



**Office of  
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NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service



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Our reference: DOC17/168131  
EF15/10088  
SF17/12697

Dear Mark,

**DA Referral – Tree and rock removal, Mid Station Bistro, Perisher Valley.  
DA 8300**

I refer to the above development application (DA) forwarded to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) for provision of comments in accordance with *State Environmental Planning Policy (Kosciuszko National Park - Alpine Resorts) 2007* (SEPP). OEH have reviewed the information supplied and provide the following comments.

**Fauna and Flora**

The area proposed for the tree and rock removal is previously modified from the bistro construction and grooming works. The area was also modified under DA 7582 with some tree and rock removal occurring prior to winter 2016. OEH acknowledges that further tree and rock removal is required to facilitate the waste collection at this site. The trees and rocks proposed for removal are directly surrounded by exotic vegetation.

Rock & Tree removal

Rock removed from site should not be placed on existing native heath and should only be used in the proposed fauna crossing or taken to the Smiggins stockpile site.

All tree removal should be in accordance with the methods proposed in the SEE. In addition all trees proposed for removal should be clearly marked and be checked for the presence of fauna, nests or dreys. OEH should be contacted for advice on suitable procedures to be followed if fauna are present.

Access

Access to the site should be from existing disturbed access tracks and machinery should only work from disturbed areas. To minimise damage from the excavator, works should not be undertaken during or after periods of heavy rainfall. The disturbance area should be clearly marked so there is no vehicle or machinery disturbance outside of the proposed works area and access tracks.

Rehabilitation and offsets

OEH supports the proposed location of the fauna crossing as it links existing native vegetation. The fauna crossing should be installed at the same time (commence within 1 month) as the tree and rock removal to provide an immediate offset.

An 80:20 mix of Chewings Fescue and *Poa fawcettiae* is recommended for rehabilitation as there is some native vegetation in the vicinity of the proposed works area.

OEH recommends the inclusion of the following conditions from the DA 7582 determination:

- B.4 Tree and rock removal
- B.5 Machinery and Storage
- C.8 Storage of Materials
- C.16 Excavations and backfilling
- C.18 Tree and rock removal; and
- E.1 (a), linked to any occupation certificate.

### **Leasing**

The proposed works fall within both a Lease and Licence area. The proposal is permissible under the Consolidated Mountain Lease and the Perisher Ski Area Licence held by Perisher Blue Pty Limited.

Under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation (2000)*, Landowners Consent is required for any development application within a Licence area. We note that Landowners Consent has been requested.

### **Aboriginal Cultural Heritage**

The site of the proposed works are not within a zone of Aboriginal cultural heritage sensitivity according to "Perisher Range Resorts Area Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study" (Navin Officer, October 2000). The development area is also previously disturbed however, should any Aboriginal objects be uncovered during construction, any works impacting the objects must cease immediately and the NPWS contacted for assessment of the site.

If you have any further enquires please contact the Assessment Coordinator, Bec Owen on 02 6450 5543.

Yours sincerely



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