Hydro Tasmania group

Recreation principles

For nearly 100 years we have been working with nature to generate power. We have pioneered in remote and beautiful parts of Tasmania, and along the way we have helped connect remote communities throughout the state. In the construction years we created spaces for recreation and provided ways for people to get there.

We are the largest water manager in Australia and we know that our hydropower operations impact people beyond power generation.

That’s why we have developed our recreation principles—to work with the public, community groups and other recreation providers, so our focus can be on generating renewable energy and yours can be enjoying Tasmania’s wide open spaces.

Our recreation vision statement:

Hydro Tasmania will endeavour to effectively manage recreational opportunities on our land and water bodies. We will continue to develop and participate in collaborative management partnerships with stakeholders including government land managers, local councils, recreational clubs, community groups and private businesses. We will work cooperatively with our neighbours to limit impacts on surrounding land uses and activities.

Recreational Management Principles

Hydro Tasmania has adopted the following five recreational management principles to guide the planning, development and management of recreation opportunities on its land and water bodies.

Operational safety and security

Hydro Tasmania aims to manage recreational sites, infrastructure and services in line with asset safety and security protection using contemporary standards and practices for health risk and public safety.

Environmental management

Hydro Tasmania aims to manage recreational use to protect and enhance bio-diversity, water quality and environmental services with consideration to the predicted impacts of climate change. Other considerations will include the protection of our cultural heritage including social, aesthetic landscape and historic values.

Access to multiple-use recreational opportunities

Hydro Tasmania aims to provide access to a diversity of public recreational activities on our land and water bodies that are compatible with our operations and community needs. Recreational opportunities and facilities will endeavour to cater for a range of user groups and the public benefit in general.

Community engagement and support

Hydro Tasmania will continue to communicate and engage with stakeholders about access, use and management of our recreational assets. We will ensure that there is open communication with user groups.

Economic benefits

Hydro Tasmania recognises the connection between access to and use of our recreation assets in the provision of benefits to local and regional economies. Wherever possible we will also promote private investment in appropriate recreation opportunities.

Sustainability at Hydro Tasmania

For Hydro Tasmania, being sustainable involves the application of economic, social and environmental considerations to business decisions and activities. Hydro Tasmania believes that these considerations will help drive long-term business success and allow successive generations to enjoy the benefits of a clean energy future.

For further information on how we apply our sustainability code to our business please see www.hydro.com.au/sustainability.

Signed by Stephen Davy CEO