

List of recommendations

Recommendation 1

2.45 The committee recommends that the Australian Government:

- recognise that climate change has increased fire conditions in south-eastern Australia and the risk to natural and cultural values in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area; and
- report annually to the World Heritage Committee on the state of conservation in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

Recommendation 2

3.38 The committee recommends that the Australian Government, in cooperation with the Tasmanian Government:

- recognise the need to identify the ecological and biodiversity impacts of fire on fire sensitive vegetation communities, organic soils and endemic fauna species in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area; and
- allocate long-term funding to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation and/or the Tasmanian Government to assist with the development of fire assessment and modelling specifically suited to the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

Recommendation 3

4.98 The committee recommends that the Australian Government, in conjunction with state and territory governments, investigate a national remote area firefighting capability, to support Australian fire agencies.

Recommendation 4

4.100 The committee recommends that the Australian Government commit to long-term funding for the National Aerial Firefighting Centre of an amount that is at least equal to the government's current contribution, rising in line with the Consumer Price Index.

Recommendation 5

5.48 The committee recommends that the Australian Government recognise the need to enhance protection and conservation efforts in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area by allocating increased funding:

- to the Parks and Wildlife Service, Tasmania, for appropriate management activities and resources; and
- for research projects aimed at providing qualitative and quantitative data specific to climate-related and ecological threats to the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (such as dry lightning strike).

Recommendation 6

5.49 The committee recommends that the Australian and Tasmanian Governments:

- **develop options to increase co-operation to ensure that the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area is protected and conserved in line with Australia's obligations under the World Heritage Convention; and**
- **work together to ensure strong provisions to protect the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area from bushfire risks are included in the *Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Management Plan*.**

