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The Hon Gavin Jennings MLC
Minister for Environment and Climate Change.
Minister for Innovation
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Dear Minister,

Alpine Resorts Working Group (ARWG) – ‘Framework for Discussion’

Further to our letter of 5 May 2009 and your reply dated 26 May 2009 regarding our willingness, and your commitment to us to participate in the reform of the Victorian Alpine Resorts, we present the recommendations of the ARWG. These recommendations are supported by the communities we represent of over 24,000 individuals, plus the state’s snow sports organisation and affiliates.

Our focus and their focus is the successful achievement of the three key goals contained in our attached recommendations which are based on your **‘Framework for Discussion’**.

These recommendations can now be considered as the policy of the Victorian Snowsports Association Inc and our members are keen to ensure these reforms are adopted as a matter of urgency.

We wish to discuss the recommendations contained in the attached document with yourself and your advisers prior to any final framework being approved and adopted by the Government.

The attached recommendations are fundamental to reform of the management of Victoria’s Alpine Regions having regard to consumers, ratepayers, the industry and regional communities. Without meaningful debate, input and agreement on these fundamentals, the Alpine community will certainly feel disenfranchised.

Without limiting our recommendations we reiterate and stress that the ARWG must participate in the working group set up to facilitate equitable access and use of the resorts.

We look forward to your early reply.

Yours Faithfully,

Rob Anderson
Chairman

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