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**Nature Conservation Saves for Tomorrow**

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Dear Premier Minns, Treasurer Mookhey and Minister Sharpe,

## **Opposition to Gardens of Stone Glamping Resorts**

The Blue Mountains Conservation Society is writing to bring your attention to community concerns regarding the potential impacts of three glamping resorts in essentially pristine platy pagoda landscapes of the Gardens of Stone State Conservation Area.

On Wednesday 8th April the Society convened a meeting in Katoomba where serious issues were raised regarding proposed glamping resorts located in internationally significant platy pagoda landscapes. Outgoing President, Annette Cam stated that these are not just 'tents'; they are commercial operations in one of the world's most fragile landscapes.

The Society is of the view that the proposed grey water treatment system, which requires the building of large, artificial soil mounds on bare rock and stone, will not be suitable for the safe disposal of grey water and will not work. It is also likely to introduce invasive, non-indigenous grass species and devastating pathogens into pristine ecosystems.

Our Local Member and Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment, Trish Doyle reminded the meeting of her personal objection in which she wrote that the glamping proposals set ‘dangerous and unacceptable precedent for development within our National Parks’ (Doyle 17 Feb, 2026).

Associate Professor Ali Chauvenet, a senior scientist specialising in park management, reminded the audience of the intrinsic and mental health benefits of undeveloped National Parks. She argued that the true value of these spaces remains tied to their natural, untouched state.

The meeting concluded with the **unanimous passing** of a resolution calling on the NSW Government to:

- **Refuse approval and lease issue** for construction of new commercial accommodation facilities at the three proposed sites that would damage conservation values and impact essentially pristine internationally significant and rare platy pagoda landscapes.
- **Legislate** protection for areas of rare or significant geodiversity and for areas of outstanding natural beauty at a level equal to that afforded threatened species.
- **Ban** construction of new commercial accommodation facilities in Parks as it damages conservation values, as demonstrated by the potential impacts of glamping resorts on internationally significant and rare platy pagoda landscapes.
- **Ban** free handouts of park facilities to and secret reserve management negotiations with developers, as these encourage development on Parks before development on private land.

We ask the NSW Government to implement this resolution, starting with the refusal to issue a lease and approve the glamping resorts proposed in three platy pagoda landscapes of the Gardens of Stone State Conservation Area.

Yours sincerely,



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