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SLOPES: Carrying Capacity - Update from OEH

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Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

This email from OEH is forwarded for your information.

Regards

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From: **Mick Pettitt** <Mick.Pettitt@environment.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 20 December 2016 at 09:32
Subject: Carrying Capacity

Hi Frank,

As you know NPWS has been working on a review of carrying capacity in the alpine ski resorts of Kosciuszko National Park. The review is a commitment of the current park plan of management.

Stage 1 public consultation on a background paper occurred earlier this year. A summary of the submissions is available [here](#).

We also met with you and other resort representatives to discuss proposed options for a carrying capacity framework, and engaged a North American based expert to provide peer-review style input.

We had hoped to have an options and future directions paper released this year as part of the Stage 2 consultation process. Unfortunately that has not been possible. We are now planning for public release early in 2017. That will provide an opportunity to canvass options that support sustainable resort development backed up by transparent forward planning and environmental monitoring.

We will let you know once that occurs and will again invite your comment and feedback. If an amendment to the plan of management is then subsequently proposed, there will be a statutory consultation period.

Please contact me if you have any queries or concerns. We remain committed to progressing the review as soon as possible in the new year.

Regards

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