

Dear Sirs

- Costs for lodges have risen heavily over the last 10 years, and the proportion of our income now that goes to Rental and MSU and Insurance and Fire protection does not leave room for further increases. Lodges get old and have to be heavily maintained and reserves have to be built up to allow for this. These are not profits, but just keep our premises usable in the long term. Bunk accommodation is a thing of the past. Lodges are not a bottomless pit for moneyraising
- Lodges pay a disproportionate share of the total costs of running the valley, whereas day trippers just pay their entry fee, and none of this goes to the MSU costs.
- A main problem is that not all money raised from Perisher goes to Perisher development. In Victoria ALL income goes to the snow area. Rents, access gate fees, MSU charges, in total go to the area for development. Some \$6-9m per year. At Thredbo, all RENT, MSU charges, go to the operator. Kosciusko Thredbo. Some \$4m per year. Gate fees however go to Government. In Perisher, only MSU charges go to the development of the area. Some \$2.5m per year (which we pay). The rest, rent and gate fees adding up to \$5m/yr go to Government/NPWS. Add up the differences over 30 years and you have a lot of money that has been treated by NPWS as revenue and diverted to other NSW Parks. The Victorian model should be adopted.
- We have been paying rent at 6% a year on land that was supposedly fit for use, with services provided. But now we have to pay for roads, water supplies, sewage plants etc which means that the capital services were not actually provided. i.e. The model should be that all funds raised from Perisher should be used at Perisher, not just go to consolidated revenue.
- Running costs we agree we should pay for, but capital costs are for the benefit of the land owners, the government, and should be paid by the government, not the current users.

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