## Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

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## **Senator Siewert asked:**

Is it correct that under the current Kakadu Plan of Management and associated EPBC regulations all commercial activities within the Park are required to have a permit?

## Answer:

All commercial activities in the Park must be carried out in accordance with the Kakadu National Park Management Plan.

The Management Plan provides for some commercial activities to be undertaken in the Park without further approval from the Park; for example commercial activities may be carried out in Jabiru town without further approval if the activity is carried out in accordance with the town lease, town plan and other laws relevant to that business.

The Management Plan requires all commercial tourism activities to be authorised. The Plan provides for a number of ways in which tourism activities may be authorised, depending on the nature of the activity and whether access is required to existing public areas, areas not otherwise open to the public or exclusive use of areas. Commercial activities may be authorised by permit, commercial activity licence, licence to occupy or lease.