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Senator McKim, Nick asked:

Last year (2015) the joint ICOMOS/IUCN Reactive Monitoring mission to the Tasmanian Wilderness made a series of recommendations in their report. Tasmanian Environment Minister Matthew Groom said: The Tasmanian Government together with the Australian Government accepts [and would abide by] the recommendations of the mission's report. Recommendation 11 of this report was: Future Potential Production Forest Land (FPPFL) within the property ... should be granted status as national park. Given this, what steps are you and the Tasmanian Government taking to gazette these new national parks?

Answer:

The Australian and Tasmanian governments have accepted the 20 recommendations of the 2015 reactive monitoring mission to the property.

The 2016 State Party Report on the state of conservation of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area includes a commitment that the Tasmanian Government will seek to give public lands in the property reserve status under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002* (Tas), noting the role of the Tasmanian Parliament and the need to undertake broad community consultation. The 2016 State Party Report is available here - <http://www.environment.gov.au/node/34177>.

The Tasmanian Government is responsible for implementing this commitment.