A Vision for the Australian Alps

The Australian Alps national parks Co-operative Management Program Strategic Plan 2016-2018

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The Australian Alps contain plants and animals found nowhere else in the world, significant landscapes, and Aboriginal and historic places. They are highly valued recreational and tourism resources for many Australians, and are the basis of some of Australia’s most important rivers and streams, supplying crucial water for the maintenance of ecological processes and communities. Domestic use, industry, irrigation and hydro-electric production in NSW, Victoria, ACT and South Australia.

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The Alps region is the site of major biodiversity and cultural values, making it an integral part of the Australian Alps. The Australian Alps region encompasses the highest peaks of the Australian Alps, including the Kosciuszko National Park, the Alpine National Park, and other protected areas. The region is home to a diverse range of species, including many that are endemic to the Alps. The region is also rich in cultural heritage, with a long history of Aboriginal occupation.

The Australian Alps national parks Program is the key program that manages the Alps region. The program is managed by the Australian Alps Liaison Committee (AALC), which is a body that includes representatives from all the relevant agencies and stakeholders. The AALC is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the program and for developing and implementing the annual work plan.

The AALC is guided by the Alps Ministerial Council, which is a body that includes representatives from all the relevant government agencies. The council is responsible for providing strategic oversight and guidance to the AALC.

The program is managed by a number of agencies, including the Parks and Wildlife Commission of the ACT, the Victorian National Parks and Wildlife Service, the New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service, and the Victorian Department of Environment,land, Water and Planning.

The program is funded through a variety of sources, including government grants, private donations, and corporate sponsorship. The program is also supported by a range of volunteers, who play a crucial role in maintaining and promoting the Alps region.

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