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The Greens submission in response to the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the Perisher Services Precinct Development Stage 2.

NPWS WasteTransfer Station and workshop buildings at Perisher Valley cross-country skiing area.

Background

The Nordic or cross-country ski loops that flow out from the proposed site for the waste transfer station and workshop buildings are used not only by experienced skiers but by first-time skiers unsure of their abilities on the snow and school children training for their inter-schools sports events. These events are also held in this area. To combine children and people unsteady on their skis with the movements of large vehicles is dangerous.

The natural bowl in front of the Nordic Centre which would be impacted by the development, provides a peaceful and yet functional recreational arena for those people who choose to get away from the noisy mechanised world of the downhill ski industry. These people should be encouraged and even assisted in their environmentally sustainable sporting pursuits, not dumped on by the waste from the largely downhill ski resort.

The NSW Greens make the following recommendations to the NPWS

1. Industrial infrastructure to service a resort catering to the highly mechanised downhill ski industry should not be located in an area used by cross-country skiers who have minimal impact on the environment.
2. The substantial community investment in upgrading the nearby Nordic Centre should be considered strongly as a reason to explore options for an alternative site.
3. The existing Smiggins Workshop (north) site should be re-evaluated for both the WTS and the NPWS workshop with reference to investigations of the site being currently conducted by an independent site evaluator (the Purdon proposal).
4. Alternative methods of waste collection, transfer and processing should be thoroughly investigated with a view to removing waste from the central resort area immediately on collection.
5. Construction of any buildings and road, and any industrial activity, should not commence until all alternatives have been researched and evaluated.

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