**Feedback by theme**

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| Theme | Details |
| Number of campsites  | Feedback was received about the impact on the number of campsites available at the national park and any potential reduction of ‘general’ camping sites available. The creation of new sites for glamping was supported, to avoid use of existing sites. The proposal involves using three of the park’s existing 94 campsites for year-round glamping purposes. This includes two sites at September Beach and one site at Donington Beach, while creating new glamping sites at the Donington Beach Campsite. The proposal will affect 3 per cent of the park’s total number of current sites.The campsites affected are currently booked at 12 per cent capacity and they remain available to the general public, when booked through Kata and Belle. Moreover, glamping sites will increase camping oportunties for members of the public that previously have been unable to use the national park. More information relating to the number of campsites is available in the [proposal handout](https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/files/sharedassets/parks/nbt/9558120_bsa_lincolnnp_nbt_glamping_a3_v10_final.pdf) and **Frequently Asked Questions**. |
| Commerical activity in parks | Feedback was received:* supporting the proposal to increase tourism and accommodation options in Lincoln National Park, and
* raising concerns about the use of national parks and reserves (generally) for commercial activities.

The State Government is committed to enabling eco-tourism opportunities in national parks. The aim of this commitment is to drive tourism in South Australia by creating greater opportunities for private operators to invest in national parks and reserves.The initiative is part of a long-term strategy to enhance park visitor experiences by providing improved attractions, services, access and facilities in national parks. In Australia, the nature-based tourism sector contributes an estimated $23 billion to the economy each year. Nature-based tourism employs a significant number of people, and produces enormous flow-on benefits to the South Australian economy.Tourism investment in parks can make a genuine contribution to sustainable growth and regional jobs. Regional tourism generates more than 40 per cent of South Australia’s visitor revenue. Nature experiences are proven to have beneficial health effects such as encouraging increased physical activity and enabling psychological connections to nature. These effects are also proven to be beneficial to supporting conservation. Wilderness Protection Areas, National Parks and Marine Parks are afforded the highest level of legal protection. They will continue to be protected under state legislation and managed with a strong focus on conservation.In assessing nature-based tourism proposals the Department considers the economic, social and environmental benefits of the proposal.This commercial partnership will increase the current accommodation offering at the park and open the park up to a different segment of the community that would otherwise not use the facilities. More information:* the State Government’s ecotourism [election commitments](https://strongplan.com.au/policy/creating-eco-tourism-opportunities/)
* Department for Environment and Water’s [Nature-based Tourism Plan](https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/park-management/state-wide-park-strategies/nature-based-tourism-plan).

More information relating to this proposal specifically is available in the **Frequently Asked Questions** and proposal [information handout](https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/files/sharedassets/parks/nbt/9558120_bsa_lincolnnp_nbt_glamping_a3_v10_final.pdf). |
| **Development process** | DEW is seeking confirmation from the relevant planning authority with regard to the planning pathway applicable to this proposal.  Preliminary advice from the Native Vegetation Unit suggests that minimal to no clearance will be required. The scale of potential native vegetation clearance is unlikely to trigger a public consultation process.  |
| Donington Cottage lease | Responses were supportive of the cottage being managed by Kata and Belle. Local interest groups raised interest in being able to continue current use of the cottage to support their activites. DEW will facilitate suitable arrangements to support interest groups and the proponent. |
| Feedback received about other issues (not the proposal)  | Feedback provided relating to:* the Nature-based Tourism expresssion of interest process has been provided to the project manager.
* other issues raised have been forwarded to the appropriate group within the Department or applicable agency.
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