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Subject: Tourist roads through all National Parks/World Heritage areas a mandatory condition of Approval.

Dear Madam Premier,

In any approval being sought for an extension of Tasmanian wilderness/forest areas, for reservation for eventual consideration, for gazetting as National Park, or World Heritage area, such as the Tarkine, for example, a condition for any approval, must be that a first class TOURIST ROAD be included.

America, when establishing its many National Parks and Monuments, in the 1920's and 1930's, declared that if any part of the Nation was to be set apart from the Nation, that they were to be set aside FOR the Nation. To make certain that the American public ALL enjoyed these new National Park areas, they were to be ACCESSABLE to ALL its inhabitants, for ALL to enjoy. The only way to achieve this purpose was by way of guaranteeing access through a system of TOURIST HIGHWAY roads through each Park, and linking every one, in one great interconnected system.

Aired recently on ABC 1, late at night, was a twelve part documentary, entitled, : " The National Parks, America's Best Idea ". The principle of ensuring access to ALL US Citizens, was enshrined in the legislation setting aside these magnificent wilderness areas. Such principle was eloquently enunciated in this documentary, comprising 5 x DVD's, which I have purchased. I have played the relevant sections a number of times now, to make sure that my eyes and ears were not deceiving me when first I accidentally tuned in one night, just in time to see and hear THAT principle being stated. At once I thought of Tasmania's Tarkine area, and the very great need to adopt this Best Idea of America, of its National Parks, for our own State, and for its benefit to Tourism and its economy. Tourism was a by-product aim for these Parks. The main goal was that by providing road access for every American, enabling their visitation, they were thus able to personally experience and appreciate their magnificent scenic beauty, the restorative power of these beautiful wilderness areas, and more willingly, able to fight to protect their wonderful Country and its God-blessed diversity, if necessary.

I trust the contents of this email, its lateness notwithstanding, will not escape the attention of some, on the circulation list, and no less convince them of the necessity of seeing that this principle, re main tourist roads

through National Parks, above, is provided for and included, in the Forest Peace Deal, to be addressed in the Tasmanian Parliament on Tuesday, 11th December, 2012. The selfish, minority preservation groups, who would only wish for those of twenty-something age, backpacking hikers-cum-leech-lovers only, be enabled and allowed into such areas. This is in contrast with the VAST majority of Tasmanians who are conservationists, and who love to also visit such scenic areas, and who would concur with the description found on the back cover of the 5 x DVD set Documentary for The National Parks:America's Best Idea", :

" The national parks spring from an idea as uniquely American as the Declaration of Independence and just as radical: that the most precious portions of the land should be preserved, not for royalty or the rich, but for everyone, for all time."

Tasmania is THEIR State too, who comprise AT LEAST 80% of the State's population. We, our children, and their children too, do NOT want to be excluded from being able to DRIVE through these magnificent portions of THEIR State. I am sure that many readers of this email, will themselves, have driven through, and thus been able to visit, America's magnificent numerous National Parks, thanks in huge part to the visionary National Park creators of the 1920's and 1930's. Had the Green groupings been prominent back then, US citizenry in general, and ourselves, as 'foreign tourists' would not have been able to savour such beautiful scenic vistas today.

I commend this vital condition, as an amendment, in any approval, to be given in sanctioning enlargement of reservation areas for their inclusion in the Forest Peace Deal, with a view that these be part of any future National Park, or World Heritage area. I stand to be corrected, but the USA doesn't permit the United Nations to dictate, nor does it allow any World Heritage body's intrusion in its Sovereignty.

Yours faithfully, Jeff Leddin. (P. O. Box 280, Geeveston, Tasmania, 7116) (Fax: 03 6297 0095)