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Dear Public Works,

I object to the proposed Tyndall Range track. The potential environmental and social impacts of any development on public land should always be thoroughly scrutinised, especially when our tax dollars are paying for it. Yet there appears to be a lot of confusion and even misinformation around what the proposed walk will be and how it would function.

In my opinion:

1. It is going to be a very expensive project to build. Originally pegged at \$25M back in 2019 the price tag has now risen to \$40M. That is a lot of money especially when you consider how underfunded PWS is and how many existing trails right now are in dire need of love and attention.
2. From what I gather it is going to be extremely expensive - in fact the proposal appears to be pricing Tasmanians out of their very own walks.
3. The economic viability of the project has been questioned and there appears to be doubts as to whether the walk will even break even. There are doubts as to whether the projected number of visitors will even eventuate.
4. The West Coast's usual bad weather could threaten all year round utilisation of the track as well as walker safety. There are over 282 rainy days a year on the West Coast and snow falls can occur at any time of the year. These conditions are causing concern for many about how safe visiting-walkers will be. The Tasmanian National Parks Association has described encouraging inexperienced walkers into the area as irresponsible.
5. The proposed track will bring more walkers to the fragile Tyndall Plateau area and therefore more wear and tear. The plateau is covered in delicate cushion plants and alpine Heath which are easily damaged by careless foot traffic. Furthermore inappropriate toileting particularly from overnight campers risks contaminating the picturesque lakes and tarns - it really is a 'pack-everything-out' kind of a place.
6. There were better options put forward for the next iconic walk project such as the Trans-Tarkine-Track proposed by the Bob Brown Foundation and for far less money, yet this workable and better value proposal was breezily and arrogantly ignored.
7. The proposal is yet another 'high end luxury' walking experience for those who can afford it which in and off itself does not sit well with the customary spirit of

bushwalking at all.

To finish with I am gravely concerned that our National Parks and precious wilderness areas are inexorably being transformed into playgrounds for the very rich using public money, my money.

I object to the proposal currently before the committee.

Kind regards,  
Sue Abbott

