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Mr. Peter Mooney,
General Manager,
Parks and Wildlife Service
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Dear Mr. Mooney,

At the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Cradle Valley community advocacy group, it was resolved to write to you in relation to the following matters:

- (a) **TRANSIT TERMINAL:** The Friends of Cradle Valley endorse the planning undertaken by Mr. Keith Vanderstaay, Project Officer of Business Enterprises, to centralize the sales of Parks Passes and Parks merchandise this summer at the soon-to-be expanded Transit Terminal near the old airstrip. Centralizing sales at this centre will help to reduce the level of visitor-confusion that existed during peak days last summer. However, our members do continue to hold grave concerns about the diminishing funding that's being made available from the Tasmanian State Government for the Parks and Wildlife Service and for repairs and maintenance at our National Parks and State Reserves generally, and they definitely do not wish to see any more staff cuts at Cradle Valley.
- (b) **SUMMER RANGERS:** The Friends of Cradle Valley do wish to reiterate the value of the Summer Rangers, and to express their disappointment that the 'Discovery' Programme was discontinued at Cradle Valley last summer.

(c) NOMENCLATURE: In an effort to lift the profile of Gustav Weindorfer, the founding father of the Cradle Mountain National Park, the Friends of Cradle Valley also recommend that the complex that's now known as the Visitors' Centre be re-named the '*Weindorfer Interpretation Centre and Rangers' Station*', perhaps when the transitions being undertaken by Mr. Vanderstaay have been completed. This re-naming would promote Weindorfer's rightful place in the history of Tasmania's premier tourist destination. At the same time, perhaps you might also consider re-naming the Transit Terminal as the '*Visitors' and Transit Terminal*' or similar.

(d) ROADSIDE-SLASHING: The Friends of Cradle Valley have written to the Tasmanian World Heritage Area Consultative Committee expressing outrage at the cavalier way in which the roadside vegetation from Pencil Pine Creek to Dove Lake was slashed on Thursday 15th October, and asking that a protocol be established by the Committee to ensure that it doesn't happen again. If there is vegetation that has to be removed for safety or visual reasons, then it should only be done carefully under the close supervision of Parks Rangers and preferably by hand. Copies of our Letter to TWHACC and Media Release (20/10/09) are enclosed for your information.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Yours sincerely,

John R. Wilson (Dr)
Hon. Secretary, Friends of Cradle Valley

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