

# Bushwalking NSW

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## **SOUTH EAST FOREST NATIONAL PARK AND EGAN PEAKS NATURE RESERVE DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT**

### **Introduction**

Bushwalking NSW Incorporated is the peak body for bushwalkers in NSW and the ACT. It represents the interests of over 11,000 bushwalkers from 70 bushwalking clubs throughout NSW and the ACT, and provides a united voice to local, state and federal government agencies and other bodies on issues affecting bushwalkers.

### **Returning threatened and declining species and improving ecosystem health**

Bushwalking NSW supports the proposed establishment of a feral predator-free area in South East Forest National Park. We also support opportunities for the public to visit the area through guided walks.

### **Recognising and improving the Bundian Way**

Bushwalking NSW applauds the support of the NPWS in fulfilling the vision of the Indigenous community to develop a walking track from Turemulerrer (Twofold Bay) to Targangal (Mount Kosciuszko). We consider the reinstatement of this culturally significant walking route to not only be one of the most outstanding walking experiences in Australia but would also play an important role in promoting awareness and understanding of Indigenous culture and an important step in the reconciliation process between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. It will also support regional tourism in South East NSW.

The development of a walking track and two low-impact walk-in campsites is also supported. We look forward to members of our affiliated clubs and other bushwalkers walking this route in the not-too-distant future.

Finally, Bushwalking NSW urges the NSW Government to continue working with Indigenous stakeholders to complete the development of the entire pathway.

Yours sincerely,



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