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SUBMISSION BY CHARLOTTE PASS SKI LODGES ASSOCIATION TO INDEPENDENT PRICING & REGULATORY TRIBUNAL OF NEW SOUTH WALES REVIEW OF THE PRICING OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES AT PERISHER RANGE RESORTS

- Charlotte Pass Ski Lodges Association Inc (CPSLA) is an incorporated association
 the members of which comprise all of the lodges at Charlotte Pass Village. All but
 one (Kosciusko Alpine Club) are sub-lessees of Charlotte Pass Village Pty Ltd (CPV).
 However, the constitution of CPSLA provides that no lodge can be a member if it has
 any financial association with CPV. Accordingly, CPSLA represents the interests of
 those lodges and their members independently of the village operator at Charlotte
 Pass.
- 2. The interests represented by CPSLA are concerned with the pricing of infrastructure services at Perisher Range Resorts in the peripheral sense of their members and guests, staff and supplies being in transit at Perisher but otherwise having a minimal or zero impact on the Perisher Range Resorts and the infrastructure services provided there.
- From this perspective, the following comments are made in respect to the material on which submissions are called:

Extracts from NPWS Perisher Range Resorts Infrastructure Services Strategy

1.1 Strategy overview

No change in bed numbers is contemplated at CPV.

1.2.1 Master Plan Environmental Impact Study

As noted above, Perisher is a place of transit to and from CPV.

There is some garbage disposal from CPV, use of the roads and transport counter with (very spartan) waiting facilities. CPV, as village operator, provides a municipal service to remove its solid waste to bins at Perisher Valley in winter and to a local bin in summer. Also CPV currently pays a service fee to NPWS (PWD) to remove the waste from Perisher Valley.

Note that the study area (see figure 2.1) shows that CPV is outside that study area.

2.2 Existing Primary Services

2.2.1 Water Supply

Not applicable to CPV.

2.2.2 Sewerage Services

Not applicable to CPV.

2.2.3 Stormwater

No applicable to CPV.

2.2.4 Internal Road System

Whilst relevant for transit purposes as noted above, this is now an RTA responsibility.

2.2.5 Solid Waste

Not applicable to CPV except as noted on page 10/69 in respect of waste disposal from CPV; also as noted above.

2.2.6 Electrical Supply & Distribution

Not applicable to CPV.

Note significant access to CPV via Perisher in winter is via the skitube.

2.2.7 Communication Network

Not applicable to CPV.

2.3 Existing Secondary Services

Not applicable to CPV except in the transit sense noted above.

Further, CPV uses the emergency services noted at 2.3.3.

The freight and passenger terminal is used for winter access to CPV – see 2.3.7 and the comments above.

3. Forecast Infrastructure Requirements

For the reasons noted above, this is of minimal relevance to CPV.

3.1 Overview

This is of minimal relevance to CPV.

3.2 Upgrade of Primary services

Not applicable to CPV except as noted below.

3.2.5 Solid Waste

Minimal relevance to CPV.

3.3 Emergency Services

No cost impact.

3.4 Information Centre

Not relevant to CPV unless included and there is no commercial rationale for PBL to do so.

3.3.7 Freight and Passenger Terminal

Minimal relevance to CPV.

4. Service Demands and Mission

Not applicable to a CPV.

In relation to 8.5 in respect of the Perisher Range Resorts Infrastructure Services Strategy – Secondary Services Recommended – Freight and Passenger Terminal - there is some relevance to CPV.

4. It would be inappropriate for a pricing structure to be devised which imposed a cost applicable to those who use the Perisher Range Resorts and also imposed that structure on those who make minimal impact on it and are merely in transit. If an additional service charge is being considered through the park entry fee then a rebate or other allowance to CPV residents and visitors should be provided.

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