

# Bushwalking NSW

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## Proposed Amendment – Gardens of Stone National Park

### 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.

Our submission follows the Section Headings in the Amendment document and, where required, the individual page numbers. At the end of our submission, we have added some general comment on the proposed Wollemi Great Walk.

### Amendment: Establishing a Wollemi great walk

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The proposal to allow up to 20 people in a walking party to use recognised tracks is supported as this is consistent with limits in other national parks. Party sizes off-track should be limited to 12.

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- The intention to develop a walking track as described is supported.
- Proposed walking party limits are supported.

### Proposed Wollemi Great Walk

Bushwalking NSW Inc. supports, in principle, the proposed Walk as it is considered consistent with the vision and goals of our Strategic Plan to develop additional long-distance walking tracks in NSW. We also consider that the proposed Walk will provide additional opportunities for people to undertake multi-day walking and an alternative to the tracks elsewhere in the Blue Mountains region and which, on occasion, are closed due to adverse conditions and maintenance. However, we remain opposed to private accommodation being constructed along the Walk as is currently proposed in the Gardens of Stone SCA.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Plan of Management. Bushwalking NSW Inc looks forward to being kept informed on the final adoption of the Plan.

Yours sincerely,



David Bell

President

Bushwalking NSW Inc.

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