PETITION TO ENSURE NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDERNESS AREAS ARE MANAGED FOR NATURE

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled.

The petition of the concerned citizens of NSW

brings to the attention of the House the threat to nature posed by proposals to construct tourism developments in national parks.

The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to uphold the following principles:

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- The cost of visiting these precious areas is kept small, so that parks remain accessible to everyone as the most democratic spaces we have, free of elite commercial precincts;
- No new buildings for accommodation are constructed in national parks, and that the NPWS continues to protect our parks from development, except for appropriately located car parks, toilets, walking tracks and basic camping facilities, and for some suitable parks, a visitor centre;
- Plans of management will continue to regulate the ecologically appropriate use of national parks through open and transparent community participation processes, with no fast track or other special park laws for the tourism industry; and that
- Wilderness areas must remain undisturbed and free of all infrastructure, commercial uses and large numbers of people, where natural processes can thrive and visitors can renew their spirit.

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