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Senator Singh asked:

Senator SINGH: Has the department had the opportunity of examining any of the submissions that have been made on the draft management plan?

Mr Oxley: Yes.

Senator SINGH: Have all of those or any of those been made public?

Mr Oxley: I won't pretend to give you definitive advice as to the status of all of the submissions that were made to the Tasmanian department.

Senator SINGH: Why?

Mr Oxley: Because I am not familiar with the website of the department in question and I do not know personally whether all those submissions were made public or not. But we can take that on notice and come back to you with advice, of course.

Senator SINGH: If you could take that on notice, that would be great. I think you said you were familiar with those submissions and you had examined some of them; is that correct?

Mr Oxley: The department has, yes.

Senator SINGH: This department?

Mr Thompson: Yes.

Answer:

Some stakeholders who made submissions on the draft management plan for the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area copied their submissions to the Department. The Department has reviewed these submissions.

Some stakeholders have made their submissions publicly available. The Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment's website states that the Tasmanian Planning Commission will advertise the representations (submissions) and a Director's report for public viewing. See:

<http://dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/conservation/tasmanian-wilderness-world-heritage-area/new-tasmanian-wilderness-world-heritage-area-management-plan>