

# Proposal: Project Point Adventure

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## Proponent / s

Mr Mark Direen

Point Assist Pty Ltd trading as Point Tours

## Location

South West National Park.

## Description of proposal

The proposed development activity will see interstate and overseas tourists participating in a remote transit of World Heritage forest environments to the north of the Huon River and engaging in educational, cultural and environmental opportunities. Access for the trekking activity will commence with a helicopter drop off in Permanent Timber Production zoned land, managed by Forestry Tasmania, and completing via walking and water transport adjacent to and on the Huon River. The remoteness and inaccessibility of the proposed development activity will provide a truly unique visitor experience incorporating physical, environmental and experiential aspects that are rarely found in more commonly available tourism experiences.

## Estimated jobs created

Employment opportunities will be available in providing logistical support to assist the trekking activities.

## Social, cultural and environmental impact

The economic benefits to the local communities can be demonstrated through tourism spend at commencement and completion points of the proposed tracking activities. In conjunction, it is anticipated that logistical support provided to assist the trekking activities will also create employment and income opportunities into the future. As required, the proponent will liaise with local Aboriginal communities to establish areas of significance and sensitivities when undertaking training activities.

This proposed development activity is based on the experience of the operator of Point Tours and the range of environmental and adventure tours that they already conduct throughout the Tasmanian wilderness areas. This proposed development is seen as an extension of that experience and will provide a unique, challenging and rewarding tourism activity within this protected area of the Tasmanian wilderness.

The proposed development has a high level of compatibility with the natural and cultural values as well as the character and setting within the proposed geographical location. The proponent is currently licensed and has experience in operating adventure tourism within prescribed areas of the Tasmanian wilderness.

The proponent would utilise current operating processes and policies for the management of water supply, sewerage and waste management within the prescribed project development. The proponent incorporates a "pack it in, pack it out" procedure for waste management and has documented processes for biodegradable and non-biodegradable products throughout the course of tour operations.