



Jefferys Track Upgrade Proposal

Project Overview:

Jefferys Track runs across the Wellington Range between Lachlan in the Derwent Valley and Crabtree in the Huon Valley. The 14 km long track is a fire trail currently used as a 4WD off-road driving experience and an important fire trail.

Project Focus Area:

This project is to provide an upgrade of the current formation of Jefferys Track to allow improved access as a fire trail and a detailed feasibility study to take place. Jefferys Track runs across the Wellington Range between Lachlan in the Derwent Valley and Crabtree in the Huon Valley. A full upgrade to Jefferys Track has the potential to provide a future tourism and transport link between areas south of Hobart (Huon Valley) and the Derwent Valley.

Project Objectives:

The initial project is two staged which involves upgrading the road to allow improved access as a fire trail and for qualified technical experts to complete a feasibility study.

Project Proponent:

Jefferys Track has multiple landowners and stakeholders which include Forestry Tasmania, Wellington Park Trust, Norske Skog, Derwent Valley Council and Huon Valley Council, private land owners and Parks and Wildlife as land managers.

Initial consultation has been undertaken with elected members of State and Federal Governments, Wellington Park Trust, Norske Skog, Parks and Wildlife, Derwent Valley Council. Further consultation will be taking place with the private land owners.

The project will be managed jointly by the Huon Valley and Derwent Valley Council's in consultation with other road owners.

Project Output:

- Upgrade of the current fire trail and 4WD track to enable more accessible fire and 4x4 vehicle movements.
- Feasibility Study of Jefferys Track as a future tourism, commercial, labour force and freight route between the Huon Valley and Derwent Valley, and to assist in the reduction of traffic in the Hobart City and the Brooker Highway.
- Improved fire hazard access and response times.



Residents asking HVC's Adriana Taylor and Emilio Reale questions about the Jeffreys Track Proposal