

Dear Sir,

I write to you as a member of Telemark, a small club lodge in Perisher, which tries to provide affordable skiing for families and their friends, in a "snowbound village". This club was founded in 1950, and the little mountain hut built by its' founders in 1951. It is still standing, little changed, and has always been, and still is maintained by the members and friends of the club. This is not a wealthy club, and its members are just ordinary people

We are very concerned about the outcome of the IPART Review into Infrastructure pricing.

Our costs have increased so much in the the last few years, that we have had to double our prices for accommodation over the last 5 years. This year we have had several people cancel bookings when they found they could not afford the cost of taking their family to Telemark with the higher cost !!! This, in turn means that if we cannot fill that cancellation, our income is considerable reduced.

Most of our costs are taken up with rent & MSU charges, electricity, and insurance. It is only because we do our own building and maintenance, that we have been able to continue to provide affordable skiing.

As we do not own the land our lodges are built on, NWPS does, why should the costs of expanding roads, water supply, sewerage be borne by us. We are not expanding !!!! We paid at least a \$10000 special levy to upgrade several years ago.....and we pay very high MSU charges as it is. If the resort is expanding, then surely costs should be borne by those wanting to expand.

As I understand it some of the cost estimates by NWPS are connected with sealing the roads and building a new car park. One of the UNIQUE attributes of Perisher is that it is a 'SNOWBOUND VILLAGE'. We do not want this to change...it is very special to get away from vehicles, traffic and pollution.....Also what about the pollution of the Creek from all the tons of salt that would need to be used to stop the sealed roads from turning into dangerous slippery slides???

If Perisher/Blue are going to build over the old car park, why do they not have to incur the cost of providing a new car park.?? It does not seem fair that we, who pay to travel on the ski tube up to Perisher, should have to pay for a car park which we do not ever use.

Also why do the gate fees not go towards paying for the estimated additional costs???

Only a few years ago the gate fees charged going into the Perisher area were exclusive to Kosciuszko National Park..ie.a NSW National Park permit was not valid. However I believe that the takings were not used exclusively in the Perisher Valley at that time. Was this the case? Regardless, it would seem appropriate that gate takings, (including those charged in the ski tube fee) be used to help pay for the estimated infrastructure costs. Everyone who comes to the area uses the facilities. How do day trippers contribute? ...or dont they?

We are feeling like a "threatened species".....please dont let us become extinct ???!!!

Yours sincerely,
Jenny Heming
President
Telemark Ski Club