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Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

Forwarded below is an email from NPWS with an update in relation to this audit issue.

SLOPES last emailed Clubs on this topic on 13 April 2017 - one aspect agreed in our negotiations then being the deferral of any audits until after the 2017 ski season.

That email can be found on the SLOPES website at: <https://slopes.org.au/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/SLOPES-email-454.pdf>

The first paragraph of the latest NPWS email states:

*"The audit will include all lessees both commercial and clubs".*

This is confusing given that in our April email we advised, following our discussions with NPWS, that:

- 8. In response to the SLOPES submissions, OEH has confirmed that the audit programme:*
- a) will proceed now by means of sampling (with probably a cross section of lessees to be chosen initially) - and OEH may reconsider the need to conduct further audits if the sampling "does not identify significant variances from statements provided"*
  - b) will take into consideration "the formal auditing obligations undertaken by many Clubs", and*
  - c) will not commence until after the 2017 ski season.*

At our request NPWS has reconfirmed now that:

- 1. all Clubs are candidates for an audit but that NPWS will only audit some on a random basis and given funding constraints ie the approach continues to be as per our para 8(a) above
- 2. at this initial stage NPWS is auditing 4 commercial lessees
- 3. when funding permits NPWS will nominate additional lessees to audit and that may include a number of clubs, and
- 4. no clubs have been included for audit sampling at this point.

SLOPES will closely monitor this situation and keep you informed.

Regards

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**NPWS EMAIL DATED 27 SEPTEMBER 2017**

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Dear Frank

I am getting in touch to update you on the audit.

The financial audit of AGR's will commence on 6 November 2017. The audit periods are 3 years ending 30 June 2017, 2016 and 2015.

The audit is scheduled to take approximately four weeks to audit four commercial lessees.

The Lessees will be informed this week and the auditors will be in touch with them shortly to confirm dates, location of records and the records required.

As previously mentioned the audit will be carried out in stages subject to funding.

If you have any queries please contact me.

Regards

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