



## L'ÉTAPE AUSTRALIA 2018

### Environmental Impact Statement and Effects

Food Zone #4 - Perisher

#### 1. Description of the development

L'Étape Australia by le Tour de France is the only Tour de France event to be held in Australia. The event is an amateur cycling event providing the same race condition as on the Tour de France; fully closed roads, mechanical assistance, medical assistance and attendance by Tour de France rider Mathew Hayman.

The first edition occurred in December 2016 in the NSW Snowy Mountains.

Being the only Tour de France event in Australia, L'Étape Australia is a major cycling event and will benefit the region by gathering thousands of riders and their supporters in the same area. It will increase the economical and touristic activity in the region during the event and will build awareness around the NSW Snowy Mountains.

The event is not broadcast live.

The Perisher Car Park will host the Perisher ascent finish line totems and the Food Zone #4. It will be a light set up which will require a small number of vehicles to access the area on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

The travel time between Jindabyne and Perisher will be the same as usual on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Kosciuszko Road between the junction with Alpine Way and the Perisher Car Park will be close to traffic on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December between 6:00am and 5:45pm. Only the L'Étape Australia riders and authorised vehicles will be able to access this road during this time.

The conditions will be similar in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

## **2. Purpose of the development**

L'Étape Australia riders registered for The Race (the longer distance option) will climb up to Perisher. They will be timed from the bottom of the climb to the top. Two totems with timing recorders will be installed on the side of Kosciuszko Road (off the road), in front of the National Parks building.

The riders will reach the summit of the ascent after 137km of riding, loop around the National Park building and go back down to Jindabyne. To perform a safe descent, riders will need to eat and drink before riding down to Jindabyne. The Perisher Car Park is the most logical safe place to set up a Food Zone.

The proximity of the Perisher Ski Tube Station and the National Parks Building also provide us with the safety of hard shelter in case the weather deteriorates quickly (e.g. cold, heavy rain/wind or very hot weather).

The Food Zone site size is 1,500m<sup>2</sup>.

The Food Zone will be set up on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. A security guard will monitor the area overnight. It will then operate on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December by one L'Étape Australia representative and 8 to 10 volunteers.

The first rider is expected at 10:20am and the last rider will leave the area at 4:00pm.

## **3. History of the site**

Car park.

## **4. Site suitability**

Being a car park, accessible from a main road, this site suits our development perfectly. It will avoid the need to go through any protected areas with vehicles, or the risk of damage any natural and preserved areas. The ski tube terminal is also a suitable venue in case of bad weather to protect staff and riders.

## **5. Present and previous uses**

Car park.

## **6. Operational details**

The bump-in will occur on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. The bump-out will start as soon as the last rider leave the area on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December (around 4pm).

Contractors (numbers to be determined) will work onsite during bump-in / bump-out and will be accommodated at the Alpine Adventist Village.

On race day, the area will be operated from 6am until bump-out is finished. The first rider is expected at 10:20am and the last rider will leave the area at 4pm.

Some event and sponsors signage (core flute and banners) will be displayed on site on the totems and barriers.

The emergency management plan attached details the planned actions in case of strong wind.

Only the timing equipment inside the totem will need power. This will be sourced from the National Parks building and a spare generator will be brought onsite.

In case of an emergency at the Food Zone, the L'Étape Australia staff will guide people to the safest location.

#### **7. Change of use of a building**

N/A

#### **8. Snow deposition**

N/A

#### **9. Engineering details**

N/A

#### **10. Building classification and Building Code of Australia**

N/A

#### **11. Social and economic impact**

The Food Zone is dedicated to the riders and shouldn't attract other visitors. The peak of attendance should be around 200 riders at one time, and the total number of riders overall will be 3,000.

To comply with the State Environmental Planning Policy, L'Étape Australia will only use the existing car park area, which does not include any wildlife habitats. A waste management plan will be setup with the Snowy Monaro Regional Council.

#### **12. Access and traffic**

Kosciuszko road will be closed to traffic from 6:00am until 5:45pm on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Therefore, no vehicle except for the L'Étape Australia vehicles will be able to access the area.

#### **13. Privacy, views and overshadowing**

N/A

#### **14. Air and noise**

N/A

#### **15. Soil, water and wastewater management**

N/A

#### **16. Heritage**

N/A

#### **17. Aboriginal cultural heritage**

N/A

### **18. Energy**

Energy will be sourced from the National Parks building.

### **19. Waste**

The Snowy Monaro Regional Council supports the event and will provide us with bins in the area. A cleaning company will be contracted to keep the area clean during the event and the Council will take in charge the waste management after the end of the event (according to the waste management plan).

### **20. Demolition**

N/A

### **21. State Environmental Planning Policy (Kosciuszko National Park—Alpine Resorts) 2007**

The Clause 14 of Alpine SEEP and the Clause 12 of Misc SEPP are covered in the different parts of this application.