Proponent / s

Mr Raymond Becker and Mrs Laura Becker Cradle Country Adventures

Location

Bakers Beach Road, Narawntapu National Park

Description of proposal

Development of an activity base at Narawntapu National Park by extending the existing horse trails, other naturebased activities and the development of high standard accommodation. A world-class horse riding experience will be offered to both experienced, international and local riders as well as novice riders wanting to enjoy the quintessential Australian experience. The addition of activities such as kayaking, beach fishing, organised nature / wildlife tours and bird watching will provide a mix of activities to keep visitors in the area for extended periods of time. This development type is an extension of activities that are already permitted within the Narawntapu National Park.

Additionally the proponent wishes to enter into a lease for the use of the original homestead in the Park to develop high standard accommodation for both clients and existing Park users.

Estimated jobs created

Employment opportunities will be available for guides and housekeepers.

Social, cultural and environmental impact

The main benefit to the local community will be via employment opportunities and increased visitor numbers to the National Park. Local business will enjoy an increase in food sales, farmers will have the opportunity to agist horses and supply hay and grain.

The Proponent will be responsible for the removal of horse waste from the proposed site and will assist Parks and Wildlife Services with any weed control issues that may arise as a result of the increased activity.

Fire risks will be minimised by having a no smoking policy for all clients and the area around the new horse yards will be kept slashed. A water tank and fire-fighting pump will be kept on site as well as hand held fire extinguishers and knapsacks.

Previous experience of operating horse riding tours within a conservation area that is managed by the Tasmanian PWS has given the proponent necessary experience to work with the PWS to establish appropriate protocols that ensure issues such as sustainability; fire risk and waste materials are dealt with.

