A Vision for the Australian Alps

For the Australian Alps national parks
Co-operative Management Program

This Strategic Plan 2012–2015 for the Australian Alps national parks Co-operative Management Program has been prepared by the Australian Alps Liaison Committee in accordance with the requirements of section 8 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) relating to the co-operative management of the Australian Alps national parks.

This plan and summary has been updated by the Alps Program Manager, Anthony Evans, based on the 2008–2011 Strategic Plan and Summary which was prepared by Lorraine Cairnes, Fathom Consulting, Sydney, in conjunction with the Australian Alps Liaison Committee. Personnel from the four agencies provided comments, advice and assistance during the Plan’s preparation, and these inputs are acknowledged with appreciation.

The Plan will run until the end of June 2015 or until it is replaced by a subsequent plan.

The Australian Alps national parks Co-operative Management Program Vision Statement, as described in the MoU is:
Agencies working in partnership to achieve excellence in conservation management of the Australian Alps valued natural and cultural values and sustainable use through an active program of cross border co-operation.

Mission/Objectives

The purpose of this Strategic Plan is to set out the framework for achieving the objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding which are:

1. To pursue the growth and enhanced level of inter-governmental co-operative management to protect the important national and cultural values of the Australian Alps national parks.
2. To co-operate in the determination and implementation of best-practice management of the areas listed in Schedule 1 of the MoU to achieve the:
   a. protection of the unique mountain landscapes;
   b. protection of the natural and cultural values of the Australian Alps;
   c. provision of an appropriate range of outdoor recreation and tourism opportunities that encourage the enjoyment, education, understanding and conservation of the natural and cultural values; and
   d. protection of mountain catchments.

Timeframe for Plan

This plan will commence in 2012 upon approval by the Alps Heads of Agencies group, and will run until the end of June 2015 or until it is replaced by the subsequent plan.

Implementation Timeline

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About this Plan

The Consolidated Management and protection, conservation and utilisation of the Australian Alps national parks for all Australians, present and future, is the subject of an agreement (the Memorandum of Understanding) between the Commonwealth, New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory and Victorian Governments.


The Australian Alps is a montane biogeographical region in a predominantly dry and flat continent, covering Australia’s highest peaks and unique alpine and subalpine ecosystems, they stretch southeast from the Snowy Mountains through the Kosciuszko National Park, the Australian Alps National Park (NSW), the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, Kosciuszko National Park (ACT), and the Snowy Mountains (NSW) to the Victorian High Country. They are a highly significant recreational resource and an icon of Australia. The Alps are the birthplace of some of Australia’s most important rivers and streams, supplying fresh water for the maintenance of ecological processes and communities, domestic use, industry, irrigated and hydro-electric production in NSW, Victoria, ACT and South Australia.

The Australian Alps Liaison Committee (AALC) co-ordinates projects that encourage the consistent and co-operative management of the Australian Alps national parks.

This Program enhances the ability of member agencies to meet their roles and responsibilities in managing alpine and subalpine regions of mainland Australia.
In the triennium 2012–2015, the AOG, with the support of the Comprehensive Implementation Plan for the Alps, will achieve the following.

1. Achieved Project Outcomes.

2. Climate Change and Adaptation.


5. Invasive Species.


7. One Alps Landscape: one park, one park management.

8. Indigenous People’s Engagement.


As per its terms of reference the AOG, with the support of the Task Groups and Special Projects, will achieve the following:

1. KRA 1: Climate Change and Adaptation

2. KRA 2: Cultural Heritage

3. KRA 3: Natural Resource Management

4. KRA 4: Sustainable and Co-operative Practices

5. KRA 5: Fire Ecology

6. KRA 6: National Tourism Issues and Processes

7. KRA 7: Invasive Species

8. KRA 8: Cultural Heritage

9. KRA 9: Science / Management Linkage

10. KRA 10: Water and Catchments

11. KRA 11: National Tourism Issues and Processes

12. KRA 12: Ecological Systems and Processes

The following objectives and outcomes have been developed for the key result areas. The Annual Works Program for each key result area provides the operational framework for implementing these objectives and outcomes.

- **Climate Change and Adaptation**
  - Improve the level of knowledge of staff and stakeholders on the effects of climate change on natural heritage conservation and park management.
  - Contribute to the cultural heritage of the Alps, so that it is better understood, valued and protected by the community.

- **Cultural Heritage**
  - Offer an enhanced visitor experience and promote sustainable visitor management across the Alps.
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- **Natural Resource Management**
  - Implement contemporary approaches to planning, responding and adapting to climate change in the mountain protected areas, and delivering results and outcomes that are relevant to multiple stakeholders.
  - To offer an enhanced visitor experience and promote sustainable visitor management across the Alps.

- **Sustainable and Co-operative Practices**
  - Support co-operation and collaboration on identifying and managing emerging and linear invasive species to reduce their impact on the natural values of the Alps.

- **Fire Ecology**
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