

6.3.19 Glen Alice Trail

REPORT BY THE GENERAL MANAGER TO 5 FEBRUARY 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

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RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. **the report by the General Manager on the Glen Alice Trail be received;**
2. **Council makes a submission to the Wollemi National Park Plan of Management, when the Plan of Management is open for public review, seeking that the Glen Alice Trail be opened for public vehicle use.**

Detailed report

Council will recall that at a previous meeting we wrote to the Minister for the Environment seeking that the Glen Alice Trail be opened up for four wheel drive vehicles. Attached is the response from the Office of Environment and Heritage. In that response, it is recommended to Council that we make a submission when the Wollemi National Park Plan of Management is open for review.

I have written to David Crust and advised him of this correspondence and to notify Council when that review is available for comment.

Financial and Operational Plan implications

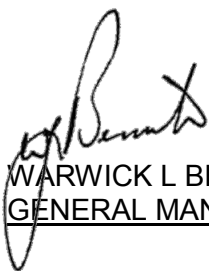
Nil at this stage.

Community Plan implications

Nil at this stage.

24 January 2014

Attachments: 1. Letter dated 20 December 2013 from Ann King, National Parks & Wildlife Service



WARWICK L BENNETT
GENERAL MANAGER



**Office of
Environment & Heritage**
NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service



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Our reference: MD13/4245
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6370 9000

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Dear Mr Bennett

I refer to your letter to the Minister for the Environment, the Hon Robyn Parker MP regarding the Glen Alice trail. Your letter was referred to the National Parks and Wildlife Service and I have been asked to reply.

The Glen Alice trail is identified as a 'management trail' in the Wollemi National Park Plan of Management, which was adopted by the Minister in 2000. A management trail is a trail designated for the purpose of park management activities and is not generally open for public vehicle access. The plan of management process involved extensive community consultation and a variety of viewpoints regarding trail designation were considered.

Access to the trail at its northern end is via a locked gate accessing Corricudgy State Forest. The southern end of the trail crosses several private properties and is not located on any kind of road reservation. I am advised by my staff that property owners in this area are reluctant to allow public vehicle access across their properties.

The trail currently attracts park visitors as it forms part of the Bicentennial National Trail for horseriding. It is also frequented by bushwalkers, canyoners, and mountain bikers. Opportunities for vehicular access to this region via Wollemi National Park include the popular camping site Dunns Swamp, Glen Davis and Newnes.

Given these factors, access for public vehicles along the Glen Alice trail is not currently being considered. However, the Wollemi National Park Plan of Management is due for review shortly, and this process will provide an opportunity to revisit trail designations and for community input.

Your Council's continued interest in increasing tourism to the region is appreciated. If you require any further information please contact David Crust, Area Manager Mudgee on 6370 9000 or email david.crust@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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