

Draft Decision: 32 COM 7B.41

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-08/32.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **31 COM 7B.43**, adopted at its 31st session (Christchurch, 2007),
3. Takes note of the findings of the recent World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS / IUCN monitoring mission to the property, and requests the State Party to:
 - Institute a mechanism through the future Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA) management plan reviews, and involving all relevant stakeholders, to monitor, assess and manage for ecological integrity the TWWHA and adjoining reserves by considering activities related to forestry operations, road construction and regeneration fires in the areas adjacent to the property;*
 - Submit a proposal for modifying the boundaries of the TWWHA to include the adjacent 21 areas of national parks and state reserves, which are currently not a part of the inscribed World Heritage property but are covered by its management plan;*
 - Not to renew the existing leases for mineral exploration and exploitation within the property and immediately adjacent to it (such as in the Melaleuca Cox Bight area), after their expiry and to rehabilitate the areas concerned and to incorporate them into the World Heritage property. Further, no new mining licenses should be granted within the property or in the areas which are being recommended for addition;*
 - Maintain and improve the resourcing for the research, documentation, protection, monitoring and effective management for archaeological and Aboriginal cultural sites both those within the TWWHA and those in the adjacent forestry areas that reflect the wider context of Aboriginal land-use practices and are of potential outstanding universal value;*
 - Manage the forestry areas outside the inscribed property in order to protect cultural sites of potential outstanding universal value;*
 - Ensure logging roads in areas adjacent to the TWWHA consider the ecological integrity, possible cultural sites and aesthetic values of the property, and reclaim roads no longer required;*
 - Prepare and implement a vegetation management plan covering the TWWHA and the adjoining forest reserves jointly by national parks and the forestry authorities, to address representativity of vegetation types and to reduce risks, particularly from fires and climate change;*
 - Implement the recommendations emanating from the recently completed 2008 review of the Tasmania Regional Forest Agreement;*
 - Establish an active programme for monitoring the impacts of climate change on the property and incorporate this programme into a risk-reduction strategy and action plan;*
4. Also requests the State Party to revise the Statement of outstanding universal value for the property to include relevant recent natural and cultural knowledge available regarding the site, for approval by the World Heritage Committee; State of conservation of World Heritage properties inscribed on the World Heritage List WHC-08/32.COM/7B.Add, p. xx

5. Reiterates its request to the State Party to consider, at its own discretion, extension of the property to include appropriate areas of tall eucalyptus forest, having regard to the advice of IUCN; and also further requests the State Party to consider, at its own discretion, extension of the property to include appropriate cultural sites reflecting the wider context of Aboriginal land-use practices, and the possibility of re-nominating the property as a cultural landscape;

*6. Requests moreover the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2010**, an updated report on the state of conservation of the property, including a revised Statement of outstanding universal value and progress related to the above mentioned issues, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session in 2010.*