

KATOOMBA FALLS CREEK VALLEY

PROPOSAL BY RESIDENTS

Our proposal, which we place before this public meeting for endorsement, is that:

- a) the residents carry out a preliminary Environmental Study which shall include a detailed study of the Frank Walford Park section of the valley, including at least the topography, watercourses and hanging swamps, bird and animal life, plant life, an archeological survey of Aboriginal occupation, an archeological survey of former industrial uses;
- b) the residents seek funding from appropriate sources to carry out a full Environmental Study of the valley, completing the work carried out in the preliminary Study, the funding to be administered on behalf of the residents under the auspices of either CORE or the Upper Blue Mountains Conservation Society;
- c) both the preliminary Study and the final Study shall assess the impacts of the existing uses on the valley and shall assess the significance of the valley to the Blue Mountains community, with special reference to the residents of the valley and the people of Katoomba generally;
- d) the outcomes of the preliminary Study and of the final Study shall be reported to the residents of the valley who have formed themselves together to make this proposal;
- e) the public lands in the valley be given environmental protection zoning, especially the Frank Walford Park section, and the middle section known as Katoomba Falls Reserve, and be included in the Stage I Environmental Management Plan, as has been done with other environmentally sensitive lands;
- f) the preferred uses for the public lands in the valley be passive recreation uses which don't conflict with the environmental protection objective for the valley.

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- . agreed that this meeting of residents form itself as the Friends of Katoomba Falls Creek Valley.
- . agreed that the aims of the Friends of Katoomba Falls Creek Valley be:
 - to ensure that the natural environment of the Katoomba Falls Creek valley is protected from damaging development
 - to ensure that the public lands in the valley remain public lands in perpetuity and are managed in such a way that the natural environment of the valley is protected from damaging development
 - to ensure that the Katoomba Falls Creek, feeder creeks and associated hanging swamps and valley swamps be unpolluted
 - to ensure the public lands in the valley be given environmental protection zoning, especially the Frank Walford Park section, and the middle section known as Katoomba Falls Reserve, and be included in the Stage 1 Environmental Management Plan, as environmentally sensitive lands
 - to ensure the rehabilitation of scoured, eroded, and damaged areas, especially in the Frank Walford Park and middle sections of the valley, and especially the swamps, with special attention to to elimination of exotic weeds and plant pests and to revegetation.
- . agreed that the working group set up by the meeting of residents be authorised by this meeting, formed as Friends of Katoomba Falls Creek Valley, to take necessary action to implement the proposal adopted by this meeting and other decisions of the meeting and to further the aims of the Friends of Katoomba Falls Creek Valley.
- . agreed that the working group have the power to involve other residents and resource persons as needed.
- . agreed that the Friends of Katoomba Falls Creek Valley meet again on January 21, 1990, to receive progress reports and make further decisions.

- That this meeting of residents form itself as

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Friends of Katoomba Falls Creek ~~Valley~~
Resident Action Group for Katoomba Falls Creek Valley

- That the aims of the group be:
 - to ensure that the natural environment of the Katoomba Falls Creek Valley is protected from damaging development;
 - to ensure that the public lands in the valley remain public lands in perpetuity and are managed in such a way that the natural environment of the valley is protected from damaging development;
 - to ensure that the Katoomba Falls Creek, feeder creeks and associated hanging swamps and valley swamps remain unpolluted;
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- That the Working Group set up by the meeting of residents be authorised by this meeting, formed as *Resident Act. Group*....., to take necessary action to implement the proposal adopted by this meeting and to further the aims of the
- That the working group have the power to involve other residents and resource persons as needed
- That the meet again on to receive progress reports and make further decisions.

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