



Monaro Acclimatisation Society Inc
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Sustainable future fishing for trout and native fish

Re: Draft Currango Precinct Plan

The Monaro Acclimatisation Society Inc (MAS) of NSW is a voluntary organisation primarily concerned with the development and maintenance of freshwater fisheries in the south-eastern sector of NSW. The MAS is a primary stakeholder with the NSW Department of Fisheries. The MAS has been in existence for over 70 years and participates with NSW Fisheries in: the stocking of freshwater lakes and rivers with trout and native fish, maintenance of habitat, and policy and legislation development that affects fishing in NSW. The MAS is the pre-eminent organization concerned with angler access to rivers and lakes for the Snowy Mountains / Monaro Region of NSW. The MAS has 19 Branches with over 600 members and is a foundation member of the NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers Inc.

Each year members of the MAS stock over 300,000 trout into the waterways of the Snowy Mountains / Monaro Region. This is done on a purely voluntary basis with our members contributing their own time, vehicles and fuel to keep the waterways of this region adequately stocked for the public's benefit.

Having read the Draft Currango Precinct Plan, the MAS offers the following comments.

Overall, the MAS has no issue with the proposed upgrades to the Currango Precinct. Although not specifically mentioned in the Plan, anglers visit the region and many avail themselves of the current accommodation at Currango. We believe the proposed upgrades will be welcomed.

One glaring omission from the Plan is the current problem with feral horses especially within the Currango district. While we understand that some attempt is being made by the KNP to do "something" about feral horses, those not in love with feral horses will find the dung heaps, smell of horse urine and the degradation of the surrounding creeks and waterways disturbing. The likelihood that someone staying at the accommodation being injured by a feral horse is a real concern. These factors will combine to limit the return on the investment for the KNP.

Yours sincerely
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