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Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
Jindabyne NSW 2627

Our reference: DOC20350088  
EF20/21674

Dear Mark,

## **DA Referral – Landscaping and paving, 20 Mountain Drive, Thredbo DA 10247**

I refer to the above development application (DA) forwarded to the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) for provision of comments in accordance with *State Environmental Planning Policy (Kosciuszko National Park - Alpine Resorts) 2007* (SEPP).

In providing these comments consideration has been had to the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, the Kosciuszko Plan of Management 2006 (KNP PoM) and the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act) and any other applicable legislation. Accordingly, I suggest that the following should be considered by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) in its assessment.

### **1. Leasing and KNP PoM**

- 1.1 NPWS Property and Commercial Team has advised that the proposed works are permissible and do not require lessor's consent under the Head Lease held by Kosciuszko Thredbo Pty Ltd.
- 1.2 The relevant provisions of the KNP Plan of Management have been considered and it is determined the works fit within the management objectives for section 10.2 (Alpine Resorts Management Units), section 10.4 (Thredbo Management Unit), section 11.6 (Environmental Quality) and chapter 8 (Recreation).

### **2. BC Act**

- 2.1 The Department should address the BC Act in its assessment. Whilst the BC Act has not been specifically addressed in the DA. NPWS's view is that proposed works are not likely to significantly affect threatened species and the Biodiversity Offset Scheme is not triggered. However, further consideration may be required depending on the requirements of the Rural Fire Service as an integrated agency (refer also point 4.1(i) below).

### **3. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage**

- 3.1 The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Due Diligence Assessment prepared by the proponent has followed a suitable process in determining that the proposed works are unlikely to harm Aboriginal objects.
- 3.2 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.

#### **4. Protection of native vegetation, fauna and fauna habitats**

4.1 In order to assist in minimising any impacts of the proposed development NPWS recommends the following measures.

- (i) If native vegetation removal is required for an Asset Protection Zone by the Rural Fire Service as an integrated agency, then further consultation with NPWS is required. Please note this is not consent for further vegetation management just a request for further consultation.
- (ii) All waste management receptors must be able to be covered daily to ensure waste cannot blow away or must be emptied or removed from site each day.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mick Pettitt', written over a circular stamp or seal.

**Mick Pettitt**  
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**Southern Ranges Branch**  
12 May 2020