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9th December, 1982

Dear Sir,

I enclose some information about Barren Grounds Bird Observatory. Although we cater primarily to naturalists and those with a strong environmental interest, the Barren Grounds area is also noted for its bush-walking potential.

We offer full-board accommodation for up to 12 people in a comfortable 'lodge' in the Nature Reserve.

The cost is \$14 a night. There is also a programme of special-interest courses, mainly operating on weekends.

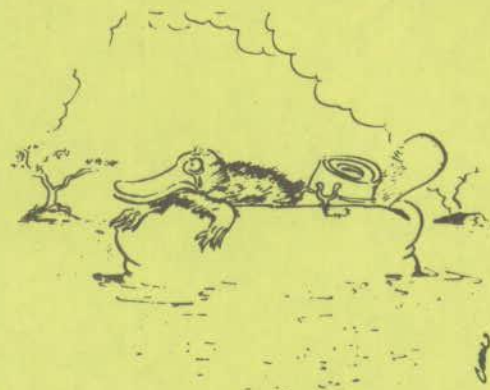
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further information.

Yours faithfully,

Richard and Pat Jordan

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RIVERS CAN'T SWIM



On the 8th December, 1982, the Federal Government announced that it would allow the Tasmanian Government to drown the Franklin River. This means that a major part of the World Heritage area of South West Tasmania will be destroyed. In spite of Federal Government assurances that damage will be limited, rivers can't swim.

We must reverse the decision of 8th December. If it is not reversed, in order to save the South West, we will have to campaign against the Federal Government at the federal election, due this year.

Where will you be when we save the Franklin River ?

Elections are labour-intensive industries. We have to contact and convince thousands of voters in marginal electorates all over Australia. We have to organise thousands of our supporters to hand out how-to-vote cards on polling day.

If you can help in any way, please fill in the form below and send it to us at the National South West Coalition. We will put you in touch with the NSWC office in your area.

Name..... Ph. no. (W) (H).....

Address..... Postcode.....

How would you like to help save the Franklin River?

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| Leafletting | <input type="checkbox"/> | Doorknocking | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Handing out how-to-vote cards | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> | Organising | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transport | <input type="checkbox"/> | Distributing posters | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | | | |

How much time can you afford?

Please return to: Volunteer Register, National South West Coalition
c/- Australian Conservation Foundation
672B Glenferrie Rd
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20th December, 1982

Dear Friend of Conservation,

Yesterday in Melbourne, sixteen peak and national conservation groups met to discuss the federal Government's decision on South West Tasmania. A list of the decisions reached and the groups represented is attached.

The meeting agreed that the Government's decision not to intervene to save the South West, in spite of the strong national public support for the conservation of the area, was so environmentally irresponsible that the conservation movement should campaign against the Government at the next general election unless the Government takes immediate effective action to stop the dam.

The meeting set up a National South West Coalition which we now invite you to join. We believe that if we can show the electoral muscle of the conservation movement on this issue, governments in future will be less likely to make such environmentally-destructive decisions. By campaigning to save the South West we can also help secure other nationally important areas such as the Great Barrier Reef and the natural areas of Western Australia.

The campaign will be a national one with particular emphasis on marginal seats. Many volunteers and much money will be needed.

If your group can help with the massive organisation of this campaign it would be greatly appreciated.

ACF in Melbourne has set up a National South West Coalition Designated Activity Account and a central register of volunteers, so donations and offers of help should be sent to ACF. Please write back by mid-January.

Yesterday's meeting also called for support for the blockade of works in South West Tasmania. Please urge your members to participate in the blockade before the election campaign gets into full swing.

I look forward to your group joining the Coalition.

Yours sincerely,

J. G. Mosley
Director

- For the National South-West Coalition

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DECISIONS OF SUMMIT MEETING ON SOUTH WEST TASMANIA, 19 DECEMBER, 1982

1. The meeting strongly condemns the Government's decision on South West Tasmania. With this decision the Government has forfeited any claim to environmental responsibility.
2. The meeting supports the blockade of HEC works and calls on all Australians to give active support to the blockade after it resumes on 4 January.
3. The meeting calls on Government Members to support the World Heritage Properties Protection Bill as carried by the Senate.
4. It is the intention of the conservation movement to make the question of the protection of South West Tasmania and other world heritage areas an issue in the next federal election, and will step up the establishment of organisations in federal electorates, especially in marginal seats, to further develop support for policies to protect World Heritage areas, especially the South West.
5. The meeting also decided that unless the Commonwealth Government takes immediate effective action to stop the Gordon-below-Franklin dam the conservation movement will actively campaign against the Government at the next federal election.
6. The meeting decided to set up a National South West Coalition.
7. It was decided to recommend to conservation groups that they consider withdrawing their support from the National Conservation Strategy. It was felt that the strategy did not address the issue of South West Tasmania and that the Government was likely to use the document to mislead voters into believing that it was sincerely interested in conservation of the national heritage.

ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTED AT THE SUMMIT MEETING

Australian Conservation Foundation
Tasmanian Wilderness Society (TAS)
Tasmanian Wilderness Society (Melb)
South West Tasmania Committee (Syd)
Queensland Conservation Council
Conservation Council of Victoria
Conservation Council of South Australia
Conservation Council of Western Australia
Tasmanian Conservation Trust
Australian National Parks Council
National Parks Association of NSW
Victorian National Parks Association
Wildlife Preservation Society (Qld)
Australian Speleological Federation
Royal Australian Institute of Architects
Royal Australian Institute of Landscape Architects