4 May 2015

Dear Mr Greg Alomes,

Draft TWWHA Management Plan

Pursuant to s.22 of the National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002, the Tasmanian Planning Commission is to review copies of representations and the report of the Director of National Parks into representations regarding a draft management plan. As you are aware, the Commission may elect to have public hearings to assist in its review.

Given the volume of representations received, and the complex and comprehensive range of issues raised, we submit that a public hearing would be of great assistance in reviewing the representations regarding the draft Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Management Plan (draft TWWHA plan). Inviting representors to attend hearings to outline their interests will be the most efficient and constructive way for the Commission to interrogate how concerns raised have been addressed in the Director’s report. We would welcome an assurance from you that the Commission intends to hold public hearings in respect of the draft TWWHA plan.

We also urge you to consider inviting a representative of the Commonwealth government to be appointed as a delegate to the panel considering the draft TWWHA plan. This will assist in assessing concerns raised in representations regarding the extent to which the draft TWWHA plan is consistent with Australia’s obligations under the World Heritage Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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