

Our Mountain's Future Action Plan

Easy Read Resource



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KUNANYI / MOUNT WELLINGTON
AND WELLINGTON PARK

ACTION PLAN

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How to use this easy read resource



The Tasmanian Government produced this resource.



This resource was made in a way that is easy to read.

Pictures and icons are used to explain some things.

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Some words are written in **bold**.

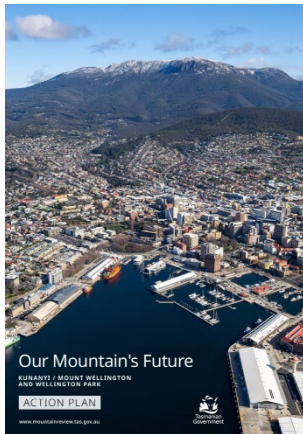
This is to make them stand out more.



You can get someone to help you read this resource.

A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

Telling you About the Action Plan



This resource is a **summary** of the Action Plan.

A **summary** is shorter and has only the main points of something.

This means this resource only has the most important ideas from the **Action Plan**.



The Action Plan is a document that tells us what will be done.

It tells us how the mountain and the Park will be cared for in the future.

The Action Plan is for everyone to read.

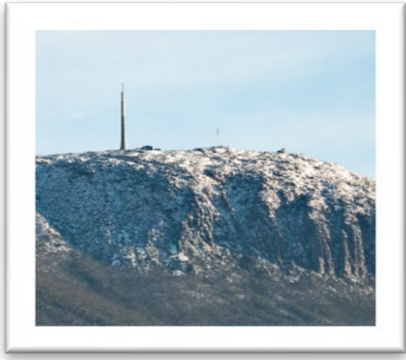


The full **Action Plan** is on our website:

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It may be hard to understand.

You do not have to read it all at once and you can ask for help.



Kunanyi / Mount Wellington is a special place.

People visit to enjoy nature, exercise and learn.



The Action Plan explains what changes will be made to better take care of the mountain and Park over time.

The Action Plan has goals and steps about how we do that.



The Action Plan has a vision for what the Park looks like in the year 2040.

The vision says that in 2040:

- nature is protected
- Aboriginal culture is respected and celebrated
- visitors can enjoy the mountain safely
- facilities are improved
- water catchments are protected
- bushfire risks are managed
- more people can access and enjoy the Park.



A new way to manage the Park



The review found that the Park is managed by lots of different **organisations**.

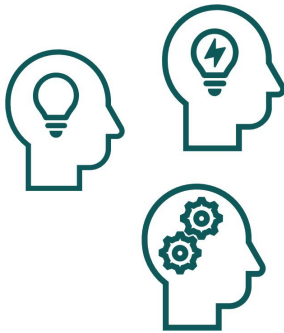
An **organisation** is a group of people who work together for a shared purpose.

This can make decisions slow and complicated.



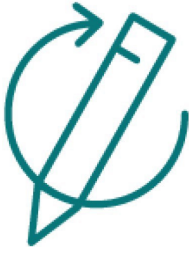
The Tasmanian Government plans to make a new **Managing Authority**.

A **Managing Authority** is a group of people that are in charge and make decisions.

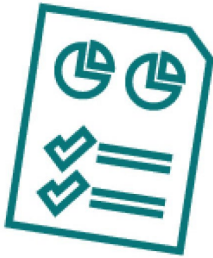


The **Managing Authority** will:

- manage the whole Park
- make important decisions
- maintain facilities
- plan for the future
- help protect nature and culture.



One of the first jobs for the Managing Authority will be to make a new **Management Plan**.



A **Management Plan** is a document that explains:

- how the Park will be cared for
- what activities can happen in the Park
- how nature and cultural values will be protected
- how future improvements will be planned.

The **Management Plan** will:

- guide future development
- protect important values
- support **recreation** and tourism

Recreation is doing something for fun

- show what the community thinks.

Paying for the future



Looking after the Park costs money.

The current **funding system** is not enough for future needs.

A **funding system** is a way of collecting and managing money.

The new Managing Authority will develop a funding system that helps pay for:

- maintenance
- conservation work
- visitor facilities
- fire management
- future improvements.

Business in the Park

Many businesses work in the Park.

Examples include:



- Tour guides
- Mountain bike businesses
- Photographers
- Visitor transport services.



The Action Plan says it should be easier for businesses to apply for licences and permits.



This will reduce paperwork and delays.

This will make it easier for businesses to work in the Park.

Aboriginal Culture



Kunanyi/Mount Wellington has important cultural meaning for Tasmanian Aboriginal people.

The Action Plan says Aboriginal people should have a stronger voice in how the Park is managed.

This includes:

- aboriginal representation on the new Managing Authority.
- better cultural information
- more Aboriginal language and place names
- new cultural interpretation experiences.



The Octopus Tree is a special tree in the Park. It has roots that look like an octopus. It is an important cultural site for the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

The Action Plan says it should be protected from damage.

Heritage Places



The Park contains important historic places.

Examples include:

- historic huts
- walking tracks
- the historic water supply system.



The Action plan says these places should be protected and cared for.

Protecting Nature



The Park is home to many native plants and animals.

Some species are threatened and need protection.



The Action Plan says:

- natural values must continue to be protected
- pests and weeds should be managed
- climate change planning is needed.

Recreation



Many people use the Park for:

- walking
- running
- cycling
- sightseeing
- spending time in nature
- spending time with family and friends.



The Action Plan supports people continuing to enjoy these activities

Better Facilities



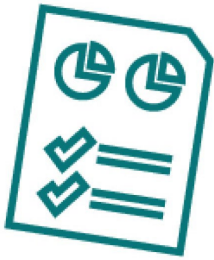
People told the review they want better facilities.



The Action Plan recommends improvements to:

- toilets
- shelters
- signs
- visitor information
- paths everyone can use
- drinking water.

A Master Plan



The Managing Authority will develop a **Master Plan**.

A **Master Plan** helps to decide:

- which improvements should happen first
- where facilities should go
- how future development should happen.

Access to the Mountain



People want safe and easy ways to get to the mountain.

The Action Plan says getting to the mountain should be:

- safe
- reliable
- care for the environment.

Improvements may include:



- safer roads
- better information about conditions
- better parking information
- more future transport solutions.

A future proposal for development at Halls Saddle may create:



- A visitor hub
- Parking areas
- Visitor facilities
- Shuttle bus connections.

This could help people access the mountain more easily.

Fire Management

Bushfires are a major risk for Wellington Park.



The Action Plan recommends:

- stronger fire planning
- working together
- improved **fire infrastructure**

Fire infrastructure includes things like fire trails and water supplies

- new technology to spot fires faster
- helping the community education understand fire risks.

Water Catchments



The mountain provides drinking water for many people.



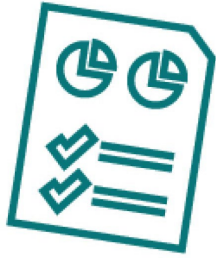
The action plan recommends:

- monitoring water quality
- protecting **water catchments**

A **water catchment** is an area that collects and stores our water.

- educating visitors
- improving access to water infrastructure.

What happens next?



The Action Plan says the next steps are to:

- create the new Managing Authority
- update laws and governance arrangements
- develop a new Management Plan
- develop a long-term funding model
- begin priority improvements.

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