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The Planning Officer
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SUBMISSION ON THE SIXTH DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Blue Mountains Conservation Society is a community organisation dedicated to the preservation and regeneration of the natural environment of the Greater Blue Mountains. Much of that natural environment is within the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, so the Society takes an interest in the standards for management proposed for other Australian World Heritage national parks. The Society has around 800 members.

The Society has a number of concerns about the capacity of the 6th draft Plan of Management (dPoM) for Kakadu National Park to adequately protect the heritage values of this extremely important area. Development in national parks, if it occurs, should be strictly controlled with a prescriptive and transparent assessment process, which allows for public exhibition and comment, and penalties for breaches of the prescribed standards. There should be specifically stated limits to activities which impact on a park's heritage values, as is the case, for instance, for Kosciusko National Park in NSW in which specific bed numbers are stipulated. .

In particular, the Society strongly believes that the 6th dPoM should be amended to include:

- a zoning table and maps to protect its heritage values, particularly those of wilderness, from the adverse impacts of visitor facilities;
- prohibition of new visitor accommodation and roads;
- public listing and description of all development proposals together with the requirement of compulsory public exhibition of each proposal for comment; and,

- provision for a “State of the Park” report during the period of the 6th dPoM that will provide benchmarks for the Plan’s policies and actions.

The Society has read and fully supports the Colong Foundation’s submission on the 6th dPoM for Kakadu National Park.

Yours sincerely

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Madi Maclean

For the Management Committee.

Yours faithfully,

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