

**NOTIFICATION OF A FUTURE ACT UNDER DIVISION 3 OF PART 2, NATIVE  
TITLE ACT 1993**

**“OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT – 28 DAYS”**

**This notice relates to the proposal to install infrastructure related to the Falls to Crossing Alpine Crossing in the Alpine National Park which is a valid future act under section 24JA of the *Native Title Act 1993*.**

**GIVEN TO:** First Nations Legal and Research Services  
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**GIVEN BY:** Parks Victoria

**DATE OF ISSUE:** 29 January 2025

**The proposed future act**

Parks Victoria is proposing to install infrastructure to establish three overnight camping nodes on the Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing walking track within Alpine National Park. The Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing proposes to combine and upgrade an existing walking track network to establish a multi-day 57-kilometre walk through the Alpine region from Falls Creek to Mt Hotham. It is identified as one of Victoria’s key long-distance walks.

The following proposed works for the establishment of the overnight camping nodes are the subject of this notice:

**Cope Hut (Node 1)**

- Replace 5 camping platforms
- Install 3 new camping platforms

**Westons Hut (Node 2)**

- Install 8 camping platforms
- Install toilet block

**High Knob (Node 3)**

- Install 8 camping platforms
- Install toilet block
- Install hiker day shelter

Site plans and designs are attached. The works described above are the subject of this notice.

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## **The future act is valid**

The proposed activity is a valid future act pursuant to Section 24JA of the Native Title Act 1993.

Subdivision J of the Native Title Act 1993 (NTA) allows for acts to be carried out on reserved land provided that the act is in good faith with the purpose of the reservation, or of no greater impact. Where the act involves the construction of a public work, (which extinguishes native title rights and interests), it is necessary that formal procedural notice be given to any registered claimant and to any registered Representative Body.

The proposed works are to be carried out over land that was validly reserved prior to 23 December 1996. The future act is in accordance with the purpose of the reservation (National Park).

The extinguishment principle applies over the footprint of the public works.

## **Description of the land or waters affected:**

Crown allotment 3 Parish of Nowyeo  
Crown allotment 2023 Parish of Darbalang  
Crown allotment 15 Section 12 Parish of Harrietville

The land is reserved as Alpine National Park, formally proclaimed in 1989.

See attached map for the location of the works.

## **Invitation to comment**

The State is extending an invitation to comment on the proposed future act described above. Please forward all comments to:

Catherine Richardson  
Land Use and Statutory Planning Coordinator  
Parks Victoria  
Email: [catherine.richardson@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:catherine.richardson@parks.vic.gov.au)

All comments received within **28 days** of the date of this notice will be considered.

## **Relevant consultation to date**

Traditional Owner groups have been involved in the development of the Master Plan and through the development of a Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing project. Eight Traditional Owner groups have been invited to participate in consultation for the project, with six groups actively interested:

- Jaithmathang Traditional Owner Bloodline Corporation
- Dhurooa Waywurru Nations Aboriginal Corporation
- Dudurooa Dhagal Aboriginal Corporation

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- Nindi-Ngujarn Ngarigo Monero Aboriginal Corporation
- Gunaikunai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation
- Jaithmatang Aboriginal Corporation
- Dalka Warra Mittung Aboriginal Corporation
- Bangerang Aboriginal Corporation

## Disclaimer

This notification is given to you under the provisions of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993*. By giving such notice, the State makes no admission or acknowledgment of any kind for the purposes of any pending or future application for a determination of native title, whether made under the *Native Title Act 1993* or at common law, for the land or waters in respect of which this notice is given.

Yours Sincerely



Catherine Richardson  
Land Use and Statutory Planning Coordinator  
Parks Victoria

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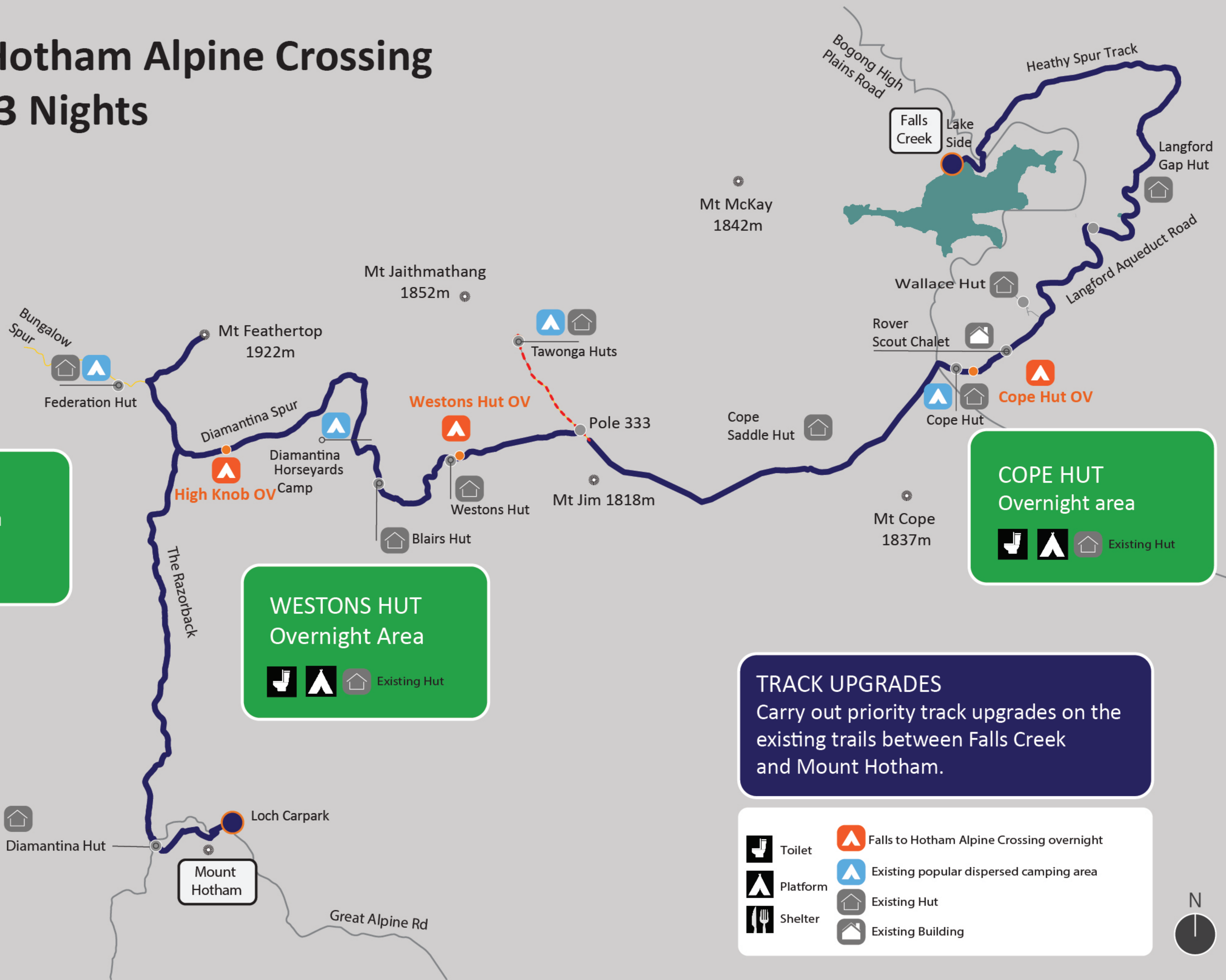
## Attachments:

1. FHAC Overview Map
2. Site Plan – Node 1 - Cope Hut
3. Site Plan – Node 2 – Westons Hut
4. Site Plan – Node 3 – High Knob
5. Render – Amenities
6. Render – Hiker Shelter
7. Render – Tent Platform

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# Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing

## 4 Days - 3 Nights



**HIGH KNOB**  
Overnight area





**WESTONS HUT**  
Overnight Area










 Existing Hut

**COPE HUT**  
Overnight area

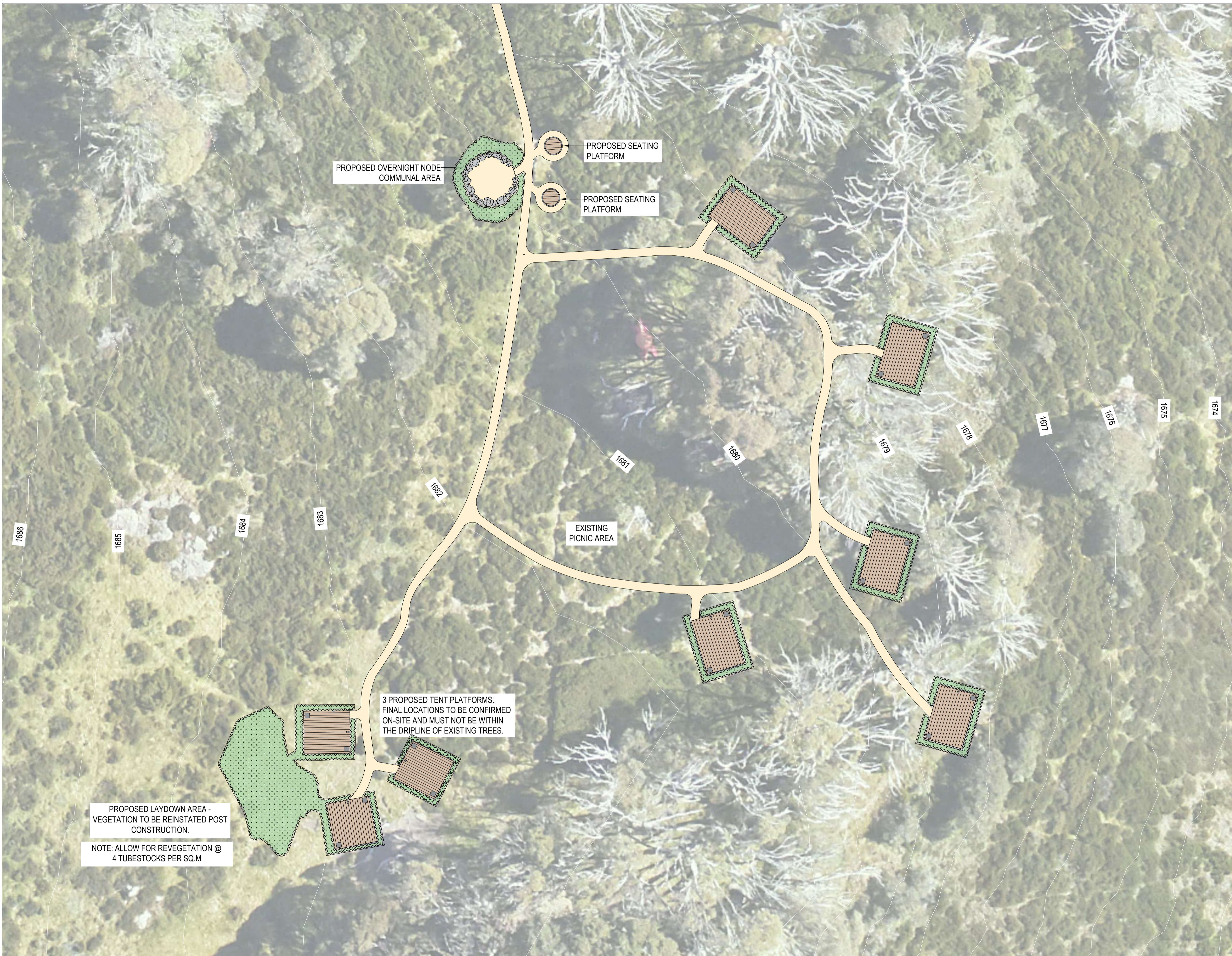


 Existing Hut

**TRACK UPGRADES**  
Carry out priority track upgrades on the existing trails between Falls Creek and Mount Hotham.

-  Toilet
-  Platform
-  Shelter
-  Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing overnight
-  Existing popular dispersed camping area
-  Existing Hut
-  Existing Building





PROPOSED OVERNIGHT NODE COMMUNAL AREA

PROPOSED SEATING PLATFORM

PROPOSED SEATING PLATFORM

EXISTING PICNIC AREA

3 PROPOSED TENT PLATFORMS. FINAL LOCATIONS TO BE CONFIRMED ON-SITE AND MUST NOT BE WITHIN THE DRIPLINE OF EXISTING TREES.

PROPOSED LAYDOWN AREA - VEGETATION TO BE REINSTATED POST CONSTRUCTION.

NOTE: ALLOW FOR REVEGETATION @ 4 TUBESTOCKS PER SQ.M

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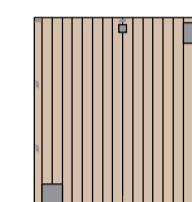
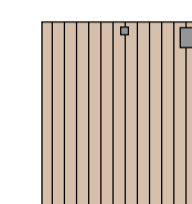
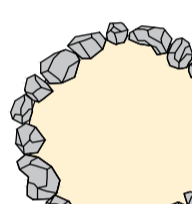
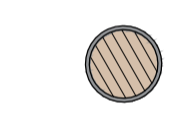
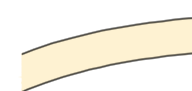

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DD4	Detailed Design	30/10/2024
DD5	DETAILED DESIGN	28/11/2024

- LEGEND**
-  PROPOSED TENT PLATFORM TYPE A
  -  EXISTING PLATFORM. RETAIN STEEL FRAME AND REPLACE FRP DECKING WITH TIMBER DECKING.
  -  PROPOSED COMMUNAL GATHERING SPACE
  -  PROPOSED SEATING PLATFORM
  -  GRAVEL PATHWAY
  -  AREAS FOR REINSTATEMENT OF VEGETATION POST CONSTRUCTION

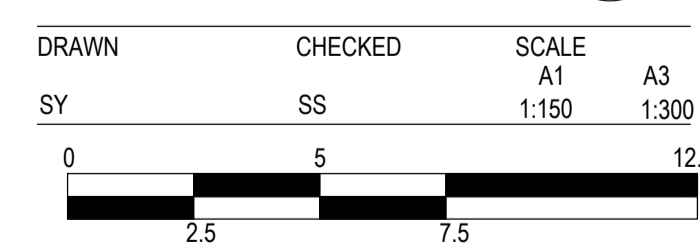
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PROJECT  
**Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing Hiker Accommodation**

DRAWING TITLE  
**Site Plan - Node 1**



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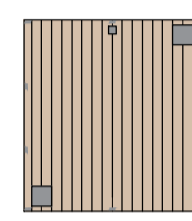
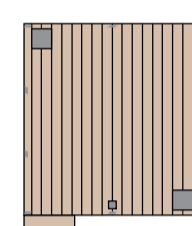
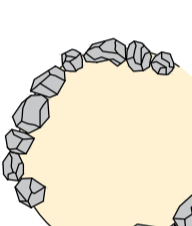
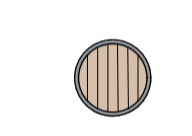

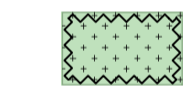
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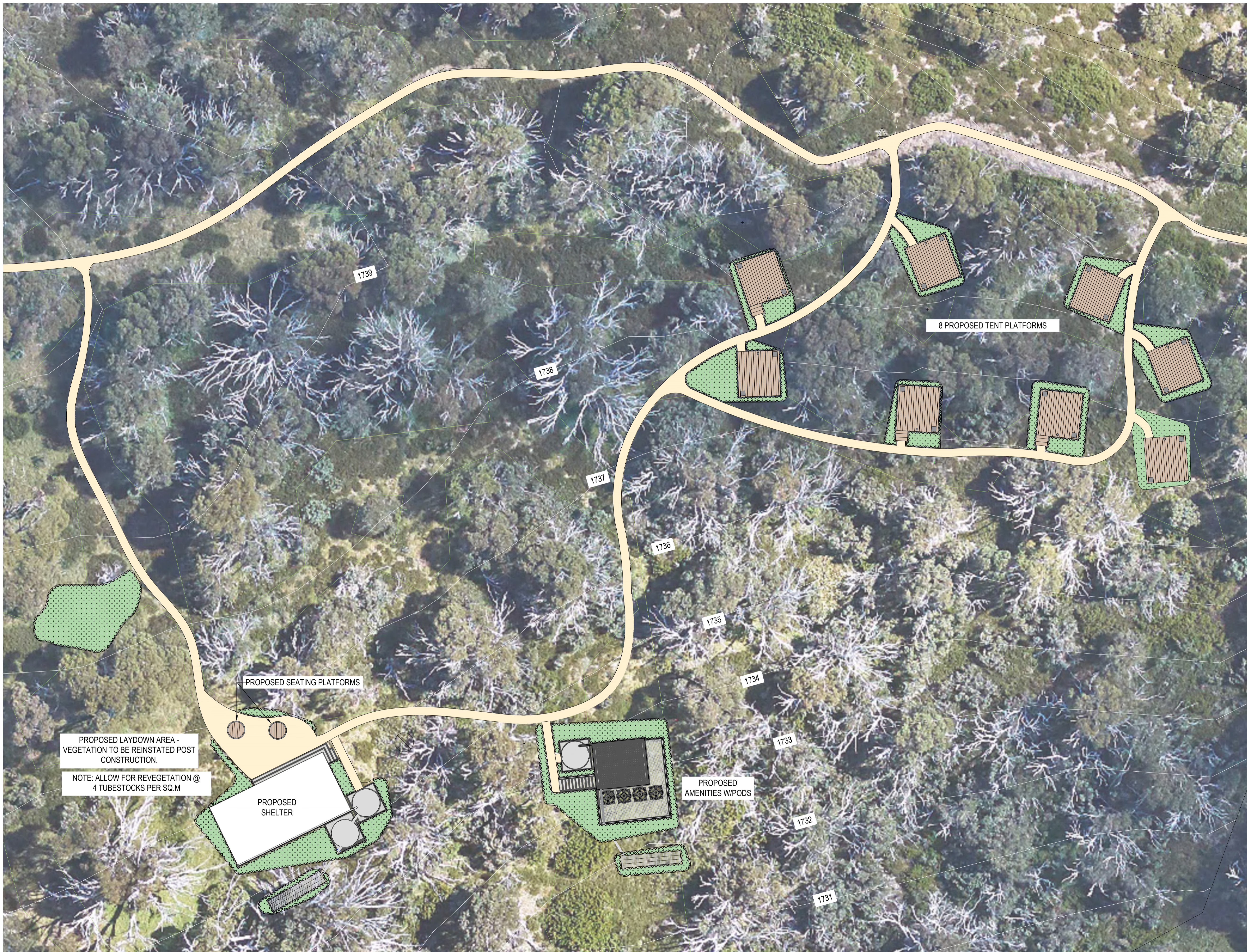
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