

Submission on the Proposed Changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000: Fire Safety and Building Certification

Introduction

NSW Alpine Resorts including Charlotte Pass, Guthega, Mt Selwyn, Perisher Valley and Thredbo are located within Kosciuszko National Park.

Fire safety within an extensive range of tourist accommodation facilities is a significant focus of the NSW Department of Planning & Environment Alpine Resorts Team who act as the consent authority and also have responsibility for building certification / regulation (in a similar manner to that of Local Government in localities outside of the Kosciuszko National Park). Currently, a legislative requirement for the building owner / lessee to submit an annual fire safety statement to the Department is unavailable.

In order to facilitate improved assessment, maintenance and reporting of fire safety measures in buildings within the NSW Alpine Resorts it is requested that the following inclusion to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Fire Safety and Building Certification) Regulation 2017 be made:

Schedule 6 Special provisions relating to ski resort areas

Insert within clause 12

“(7a) A reference in clause 177(1) to the Council is to read as a reference to the Minister.”

The effect of the amendment / inclusion will impose an obligation on the owner/ lessee of a building within the NSW Alpine Resorts to submit an annual fire safety statement to the Minister, NSW Department of Planning and Environment.