APPENDIX 4: USER CHARGES IN NATIONAL PARKS

Extracts from Queensland National Parks & Wildlife Service & Department of Environment, *Benchmarking and Best Practice Program: user pays revenue*. ANZECC Working Group on National Parks and Protected Areas Management, September 1996

The likelihood that some of this information is out of date should be remembered. The Committee's attempts to get up to date information from State national park authorities in late 1997 were only partly successful. We prefer to reproduce the source document exactly than to make changes that would be incomplete.

Appendix 1: Overview of charges on protected areas

✓ charge for service F service provided free

X service not provided blank: no information

Part 1: entry fees

	Qld	NSW	WA	Vic	Tas	SA	NT	ANCA	ACT
	NPWS	NPWS	CALM	NPS	PWS	ENR	PWC		P&C
park entry	F	√some	F						
historic site entry	✓	F	F		✓	✓	√one		F
,							only		

Part 2: charges for services provided by government agencies

	Qld	NSW	WA	Vic	Tas	SA	NT	ANCA	ACT
wilderness/	✓	✓	F/X	✓	✓	✓	F	F	\checkmark
bush camping									
constructed	\checkmark	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark
campsites									
amenities/ picnic	F	✓	F	\checkmark	✓	✓	F	F	\checkmark
facilities									
park-owned	X	✓	✓ very	\checkmark	✓	✓	X	X	F
accommodation			limited						
environmental	X	✓	✓		X	✓	✓some	X	X
education centre									
research facilities	X	X	F		X		✓some	F	X
recreational facilities	F	✓	F	✓	F	✓	F	F	F
rec. equipment hire	X	✓	✓		X	✓	X	X	F
ranger-led tours &	✓	✓	✓some	\checkmark	✓	✓	√some	F	\checkmark
interpretative									
activities									
entry to info. centre/	F	F	F	\checkmark	F		F	F	F
display									
park info. (general,	F	✓	√publi	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓some	F	\checkmark
sold to public)			cations						
specific detailed	\checkmark	F	F		F		✓	✓	\checkmark
park information									
legislative	X	✓	F		X		✓	X	F
information									
photo with koala	X	X	✓		X	✓	X	X	X
hire of ovals	X	X	✓		X	✓	X	X	X

Part 3: charges to private commercial operations and concessions on protected areas

	Qld	NSW	WA	Vic	Tas	SA	NT	ANCA	ACT
commercial tours	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	F
recreational activities of facilities	X	√	√	√	F covered in other fees	√	✓some	X	F
filming and photography	√	√	√ *	→	*	√	√	√	major compan ies only
retail sales outlets	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
accommodation	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
food licences	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
horse riding	X	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	X	F
skiing	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X
leases	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
tourist resort	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
other							√ **		√ ***

^{*} non-educational or current affairs ** hunting, outdoor adventure activities *** access permits to neighbours in urban areas

Part 4: charges for other types of licenses, permits and authorities

	Qld NPWS	NSW NPWS	WA CALM	Vic NPS	Tas PWS	SA ENR	NT PWC	ANCA	ACT P&C
stock grazing	✓		X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓
bee keeping	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
permit to traverse	X		✓				X	X	X
communications facilities	√	\	√	\	✓		√	F	X
navigation aids	✓	X	✓		✓		✓	F	X
scientific permits	F	✓	✓		F	✓	✓	F	F
educational use permits	F	F	F		F	√	X	F	X
group activities permits	✓	F	✓	✓ wed dings	F**		✓some	X	F
special activities	F	F	✓		✓some		✓some	F	F
other		√ *	√ ***	1	√ ****		√ **** *		

^{*} water, gas, electricity. Community services charged in Kosciusko (sewerage etc.)

Appendix 2: summary of agency charges

Part 1: entry fees

Queensland

No entry fees at July 1996

New South Wales

	per bus or ta	axi passenger	car	motor cycle
	adult	child		
Kosciusko: daily	\$4	\$2	\$12	\$3.50
other parks: daily	\$3	\$1	\$7.50	\$3
annual pass: Kosciusko	n/a	n/a	\$60	\$30
annual pass other	n/a	n/a	\$50	\$50
Kosciusko supplement to			\$10	\$10
other parks pass				

Charges are also levied for boat trailers and transport into the park by skitube.

Charges are reviewed on an annual basis and increased with CPI

^{**} covered by park entry fee

^{***} gravel & dams

^{****} game licenses

^{*****} hunting permits

Western Australia

	per vehicle	vehicle	motor cycle	bus passenger/
		(concession)		comm. tours
any park - day of issue	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
4 weeks all parks	\$15.00			
annual local park (one park	\$12.00			
or selected local parks)				
annual all parks	\$35.00			
annual goldstar all parks plus	\$50.00			
subscription to magazine				

Victoria - has a complicated range of fees, with ranges as shown below:

	bus over 30 seats	bus 10-29 seats	car	motor cycle		per perso	On
daily entrance to selected parks	\$21-\$44	\$14-25	\$4.50- \$9.50	\$1.50-\$2.00		n/a	
Pt Nepean daily					adult \$8	conc. \$4	family \$18
Pt Nepean annual					adult \$64	conc. \$32	family \$144
all parks annual			\$45.50				
individual parks annual	\$130 (Mt Buffalo off season only)	\$75 (Mt Buffalo off season only)	\$27-33				

South Australia

		daily		anı	nual
	bus passenger	motor cycle	other vehicle	motor cycle	other vehicle
Flinders Chase	\$2 ad., \$1.50 child/ pensioner	\$3	\$6.50	n/a	n/a
other selected parks	\$1pp to \$15	\$1.50	\$3	\$15	\$30.00 (2)
desert parks pass	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$40	\$50(1)
Kangaroo Is annual pass -	adult	child/ pensioner	family		
- standard (3)	\$15	\$10	\$40		·
- gold pass (4)	\$20	\$12.50	\$52.50		

- 1. Renewals \$30 per annum
- 2. Provision exists for a sliding scale of fees
- 3. Also includes entitlement to camp and participate in guided activities (except adventure caving)
- 4. Includes (3) and adventure caving and seasonal programs
- 5. An annual permit also entitles the persons specified in the pass to camp in any area set aside for that purpose in the reserve.

Tasmania (all parks)

	per person (bike, boat, bus or foot)	per vehicle
daily	\$2.50	\$8
holiday (up to 2 months)	\$10	\$25
annual		\$15 one park, \$40 all parks

Northern Territory

Entry to most parks is free. Entry to Gurig National Parks (numbers capped): \$10 per person Entry to Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historic Precinct:

adult	\$4
child 5-16	\$2
pensioner and group booking	\$3
season ticket adult	\$10
season ticket family	\$20

ANCA parks

Kakadu (all visitors 16 and over) 14 days	\$15
Uluru (all visitors 16 and over) 5 days	\$10
Kakadu & Uluru annual pass: unlimited access	\$60
to both parks, vehicle and occupants	
Jervis Bay: car pass valid 7 days	\$5
bus passenger over 16	\$2
motorcycle	\$2.50
annual car pass	\$25

ACT P&C: No entry fees at July 1996

Part 2: Camping fees

Queensland: per person per night \$3; family \$12; educational \$1.50

New South Wales: per site: upper fee level \$15; mid range fee \$10; basic camping fee \$5

Western Australia

	sites/night 1-2	each additional	child under 16
	people	person	
without facilities or basic facilities	\$5	\$3	\$1
with facilities, ablutions, showers,	\$9	\$3	\$1
includes caravans with electricity			
with facilities, ablutions, showers,	\$8	\$3	\$1
includes caravans without electricity			

Windjana Gorge NP	\$5 pp per night	 \$1

Victoria, Group 1 (Wilsons Promontory National Park)

a) Tidal River camping area and park entrance transit camp				
	normal rate	off season rate		
first person		\$7.10		
up to 3 persons (min. site fee)	\$13.60			
each extra person	\$2.70	\$2.70		
reduction per concessionee	\$1.35	\$1.35		
add. vehicle per site per night	\$4.40			
school groups	\$2.20 per person			
b) Outstation camping trip permit: \$3.90/ person/ night (\$1.95 reduction per concessionee)				

Victoria, Group 2 (Fraser, Port Campbell, Mt Buffalo & Mt Eccles National Parks)

	normal	off season, school
		groups
site per night (up to 4 persons)	\$12.60	\$8.40
site per night (5&6 persons)	\$16	\$10.50
additional vehicle per site per night	\$4.40	
power per site per night (Port Campbell	\$2.70	

Victoria, Group 3 (Croajingalong (Wingan Inlet, Thurra River & Shipwreck Creek), Lower Glenelg, Snowy River (McKillop Bridge) and the Lakes National Parks, Gippsland Lakes (Paradise Beach) and Discovery Bay (Swan Lake) Coastal Parks

	normal	off season, school
		groups
site per night	\$8.90	\$6.60
additional vehicle per site per night	\$3.90	

Victoria, Group 4 (Little Desert, Wyperfeld. Kinglake, Brisbane Ranges, Grampians, Fraser (boar based camping area Mountaineer Inlet) and Hattah Kulknye National Parks and Eildon, Cathedral Range and Mt Arapiles-Toon State Parks

site per night \$7.90 additional vehicle per site per night \$3.40

Victoria, Group 4 (special areas)

Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park (Bunga Arm)	site per night (land based visitors): \$3.40	
Lower Glenelg National Park (Canoe Camp)	per person per night \$2.30	
School groups per person per night	\$1.70	

Tasmania

Adult per person per night \$4; child/pensioner per head \$3.20; family \$10

South Australia

	per site	adults	child/pensioner	vehicle
level A	\$7	\$2	\$1	
level B	\$2	\$2	\$1	
level C	\$3	\$0.50-\$2.00	\$0.50	\$3
level D	\$5	\$2	\$1	\$6
level E		\$3	\$1	
level F				\$15

Northern Territory

	per person per night	family (2 adults & up to 4
		children aged 5-16)
category A	\$4	\$10
category B	\$2	\$5
category C	\$1	\$3

ANCA Kakadu

adult per head per night \$5

ANCA Jervis Bay

	peak	off peak
Bristol Pt - 35 person site	\$80	\$64
Cave Beach per tent	\$10	\$8
Green Patch - varying size sites	\$16-\$48	\$13-\$36

ACT

single tent/caravan site: \$10 for 2 people, \$12 per additional person