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Dear Mr Prudhoe

I am pleased to inform you that the review of the DECCW Orienteering and Rogaining Policy and Procedures is now complete.

I would like to thank the Orienteering Association of NSW (OANSW) for the valuable input provided on the review of this policy. A number of changes have been made as a result of stakeholder feedback. In addition, the Department recently adopted a new DECCW Events, Functions and Venues Policy, which is also relevant to orienteering and rogaining.

The changes in these policies include:

- Recognising that an applicant may submit a single consent application for a number of events provided that all of the proposed events will be held in one NPWS Area and will occur in one calendar year. A flowchart has also been attached to the policy to further clarify the process for obtaining consent. In particular, event organisers are advised to contact the relevant park office early in the planning process prior to submitting any formal application.
- Increasing the time period within which flags, markers and control points can be placed and removed from 7 days prior to and 7 days after the event to 14 days prior to and 14 days after the event, while noting that alternative time-frames can be negotiated as part of the consent process where necessary.
- The charging of fees for events will be in accordance with the Events, Functions and Venues Policy, which states that fees and charges will seek to recover costs and additional fees may be imposed based on the number of participants.

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The contribution of the OANSW to the review of the policy on orienteering and rogaining has been much appreciated and I look forward to your continuing engagement with the department. Copies of the new policies are enclosed for your information.

Yours sincerely



SALLY BARNES 24/1/11
Deputy Director General
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Enclosure