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**GEOTECHNICAL AND WATER MANAGEMENT
AMENDMENTS TO
KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK
PLAN OF MANAGEMENT**

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These amendments to the Kosciuszko National Park Plan of Management were adopted by the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment on 26th May 2010.

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AMENDMENT 1

Section 10.2, Alpine Resorts Management Unit, add the following new paragraph after the 5th paragraph under Issues and Opportunities (page 166 of the adopted plan):

In July 1997 a landslide demolished two buildings in Thredbo Village, killing 18 people. While not caused solely by a natural event, this tragedy highlighted the need to ensure geotechnical risks are actively managed by all operators providing facilities and services to resort visitors.

AMENDMENT 2

Section 10.2.1.1 (page 167), add a new dot point at the end of this Policy as follows:

- If the activity occurs within an area of known geotechnical risk, the activity is undertaken within the context of a geotechnical management system as follows:
 - the lessee/sub-lessee will have in place and keep updated, or be part of, a geotechnical management plan developed for the resort management unit in accordance with the Australian Geomechanics Society “Landslide Risk Management AGS Volume 42 No 1 March 2007” or any subsequent guidelines that are published by the Australian Geomechanics Society.
 - existing lessees/sub-lessees must demonstrate compliance with the geotechnical management plan within two years of the Minister’s adoption of this amendment.
 - the lessee will be responsible for the overall implementation of the geotechnical management plan. The lessee/sub-lessee will undertake any relevant actions, works or monitoring regimes required of them in the plan. This may arise through factors that lie within and/or outside their property boundaries.

AMENDMENT 3

Section 6.6, Rivers and Lakes, amend Policy 6.6.1.9 (page 63) to state:

Prohibit the construction of new reservoirs with the exception of those required for Service operations and the proposed snowmaking reservoir at Smiggin Holes. The proposed Smiggin Holes snowmaking reservoir may only be permitted if:

- It does not significantly impact upon natural and cultural values;
- It only stores water obtained from existing water diversions; and
- It inundates an area of less than 2.5ha.

The proposed Smiggin Holes snowmaking reservoir will be subject to the requirements of the Alpine Resorts Environmental Planning Instrument.

AMENDMENT 4

Section 6.6, Rivers and Lakes, replace Policy 6.6.1.15 (page 63) with the following:

Encourage water conservation, recycling and reuse through appropriate measures such as:

- Reduced water consumption;
- Effluent recycling;
- Stormwater capture and reuse;
- Demand management; and
- Efficient water management practices.

AMENDMENT 5

Section 6.6, Rivers and Lakes, amend Policy 6.6.1.16 (page 63) to state:

When assessing applications referred from the Department of Water and Energy for licences for domestic use water extraction within the park, NPWS will consider if the applicant:

- Demonstrates success in significantly reducing per capita water consumption;
- Implements, where appropriate, rainwater storage and water-use reduction strategies; and
- Has an approved environmental management system in place (section 12.1).

Applications for such infrastructure in the resort management units will be subject to the requirements of the Alpine Resorts Environmental Planning Instrument.