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The Tasmanian climbing community  
By email to Climbers Club of Tasmania (CCT)  
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To all climbers,

The Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) would like to express sincere thanks to the Tasmanian climbing community for their support of the removal of the fixed anchors on the route *The Far Side*, on The Acropolis North Face.

We would also like to recognise the efforts of the individual climbers involved.

Initially brought to our attention in 2009, the fixed anchors installed on this route were seen to diminish the values of the Tasmanian Wilderness World heritage Area (TWWHA) and did not align with the intents of the Management Plan (1999) at the time. There was also concern that the precedent set by of the establishment of a fully bolted sport climb could lead to a proliferation of similar routes in the TWWHA, with resulting negative impacts.

The removal of the anchors is consistent with the current statutory Management Plan (2016) which states "The TWWHA will be predominantly maintained as a traditional climbing area". We hope that from a climber's perspective it is seen as a step forward in preservation of the wilderness character of the TWWHA climbing areas, for current and future generations.

It is also noted that this positive action will help to support the case that the local climbing community has the means and ability to self-regulate, which will likely be beneficial to climbers in the future.

Yours sincerely

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