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Re Item 9.1 Agenda for Wingecarribee Shire Council Meeting Wed. 14th December.

Draft Plant of Management for Mount Gibraltar Heritage Reserve.

I have read through the draft Plan of Management for the Mount Gibraltar Heritage Reserve. It clearly states all the provisions of the State and Local Government that apply to that land and what sort of management that should be expected from the Council for Level 1 management.

There are a few items that we have been told can only be dealt with in the Plan of Management that do not appear.

I understand this is not the time for community input, but having done our best to manage the Reserve on council behalf for 30 years I would like to state them now for consideration to be incorporated.

-The consolidation of all Council owned lots: Although it gets a small mention on page 74 it is a serious, long term and on-going item. There are lots awaiting survey although owned by Council since 1979 that have not yet been amalgamated into the new DP

There was discussion about the council acquiring adjacent lands to compensate for those lands extracted from the Reserve by the Council. This is not mentioned. Nor is the acquisition of the RE1 lands scheduled. The Reserve needs to be as large as possible to ensure integrity and have biodiversity corridor connections to other patches of native vegetation.

There is no mention of the 10% funding for maintenance of the biota from the Tower rent to be managed by the Bushcare Supervisor.

Management items include:

-All structures and walking track repairs should use the Bowral Trachyte and not introduce other materials.

-Views from Lookouts and the two accessible quarry faces should be kept open for viewing and not become overgrown.

-Somewhere there must be information for visitors to know it is all protected – not just what can't be carried out in the Reserve.

-We are pleased to see Mountain Bikes are not permitted, and notice that rock climbers are not mentioned for the damage they do.

-There should be no use of set lights in the Reserve as this disturbs the biota – particularly night flying insects and bats = some endangered.

As this POM is in perpetuity we feel strongly there should be mention that when technology changes the tower lands will revert to community land and be amalgamated back into the Reserve.

Note from **Control of** - Ecologist: . The table of veg communities uses the SVTM but doesn't say where the list came from nor that it 'may contain errors both spatial and classification' (and it does - there is no BMtns montane heath at the Gib –

Also Note: Both **Control of the MGLB** have nominated the Mount Gibraltar Forest for SAII (Significant and Irreversible Impact) using the confirmed list of vegetation supplied by MGLB and in your records.

If no alterations to the Draft can be made at this stage, please keep this letter for future input.

Regards

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