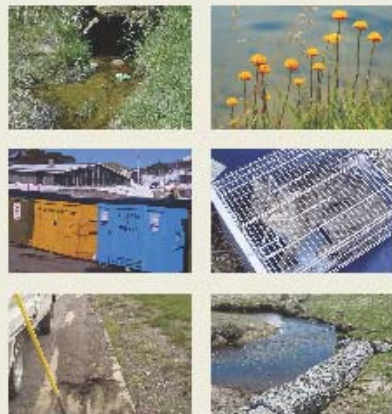


Environmental Management

PERISHER RESORTS



How does this affect you?

Are you:

- recycling / reducing waste?
- reporting incidents?
- conserving water and energy?
- protecting streams?
- looking after native wildlife?

Talk to your accommodation provider to find out how you can help to contribute to the success of the PRREMS and the protection of Kosciuszko's sensitive alpine environment.

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The Perisher Range Resorts

The Perisher Range Resorts are located within Kosciuszko National Park. They include the interlinked ski and village areas of Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes, Blue Cow and Guthega. The 1,250 hectares of skiable terrain make it the largest ski resort in the Southern Hemisphere.

Services and infrastructure

The services and infrastructure of the Perisher Range Resorts all have the potential to impact on the environment including:

- **Accommodation** - 4000 holiday beds in 88 club lodges, 6 hotels and 27 commercial lodges/ apartments
- **Access** - Skitube Alpine Railway and carparks for over 1800 cars and 60 buses
- **Snowsports** - 48 ski lifts extensive cleared and groomed ski runs, over 100 km of X country ski trails, tobogganing area and tube park
- **Water supply** - Pump stations, reservoirs, fire hydrants and extensive pipe network
- **Sewerage treatment system** - 5 pump stations, a transfer station, a treatment plant (capacity 8000 people/day) and extensive pipe network
- **Village services** - 34 restaurants / food outlets, 30 lodges with in house catering, retail and ski hire, supermarket, postal, information, churches, ski patrol, emergency and medical, freight and oversnow transport
- **Other services** - Environmental services, energy, waste management, communication, roads, snow clearing, fuel storage and supply.



What is the PRREMS?

The Perisher Range Resorts Environmental Management System (PRREMS) was developed in 2002 using the international standard for environmental management ISO 14001 focusing on targeted, continuous improvement in environmental management. The PRREMS applies to all stakeholders who operate in the PRR and its goal is to ensure that activities and developments are carried out in a controlled and sustainable manner.

What does the PRREMS do?

The PRREMS provides a framework for coordination and cooperation amongst the stakeholders to:

- collectively reduce impacts
- identify and manage environmental risks
- achieve and maintain compliance with legislation and other regulatory requirements
- set environmental objectives and targets and
- plan, document, measure and evaluate environmental performance.

The stakeholders

- Country Energy
- Elgas
- Nature Conservation Council
- NSW Department of Planning
- NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service
- NSW Roads and Traffic authority
- Perisher Blue Pty Ltd
- Perisher Resorts Chamber of Commerce
- SLOPES (representing club lodges)

Significance of the area

The Perisher Range Resorts occupy an area on the edge of the seasonally snow covered main range of Kosciuszko National Park. The area contains Australia's highest mountains, glacial landforms, RAMSAR wetlands and iconic mountain streams. It is also home to some of Australia's most unique and threatened species including the Mountain Pygmy Possum and the Kosciuszko Buttercup. It occupies an important part of the internationally significant UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and the 'National Heritage' listed Australian Alps national parks.



Why have an EMS?

Over 800,000 people visit the Perisher Range Resorts each year. This level of concentrated tourism inevitably puts stress on the environment. The use of resources, development, disposal of garbage and sewage and recreational activities all have an impact. The PRREMS helps protect the outstanding natural beauty and unique values of the area while supporting sustainable recreation.



How does the PRREMS work?

A PRREMS operational committee which is made up of stakeholder representatives guides the ongoing development and implementation of the EMS.

To demonstrate their commitment to the PRREMS the stakeholders have developed an 'Environmental Policy' and common environmental objectives and targets.

All stakeholders work towards meeting the 10 common objectives and annually report against the targets.



Lodge Participation

A Lodge Environment Manual has been developed to help lodges understand and manage environmental risks and meet their EMS obligations. It is divided into 6 core themes:

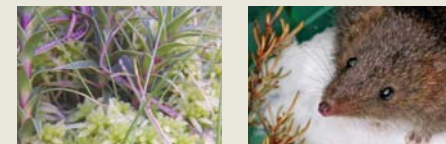
- Flora and Fauna
- Soil and Water
- Air Quality
- Natural Resources
- Cultural Heritage
- Sustainable Tourism

The manual can be viewed on-line at:
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/prrems>



PRREMS Reporting

Lodges report annually against the PRREMS objectives and targets using an on-line 'Earthcheck' system. Wherever possible this data is benchmarked against industry standards and combined with reporting information from the other stakeholders to form the basis of the PRREMS annual performance report. Information in this report helps the PRREMS committee make continual improvements to the system and achieve better environmental outcomes.



PRREMS OBJECTIVES

1. To achieve a high quality environment for indigenous flora and fauna in the Perisher region and to conserve the biodiversity of the area.
2. To identify and remediate all soil and groundwater contamination and to prevent future contamination of soil or groundwater.
3. To improve the quality of aquatic ecosystems through improvement of water quality and control of sedimentation and erosion.
4. To improve local air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce the use of ozone depleting substances.
5. To reduce the consumption of renewable and non-renewable resources through water, waste, energy and materials management.
6. To improve the quality of aquatic ecosystems through the maintenance of environmental flows.
7. To conserve the cultural heritage values of the Perisher region and archaeological sites in the National Park through increased site assessment and visitor education.
8. To ensure that existing and future development does not compromise the visual amenity and sense of place of the surrounding National Park.
9. To ensure that all persons working within and visitors to the National Park are well educated about the region's natural and cultural environment.
10. To ensure that the recreational opportunities and facilities of the Perisher Range Resorts are provided sustainably and to a world class standard through the effective implementation of the PRREMS and cooperation amongst all stakeholders.