourage greater visitation of national parks while protecting the natural values that lead people to want to visit national parks in the first place. (but) it is apparent that the PWS has an overriding tendency to protect natural values at all costs and regardless of other objectives; hence it is intent on reducing visitation and discouraging visitors.</p> <p>We would prefer PWS to be asking: "How many people</p>	<p>The aim of the plan is not to reduce visitation but rather manage existing use and prepare for potential future increased use, while protecting the world heritage features people are coming to see.</p> <p>This plan does not "protect natural values at all costs regardless of other objectives"; if it did PWS would not be developing the upgraded circuit track, establishing new campsites and encouraging appropriate use of the area.</p>

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		<p>want to visit Walls of Jerusalem Recreation Zone?" and to aim to accommodate this demand by undertaking approaches which minimise the damage to natural values. We believe that accommodation to underlying demand is entirely possible.</p>	<p>See response to representation 34. Re accommodating demand, see response to representation 172.</p>
225	Hobart Walking Club	<p>HWC strongly objects to misuse of the PWS Track Classification Scheme in the draft plan and elsewhere.</p> <p>HWC notes that the PWS Track Classification Scheme, as far as party size is concerned, is one of recommendation and encouragement. It is neither mandatory nor obligatory. PWS should not give more weight to it than that of recommending and encouraging. The Track Classification Scheme should not be used to impose regulatory limits to party sizes.</p> <p>HWC members recognize that there are obvious limits to party size for many reasons, including safety and cohesion within the group. Most overnight and extended walks undertaken by the Club have voluntarily-imposed restrictions on group size.</p>	<p>The PWS Track Classification Scheme has always provided guidance for maximum group sizes of commercial and educational groups (the former enshrined in their licence conditions). It is logical that it also provides the basis for any other PWS regulation thus ensuring consistency.</p> <p>In addition to safety considerations, other reasons to consider a maximum party size include environmental considerations (size and impact at unimproved campsites) and social issues (one larger party is not the same as several smaller ones socially). Voluntary club restrictions on group size are commended but should be considered in the above context.</p>
226	Private individual #32	<p>It is pleasing that some of the recommendations of the draft plan reflect recreation values and needs, in particular track, toilet and campsite improvements. There are only several popular overnight walking areas in the TWWHA, all deserve much improved infrastructure to meet demand and minimise significant adverse impacts. I strongly support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrades of Tracks (I suggest eventually moving to T1 for the entire circuit). • Upgrade of Camping sites to accord with T1 (Dixons, Wild Dog and Adelaide). • Toilets at camping sites to cater for use without excessive queuing. 	<p>Supported, in general. The current track to Dixons Kingdom is T1 and the draft plan does not propose this class beyond this point (see response to representation 220 and 255).</p> <p>At the present only 20% of users undertake the circuit walk; it is appropriate to see how this changes with the new educational messages and infrastructure over the life of the plan.</p>

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227	Private individual #32	<p>I am vehemently against booking, registration for access, quotas and extra fees.</p> <p>All should be avoided unless PWS has suitable booking-free, cost-free and quota-free capacity for equivalent walks nearby for all walker circumstances. Regulation is hardly needed where there is good infrastructure.</p>	<p>See responses to representations 35, 114, 115 and 222.</p> <p>There is no proposal for a quota or fees.</p>
228	Private individual #32	<p>The key to stopping more seldom visited areas from being adversely affected by forcing bookings and quotas onto those visiting the Walls (& Overland Track) area, is building capacity in the relatively few popular areas to take as many persons as practicable. Any Recreation Zone should primarily foster traditional recreation, rather than limit it, albeit mostly in a sensitive manner.</p> <p>The Walls of Jerusalem should have a capacity for at least 11,000 overnight visitors per annum.</p> <p>What is sustainable is entirely dependent on the quality and capacity of the infrastructure which must provide access to the destinations wanted.</p>	<p>The purpose of the plan is to achieve an appropriate balance between recreation and conservation (pages 5-6 of the plan).</p> <p>Ever continuing “capacity building” would ultimately be contrary to the experience that is being promoted (see p. 1-2 of draft plan). See response to representation 172.</p> <p>The PWS also has to be mindful that the Walls is just one of many areas requiring improved walking infrastructure. In a difficult fiscal environment, the Service is not in a position to continually build capacity.</p>
229	Private individual #32	<p>I am vehemently against defining >6 as a large group and applying extra prohibitions. A large group should be considered more than 9 or 10.</p> <p>Tasmanian walking club parties under ten should be able to camp in the Recreation Zone unrestricted.</p>	<p>In the context of recorded group sizes actually visiting the Recreation Zone (p.14 of draft plan), group sizes of >6 can clearly be characterised as relatively large. See response to representation 222.</p>
230	Private individual #32	<p>Crowding is not a function of large groups, but of the totality of persons present. Individuals and small groups wanting the place to themselves should camp elsewhere or go at less popular times. Larger groups should be strongly encouraged at places like the Walls, especially where there is infrastructure to mitigate adverse impacts on the environment, so as to reduce the likelihood of such groups going to less robust areas.</p>	<p>Crowding is a function of not just overall numbers at a site but also group social dynamics and behaviour.</p> <p>The proposals to establish designated major campsites (with separate group areas) and a registration/booking system for groups, with freedom for smaller groups to camp elsewhere, is intended to both encourage and manage groups for the benefit of all users. Registration is intended to provide information for all visitors to be</p>

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		It also appears assumed that all larger groups are badly behaved.	able to make informed choices about where they might camp and so (for example) avoid larger groups.
231	Private individual #32	<p>The claim (p.15) that large groups have a disproportionate impact on the natural, cultural and social values within the national park and can degrade the experience for other bushwalkers is wrong because (1) large group(s) can be well-behaved, (2) large groups are also part of the culture of the WHA; and (3) large groups usually do not have more camping impact than the more frequent smaller groups and individuals.</p> <p>The wording also fails to recognise smaller parties not practicing MIB also can have heavy impacts.</p>	<p>The final plan will be qualified to note “large groups can have a disproportionate impact ...”. The impact of larger groups can be both physical (greater absolute size) and social (group dynamics, not just behaviour).</p> <p>Any parties not practising MIB principles can certainly have unnecessary impacts, but this is a separate issue to that of large groups per se.</p>
232	Private individual #32	There is no need for a blanket stop to all camping in all of the Central Walls .	Banning camping in the Central Walls has been a long term goal (it was included in the 1992 TWWHA Management Plan), this has been the educational message from PWS for many years and because of the special nature of the central Walls this approach is widely-supported.
233	Private individual #32	Were the proposals relating to group size to stand, PWS is perpetuating the relative selfishness of some lone walkers and very small groups to keep the TWWHA for themselves. This unfair discrimination ultimately leaves nowhere in the entire large TWWHA for larger groups to enjoy overnight walks.	It is not proposed to exclude larger groups from the Walls of Jerusalem (or the TWWHA), provided the maximum of 13 is not exceeded. Rather the draft plan attempts to avoid multiple large groups visiting at the same time and so manage to maximise the prospects for enjoyment by all users. See also response to representations 34 and 230.
234	Private individual #32	Large groups can easily be catered for via their own separate camping areas and must be.	Supported; no change to draft plan required. This is one of the site design criteria for the proposed designated campsites (p.27 of draft plan).
235	Private individual #32	Not all camping should be designated as the Recreation Zone is large, and there needs to be allowance for those approaching the Walls area from the north, east and south to camp at other than Dixons,	Supported; no change to draft plan required. The draft plan does not propose that all camping be “designated”. See responses to representations 34, 38

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		Adelaide or Wild Dog.	and 113.
236	Private individual #32	It is over-reaction to prohibit all camping in the Dixons Kingdom Pencil Pines ; it is part of some walkers' desired experience, aesthetics. Considerations for site development here should include the criteria "the site shall have good aesthetic qualities, like being/feeling very close to the grassy Pencil Pines".	It is acknowledged that the Dixons Kingdom Pencil Pine forest is part of the walker experience (p. 1 of draft plan) but the site is also of global conservation significance (p. 8). The Pencil Pine experience will be considered during the site design process for Dixons Kingdom but camping within the forest cannot be considered (p. 27). See also responses to representations 109, 209 and 210.
237	Private individual #32	(Re Lake Adelaide) campsite and track hardening is needed in the immediate future to at least T2.	Hardening of a campsite at Lake Adelaide will be considered but it is necessarily a lower priority than addressing the issues at Wild Dog Creek and Dixons Kingdom (it depends on the future use levels of the circuit). The plan proposes a T2 standard track via Lake Adelaide.
238	Private individual #32	Re other other camping areas , there should be an option for hardening rather than closing (for example) additional sites.	Supported; hardening will be added as an explicit option to consider although this is unlikely at any but the proposed designated sites during the life of the plan.
239	Private individual #32	PWS must supply equivalent camping opportunities and capacity as for other walkers (individuals, non-commercial groups) as for commercial groups, but without requiring registration or booking for groups fewer than 10.	Separate commercial and non-commercial group areas, as well as individual sites, are proposed at Wild Dog Creek and Dixons Kingdom (p.27 of draft plan). Re group size, see responses to representations 115 and 229.
240	Private individual #32	As Overland Track measures have caused a very significant overflow/ displacement to the Walls , there should be neither fees, booking system nor quotas for the Walls area because there are very few other areas currently able to take significant displacement from the Overland Track	See responses to representations 7, 34 and 35.

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241	Private individual #32	The main control tool to reduce excessive demand on peak days should be no more than to suggest best times to not visit (eg avoid Boxing Day).	Supported, relevant information re peak days will be included in the educational strategy.
242	Private individual #32	Registration, bookings or having to camp outside the Recreation Zone are discriminatory, anti-social and potentially a danger to a key stakeholder group (clubs, presumably). That groups of more than six must entirely traverse the Recreation Zone is at odds with Track Classification.	The draft plan proposals do not force groups of more than 6 to either camp outside or traverse the Recreation Zone. See response to representations 38, and 119
243	Private individual #32	The ability to select camping sites is very limited if all camping but at a couple of platform areas, is banned. The plan need to clarify what is meant - limited choice or allow some small group camping more generally, with the advised preference to use tent platforms.	Proposed camping restrictions apply only to larger groups. Small groups can camp elsewhere within the Recreation Zone. See p. 26 of plan, dot point 2. See also responses to representations 38 and 113.
244	Private individual #32	I strongly recommend allowing continued non-platform camping in the Recreation Zone at least 750m from a line joining Wild Dog Ck and Dixons Kingdom.	See response to representation 232 and 243.
245	Private individual #32	A track ranger should only be present for some very high fire danger periods, to minimise cost and maximise effectiveness. For advice I suggest easy-to-read information handouts and notices at the track start, website, PWS offices, tourist centres, appropriate outdoor shops and Service Tasmania as an adequate alternative.	An evaluation of the 1980s-early 1990s Minimal Impact Bushwalking campaign found that track rangers were essential to maximise the effectiveness of the messages (see p.23 of draft plan). Track rangers' duty rosters are an operational matter but the suggestion has been noted. Any education campaign will maximise the use of all media, as practicable (see p.32-34 of draft plan).
246	Private individual #32	Walking or not walking in the Recreation Zone will not ameliorate the effects of climate change . To tie a KDO to active Pencil Pine recruitment (p.57 of draft plan) seems pointless; what would PWS do should there be no recruitment?	Walking (or, more specifically, camping) is only one factor that may affect the health of the Dixons Kingdom Pencil Pine forest. Nevertheless, in the context of climate change predictions, any additional stressors should be minimised.

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			The KDO will be altered in the final plan (see response to representation 79).
247	Private individual #32	<p>The draft plan misleads as very few fires have been lit and may be trivial in number while use of the area increased substantially between 2004 and 2012, so one might expect some increase in emergencies</p> <p>While I am not supporting open fires in inappropriate areas, the real issue is: are fires being lit in dangerous manners and at dangerous times?</p>	The draft plan presents indicative data on campfire use collected opportunistically as part of a separate monitoring program (p.21-22). Use varied between 2004 and 2012 (p.13) so this seems unlikely to be a factor. Regardless, any potentially uncontrolled fire is a concern because of risk to the area's significant values. Two examples last summer (a campfire at Pool of Bethesda scorching alpine vegetation and the small wildfire at Damascus Gate) exemplify the risk.
248	Private individual #32	Proposed educational material for walking should be extended to all groups as there is no particular reason to associate walking clubs with poor knowledge of natural values or fire threats.	Supported, a range of educational material and media is to be produced (p.32-34 of draft plan) most of which will apply to all users. Some may target particular groups; it is acknowledged that walking clubs are but one of these. See also response to representation 12.
249	Private individual #32	<p>There is misinformation/hyperbole re the use of "sensitive" (with respect to trampling impacts on vegetation; p.9-10 of draft plan). Even the most robust of plants and soils are sensitive at some level. Unqualified, the term misleads when one merely states "sensitive" out of appropriate context.</p> <p>(Noting higher sensitivity to impacts in the Western Arthurs) there has been substantial recovery in protected and hardened areas of the Western Arthurs.</p>	<p>It is agreed the term "sensitive" is a relative one but the Recreation Zone is the context implied as this is the subject of the draft plan. Regardless, the Recreation Zone does contain vegetation types that are trampling-sensitive in both an absolute as well as a relative sense.</p> <p>Re the Western Arthurs, monitoring data does not support the assertion there has been substantial recovery there.</p>
250	Private individual #32	The term " sensitivity " is again misused in the last sentence of the Aboriginal section.	Site sensitivity is the term normally used when modelling the landscape for potential Aboriginal sites and is used by the study referenced in the draft plan. However, to clarify, this will be modified in the final plan.

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251	Private individual #32	(Re unplanned expansion of walking tracks) low use pads and tracks are likely to remain stable.	This depends on use and the relevant environmental thresholds. It has not been the case for some low use routes in the Recreation Zone (p.19-20 of draft plan).
252	Private individual #32	It is poorly-sited infrastructure which diminishes mitigation of adverse impacts. Tracks or platforms can be built to take whatever number of visitors one chooses to mitigate impacts.	See response to representation 228.
253	Private individual #32	While the biosecurity outcome (p. 29) is laudable it is utterly unrealistic. For better control add a sterilant to the boot cleaning method and ensure the whole process is very easy for the walker.	The new boot cleaning station installed includes a sterilising liquid. (but see representation 17).
254	Private individual #32	If there is a booking or quota system , any evaluation needs to also consider those who missed out because of any quota of policy.	It is desirable that any management evaluation includes the full range of users and this will be considered, but it can be difficult to access displaced users. Studies of displacement internationally have grappled with this problem. The plan does not propose a limit on numbers or a quota.
255	Private individual #32	Classify the main loop track as T1 even if the track will only meet T2 standard for much of the area in the short to medium term. Solomons Throne side track should be T2. Trappers Hut to George Howes Lake should be T3. The important thing is the tracks are stable, irrespective of whether it conforms to the relatively arbitrary confines of a track class prescription	Agree the aim is that all tracks are stable (p.28 of draft plan) but also aim to maintain the range of track classes as this also reflects recreational opportunities within the Recreation Zone. The proposed track classes beyond Dixons Kingdom are considered appropriate for the more remote setting; prescribing higher class tracks (e.g. T1) ultimately requires more infrastructure (see response to representations 228 and 172).
256	Private individual #32	The PWS Track Classification System is not meant to be an enforcement tool. It was meant to allow room for reasonable variation more generally.	See responses to representations 115 and 225.

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257	Private individual #32	I suggest defining large groups as > 10, medium groups as 7 - 10 and < 7 as small. Small and medium groups need not book. Medium groups should, when not at designated campsites, aim to vary where they camp elsewhere in the Recreation Zone (at least 700 m from the track between Wild Dog Ck and Dixons Kingdom) so as to avoid further impacting already adversely impacted ground.	See responses to representations 229, 232, 243 and 244.
258	Launceston Walking Club	The Walls of Jerusalem Draft Recreation Zone Plan 2013 details extensive background information and is easy to read and understand.	Noted; no change to draft plan required.
259	Launceston Walking Club	<p>The LWC actively supports the management of fuel stove only areas. The information regarding Fuel Stove Only Areas would be most suitably supported if signs were erected at the entrance to the Park.</p> <p>We agree with any educational initiatives around fuel stoves usage in Fuel Stove Only Areas. The reintroduction of the Track Ranger Program is vital to provide guidance to visitors to the Park on the threat of fire and the appropriate use of fuel stoves. The volunteer care-taker ranger program should be extended to include the Walls of Jerusalem National Park in peak visitor periods.</p>	<p>Supported; no change to draft plan required.</p> <p>New FSOA signage is proposed (p. 32 of draft plan).</p> <p>The use of volunteer caretakers is an operational issue but will be considered.</p>
260	Launceston Walking Club	<p>We agree with the proposed reclassification of a circuit loop track between Dixons Kingdom – Lake Ball – Lake Adelaide track with the upgrade of the circuit to track class T1 and T2.</p> <p>Maintenance plans of existing and any upgraded classification tracks should be included in the Plan. It is noted that there is limited funding available to Parks and Wildlife Service to maintain existing tracks.</p>	<p>Supported; no change to draft plan required.</p> <p>Maintenance plans are an operational issue and are not included in Recreation Zone Plans.</p>
261	Launceston Walking Club	We agree with the plans to expand the camping at Wild Dog Creek and the proposal to construct a	Supported; no change to draft plan required.

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		hardened camping area at Dixons Kingdom , provided it is close enough to facilitate visitors accessing Mt Jerusalem. (while acknowledging the range of environmental issues that must be considered at the latter site)	
262	Launceston Walking Club	We agree there should be no camping in the Central Walls area, as defined by the Draft Plan.	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
263	Launceston Walking Club	We agree with the plan for the construction of a hardened camp area at Lake Adelaide ; however it is essential that a toilet be included.	See responses to representations 53 and 91. The need for a toilet is now acknowledged in the final plan.
264	Launceston Walking Club	Consideration should be given to our proposal that no camping is allowed within 300 metres of a track except the three proposed hard camping areas.	This is an interesting idea, and is used in some places overseas (e.g. New Zealand), but at the Walls of Jerusalem it is considered simpler and more appropriate to restrict camping on a geographic basis, hence the proposal to ban camping in the Central Walls area.
265	Launceston Walking Club	We agree with the proposals in the draft plan to provide educational materials , utilise various forms of communication channels, consistent messages and signage, and personal contact to convey LNT messages to visitors.	Supported; no change to draft plan required.
266	Launceston Walking Club	The large group management proposal that all groups of seven or more members be required to register to visit or traverse the Recreation Zone is unacceptable. (noting that only 7% of users are in such groups and that freedom from bookings is noted as an attraction for a selection of Walls visitors)	See responses to representations 115 and 229.
267	Launceston Walking Club	We propose that if there is to be a booking system , it should apply to commercial operators and educational groups only.	See response to representation 114 and page 32 of the final plan.
268	Launceston Walking Club	We suggest that expanding commercial operator licences is not appropriate given the limited resources	The suggestion to limit commercial licenses has been passed on to PWS business managers for

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		available to the PWS.	consideration but it is a requirement under the <i>National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002</i> and the TWWHA Management Plan 1999 to provide for recreation and tourism.
269	Launceston Walking Club	It is noted in the draft plan that resources are extremely limited and we are of the opinion that scarce resources should be allocated to track upgrades and maintenance , and construction of hard platform camp areas, not a booking system, web-based or otherwise.	Track and campsite upgrades are proposed as priorities. Only a simple group registration system is proposed in the short term. Any potential web-based system would be subject to a cost-benefit analysis and discussion with walking groups (see response to representation 35) and page 27 of the final plan.
270	Launceston Walking Club	The possibility must be considered that the introduction of a booking system for parties of seven or more people may encourage these parties to visit alternative areas of the State which may be equally sensitive or of a more sensitive nature.	Noted; this is a matter to be taken into consideration in any future assessment of a booking system. See response to representation 35.
271	Launceston Walking Club	Whilst not mentioned in the draft plan, members of the LWC are vehemently opposed to any introduction of a user pays system for visitation to the Walls of Jerusalem National Park.	The plan does not propose fees to the Walls of Jerusalem area (beyond existing park entry fees).
272	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	We strongly support infrastructure improvements in the Recreation Zone, preferably all to at least T1 standard. Groups up to ten must be able to camp in the RZ without booking. There should not be fees beyond the generic parks entry Fee for the entire Walls area.	Noted; specific responses below.
273	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	The Walls of Jerusalem has been a well known and consistently visited area for over 75 years. Its popularity has grown at the same rate as bushwalking has grown as an active pastime. Access has become easier as road improvements have made the area a "day visit area". Despite the obvious increase in use, the area has	Infrastructure upgrades are supported; no change to draft plan required. The area is already being widely promoted, in many forums beyond PWS control (see response to representation 40). The plan proposes focussed promotion of particular recreational options in order to

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		<p>remained relatively pristine. The expectation of walkers is for the area to be provided with many conveniences. Whilst most to all are necessary (track hardening, toilets and tent platforms) so much of what is planned is welcome, some other aspects of the draft plan are far from welcome (e.g. to register so that you might be assured of a tent site)</p> <p>One of the greatest threats to the area will be the restrictive nature of PWS plans. On one hand it is proposed to promote the area and on the other hand is to restrict numbers by the suggestion of a registration becoming a booking system.</p>	<p>encourage use of more robust areas and facilities and so minimise impacts elsewhere.</p> <p>There is no proposal to restrict overall visitor numbers. See also responses to representations 35, 114, 183, 189 and 243.</p>
274	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	To investigate the business case for a web-based booking system for all users will mean a cost for booking will be included otherwise you would not call it a "business case".	The investigation of a potential web-based booking system is more appropriately termed a cost-benefit analysis. There are many considerations (see response to representation 35) and a fee is not necessarily implied. Wording re the web-based booking system has been clarified in the final plan (see p 27).
275	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	There is already a registration system in place. It is at the start of the walk near the car park. There is also the evidence of walkers by the number of cars in the car park.	Neither of these provides any information to users before they arrive; a pre-trip registration or booking system provides a conduit for obtaining information about other visitors, crowding, etc in advance and for PWS to provide educational and site information – this is particularly important to school groups (see also responses to representations 35 and 63). Also, there are known compliance issues with logbook registration (only an average 75% of users register, and this may be somewhat less on some days).
276	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	Improvements to the car park and a toilet are not mentioned at all (in the draft plan), yet the claims in the plan indicate an increase in walker numbers and talks about promotion. PWS needs to plan in liaison with local government and Forestry Tasmania.	See responses to representations 3 and 117 and page 34 of the final plan.

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277	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	It would be far better to classify the main loop track for the area as T1 even if the track will only meet T2 for much in the short to medium term.	See responses to representations 220 and 255.
278	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	Tracks have largely evolved and continue to do so, thus PWS wanting to fossilise evolution may end up with a no win for anyone, including PWS. PWS needs to be prepared to alter either prescriptions or the classification of tracks as needed.	Track classifications (and the related prescriptions) are proposed to be altered in some cases to reflect evolved reality; the Dixons Kingdom - Lake Ball section of the loop track is an example of this (see p. 29 of draft plan). However, the overall aim is to maintain a range of recreational opportunities throughout the Recreation Zone and beyond; this means different track classes and hence different levels of infrastructure and promotion.
279	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	The track prescriptions are arbitrary to a huge degree. Tying steepness to grade in a mountainous area is foolish, because this can greatly limit all else (including other track prescription elements) unnecessarily or add huge cost to construction. Largely the classification of a track is based on either past use or what a very environmentally and wilderness minded person wanted. Thus tying usage and group size rigorously is unwarranted where camping is adequate and can avoid larger groups making loners feel crowded.	In the long term, tracks should be both stable as well as provide for a range of recreational walking opportunities, from hardened walks to unimproved routes. Usage and group size considerations are a component of this. The PWS Track Classification Scheme (p. 51-54) is the primary tool to guide this. See responses to representations 115, 225 and 278.
280	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	The track classification system for higher class tracks provides for groups of up to 13 and merely “encourages 6” as a limit. The “encourages 6” was never intended to be taken as an enforceable limit of any kind. The 6 limit is intended as advice only where it is easily practicable for a group or organisation. 7 is not a large group and is the common small group target size for small commercial trips. Allowing up to 9 not to book will also prevent 9 displacing a potential 13 at a ‘large group’ campsite if non-commercials are ever allowed to use such sites.	The draft plan does not propose limiting group sizes traversing higher class tracks to 6 (i.e. groups of up to 13 will remain acceptable for both commercial and non-commercial visitors), but it is proposed to limit where larger groups should camp. The issue is then one of the definition of a large group. Bushwalking Tasmania’s position is noted but see responses to representations 115, 229 and 233. The draft plan proposes (p. 27) that upgraded campsites (Wild Dog Creek and Dixons Kingdom)

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		Bushwalking Tasmania defines group sizes as: Large Groups - 12 plus Medium Groups - 8 to 12 Small Groups :- under 8	contain both commercial and non-commercial areas (see responses to representations 234 and 239) which, together with a registration/booking system (see response to representation 114), should ensure minimal likelihood of the displacement scenario noted occurring.
281	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	Large groups should camp at hardened sites designed to take this size group when such facilities are available. Medium and small groups should use sites appropriate to the tent numbers and site size.	This is similar to the approach proposed by the draft plan (i.e. larger groups required to use designated sites, smaller groups free to camp elsewhere). The difference relates to the definition of what constitutes a large group.
282	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	Bushwalking Tasmania is vehemently against any form of registering (except in log books at the start of a walk) or booking for any walks in the Walls of Jerusalem National Park (and other parks, reserves and conservation areas). The proposal to have walkers register will most likely transfer them to other areas probably without the infrastructure to mitigate possible adverse impacts, probably more sensitive to walking impacts and where walkers would otherwise be less likely to visit.	See response to representations 35, 240 and 275. It is unclear how the need to register would, of itself, cause significant displacement of walkers to other areas.
283	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	It is PWS forcing all parties of whatever size together that creates crowding and may force extra adverse impacts. It is not the fault of the parties. That PWS calls a party of seven large is dishonest, that seven makes a smaller party unhappy is disingenuous and often false. By PWS logic four parties of two more would be a crowd. To provide desired walker experience, PWS needs to cater for all and treat non-commercial groups of less than ten as acceptable as the lone walker.	See responses to representations 157, 230 and 231.
284	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	(Note apparent confusion re the draft plans description of campsite and track impacts; improvement at some sites and deterioration at others).	Impacts at campsites, on tracks and with respect to human waste are caused by differing factors. Campsite impacts are a function of both total use, group size,

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	Clubs)	We now expect that improvements will be made tracks and campsites which are “actively deteriorating “as the outcome of the installation of a temporary toilet (at Dixons Kingdom) has had. All of which has nothing to do with crowding.	crowding and environmental factors. Track impacts are mostly related to total use in the context of environmental trampling sensitivity. Human waste issues relate to total numbers and use behaviour. Each requires a different mitigation approach, although they are related. Hence the draft plan proposes a package of measures to address these and other issues. Such measures also need to take account of the need to provide for and maintain a range of recreational opportunities in the Walls of Jerusalem area. See response to representation 184 (also 31 and 255).
285	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	<i>“If un-regulated access is permitted, then additional infrastructure will likely encourage greater visitation and do little to mitigate impacts at these sites“</i> is wrong logic and a bad attitude for an already popular area. That said infrastructure does mitigate impact is why PWS use it. Given there is existing infrastructure and it is known about by walkers, more infrastructure will not of itself attract walkers, the Walls themselves and their promotion do this. Infrastructure can be increased (and does mitigate impacts), but increased infrastructure will not endlessly attract more visitors. This can only apply more strongly where there is plenty of campable ground.	While well-designed hardened campsites have the capacity to mitigate impacts, this is not a limitless solution. There are cost and environmental constraints. See response to representation 172.
286	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	The draft plan is highly biased against walking clubs and the like, in fact any group of 8-12 or larger. It also appears tacitly assumed that all such groups are badly behaved, when untrue. For Tasmanian walking clubs this is untrue as membership is aging and quieter than many smaller groups. Requiring bookings or having to camp right outside the Recreation Zone are anti-social and potentially a danger to a key stakeholder group.	See responses to representations 230, 233 and 242.

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287	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	There appears to be not much attempt to actually cater for non-commercial groups unlike the usually larger commercial groups; e.g. there is no definite plan for group platforms at Lake Adelaide and may not be enough platforms near Wild Dog Creek or Dixons Kingdom	The draft plan proposes both commercial and non-commercial group platforms as separate components of the upgraded Wild Dog Creek and Dixons Kingdom camping areas (p. 29). See response to representations 16, 66 and 120. Re Lake Adelaide campsite, see responses to representations 53, 91, 123, 137 and 167.
288	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	That groups of seven or more must entirely traverse the Recreation Zone is at odds with the Track Classification, as off-track has even tighter preferences for group size. So as Recreation Zones, T1 and T2 tracks are the PWS-preferred places for larger groups, there is a mismatch of PWS wants.	The draft plan proposals do not force groups of more than 6 to either camp outside or traverse the Recreation Zone. See response to representations 115 and 119.
289	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	Re Key Desired Outcome (KDO) 1 (<i>No evidence of continued camping in the Central Walls area and signs of revegetation of bare areas</i>), surely what you want is improvement of ground as opposed to absolutely no camping? The KDO should be altered to reflect this.	While improvement of ground condition is the aim, despite some 20 years of discouraging camping in the Central Walls impacts remain and have increased at some sites. Hence, banning camping is the most practical solution, this was foreshadowed in 1992, and is widely supported.
290	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	Re Key Desired Outcome 2 (<i>Condition of all other campsites stable and, if disused or closed, signs of revegetation of any bare soil areas</i>), it would be inappropriate to close all other campsites that may not be stable.	See response to representation 238.
291	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	Re Key Desired Outcome 3 (<i>No campfires are lit</i>), a great result should allow for safe open fire lit for an emergency (like hypothermia).	The <i>National Park and Reserved Lands Regulations 2009</i> provide for the lighting of a fire in an area where this might not otherwise be allowed “if a fire is required in an emergency where fire is needed for survival reasons” (s. 12-2a). While it is not possible to know the purpose of every fire after the fact, it seems likely emergency situations are rare (and good first aid practice suggests a fire is not the best way to treat hypothermia). Accordingly, it is considered the plan

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			wording is appropriate for a KDO.
292	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	Re Key Desired Outcome 5 (<i>Condition of all tracks and routes stable and consistent with the relevant classification</i>), the important thing here is that a track be stable, irrespective of whether it conforms to the relatively arbitrary confines of a prescription.	See response to representation 255.
293	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	Re Key Desired Outcome 6 (<i>All visitors are aware of and practice Leave No Trace principles</i>), this seems a rather intrusive process. Meaningfully checking for knowledge is unreasonable as it is likely to be interrogatory, somewhat useless for the many who know and accept MIB/LNT, and equally pointless for those who know little. Rangers will need to sensitively judge whether education is required or not. If required, take the time necessary as reasonably suits the walker to “share” easy ways to do MIB, useful brief anecdotes and information.	It is important to evaluate the success of any education program and user surveys are generally the best way to do this. How such survey(s) are designed and undertaken and how track rangers interact with visitors are operational matters. Bushwalking Tasmania’s comments have been noted in this regard.
294	Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)	Re Key Desired Outcome 7 (<i>All visitors are satisfied with the social experience of their visit to the Walls of Jerusalem</i>), in order to prevent bias any surveys should include potential visitors who miss out on a wanted walk in/to the Walls.	The difficulties of attaining full representation and the potential for missing a stakeholder component is a well known issue of user surveys generally. This will be considered in any survey design.

Off-topic or broader representations – no change to plan required.

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295	Private individual #14	<p>I fully understand that improvements cost money however a higher annual parks fee might be a better option (than a user pays permit/booking system). If a user pays system is implemented then as the Walls of Jerusalem is the main area I visit, then I would question the value of an annual all parks pass.</p> <p>Whilst slightly off topic, could a family pass be considered to bring down the cost of accessing the Overland Track or Walls of Jerusalem if such a fee is brought in.</p>	<p>The issue of Parks entry fees is beyond the scope of the plan. The point is noted and has been passed on to PWS business managers for consideration.</p> <p>Re Overland Track fees, the issue of a possible family pass has been passed on to Overland Track managers for consideration.</p>
296	Private individual #2	<p>As for the Three Capes track, what a terrible waste of our taxpayers' money, 'improving' an already okay track, and making it into a 'highway'. What a great way to destroy what is fascinating for walkers - the wild, unspoiled and desolate beauty of the place.</p>	<p>View noted; it is government policy to continue to develop the Three Capes Track.</p>
297	Private individual #2	<p>We have had to forgo walking the Overland track with our children as the fee for five of us is astronomical - and galling, given that we are locals and possess a Parks Pass. Many parks around the world are free, and even within Australia, the residents of the state often do not have to pay (e.g Kakadu National Park).</p>	<p>Noted and passed on to Overland Track managers for consideration.</p>
298	Private individual #18	<p>As for the charging of fee etc, I am a big believer in charging people for spending the night in the park, rather than charging money for people driving into the national park. (see what DoC in NZ do.) You should be charging commercial groups/ operators etc a decent sum of money.</p>	<p>The issue of Parks entry fees is beyond the scope of the plan. The point is noted and has been passed on to PWS business managers for consideration.</p>
299	Private individual #18	<p>Yes you should have a ranger on the track (in the Walls of Jerusalem), but you also need a ranger on the</p>	<p>Noted and passed on to relevant managers for</p>

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		eastern/western Arthurs and the South Coast. (While) all of these areas are more remote than the Walls, the vegetation is arguably just as sensitive.	consideration.
300	Private individual #19	The true cost of supplying adequate infrastructure & personnel should be determined and users charged accordingly. Profit and loss statements must be done to achieve an acceptable rate of return for Tasmania from our iconic wilderness areas. We cannot continue to tell the public, on one hand, this is our future, and then on the other restrict the use of these areas.	The issue of user fees is beyond the scope of the plan. The point is noted and has been passed on to PWS business managers for consideration.
301	Private individual #25	Successful working partnerships with user groups may help reduce the cost burden of track maintenance. As an example, Parks Victoria partner with various groups to help maintain infrastructure.	Noted and passed on to communications and Wildcare managers for further consideration. Such working partnerships exist in a range of Tasmanian reserves, generally operating under the Wildcare umbrella, and some (eg friends of Mt Field) undertake track maintenance.
302	Private individual #27	I believe that our great National Parks should be managed and maintained with limited restrictions for people who live in this state.	Noted and has been passed on to PWS business managers for consideration.
303	Private individual #28	(PWS has an) inability to understand the importance of employing historian(s) to work in tandem with archaeologists and whose knowledge of land use would enhance botanical and zoological studies.	Noted.
304	Tasmanian Outdoor Education Teachers' Association	Educational Exemptions are a wonderful contribution by PWS that enable schools to access areas such as the Walls at a reduced cost. However, it is well known in the educational community that this system is clearly abused by some groups/schools. While some information is already captured on the single-sheet <i>Educational Exemption Application Form</i> , I suggest in addition requiring schools/groups to more formally include information as to their specific equipment, including type of stoves, tents/shelters,	Noted and passed on to relevant managers for consideration. The collection of additional information from educational groups may form part of the development of the proposed education package for the Walls of Jerusalem but it is neither appropriate nor practical for the PWS to be involved in risk management of individual trips.

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		<p>previous staff and student experience, etc.</p> <p>Schools/groups should be made more accountable, and should recognise the granting of an Educational Exemption with a greater sense of achievement and satisfaction; it should reflect their preparedness and level of compliance with required standards and conditions.</p>	
305	Private individual #30	<p>Government (including PWS) should not advertise the state's wilderness/eco/adventure tourism potential, and seek the economic spin-off this might bring, unless the environment can cope with the increased pressure, and unless this can be achieved without such increased pressure rendering these environmental experiences unavailable to Tasmanians.</p>	<p>It is a requirement under the <i>National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002</i> to provide for recreation and tourism.</p>
306	Private individual #32	<p>PWS needs to build capacity more generally before it embarks on quotas, bookings and the like. Capacity building is a particularly critical deficiency of the TWWHA Management Plan.</p> <p>PWS walking infrastructure should meet demand; i.e. supply the quantity of walking experiences people want when it suits them.</p>	<p>There are both practical and environmental limits to what infrastructure can and should be built and maintained in reserves. The former necessarily includes consideration of cost (particularly in the current constrained fiscal environment, unless additional funding can be accessed or significant user fees are imposed). The latter involves (in part) considerations of the footprint of structures, an appropriate visitor experience, and the appropriate limits to development in areas with conservation values. It is important to be strategic in planning and developing the right mix of infrastructure in Tasmania's reserves.</p>
307	Private individual #32	<p>The TWWHA has long been a very important area for public recreation in Tasmania. It would be appalling to see much of the walked WHA reverted to some kind of "defined wilderness" (no tracks, no campsites, "no evidence of camping", no roads, etc...). Thus, it is of concern to see that, in such a large area with relatively few visitors and relatively few popular areas,</p>	<p>The TWWHA offers a range of recreational experiences, from short front country walks to remote and trackless country. Backcountry recreation zones are an important part of this spectrum and it is not intended to "revert" these to "defined wilderness". The entire spectrum requires management in order to</p>

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		<p>restrictions on access have unnecessarily increased for the most popular area and are likely to increase for the few other popular areas for overnight walking.</p>	<p>maintain recreational opportunities and any infrastructure that supports it.</p>
308	<p>Bushwalking Tasmania (formerly Federation of Tasmanian Bushwalking Clubs)</p>	<p>PWS must look at capacity building, including the whole of the WHA. This need not lead to poor experiences or unduly large costs. There are not a lot of places most people want to walk (overnight): this knowledge can be used to build excellent capacity and in a cost effective manner for the relatively few popular areas. Social crowding are very poor arguments as infrastructure, signage and advice can be designed and used to stop this. PWS mostly crowds people into 'single' designated campsites anyway, so the crowding-wilderness argument is not heeded by PWS in reality. People visiting any popular areas must accept they cannot have it to themselves.</p>	<p>See response to representations 12 and 13 above.</p>