



Objection: Proposed Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail Development, SA

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Zoe Bettison MP
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Minister,

I would like formally object to the Australian Walking Company's proposed development within the Flinders Chase National Park on Kangaroo Island South Australia.

I ask that you cease the proposed commercial development and that any commercial developments always occur outside of National parks.

Flinders Chase National Park is the most botanically unique area in South Australia. You cannot build buildings in the wild without degrading wilderness.

Plans to build luxury accommodation villages in the Park on wild coastal sites with staggeringly beautiful views are not appropriate and will see large amounts of intact vegetation cleared for their construction.

The local Friends of Flinders Chase National Park volunteers are clear: any tourism development linked to the KI Wilderness Trail must be on the track, not located kilometres away in the middle of intact wilderness.

The State Government must halt current private development plans for one of our oldest and best-loved parks and start talking to the Friends of Flinders Chase about better options.

Conservation SA continues to support the volunteer and community groups campaigning on behalf of Flinders Chase National Park, as does Keep It Wild.

I ask that you reconsider the **inappropriate proposal** and leave a legacy for future generations by protecting the few wild places that remain from commercial development purely aimed at private profit.

Yours sincerely,

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