

Brisbane, 1 February 2006

Mr Bob Debus, MP
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Dear Mr Debus,

Thank you for your letter dated 23 January 2006.

From your letter I can see that you realise and appreciate that the name and the location of Mount Kosciuszko is the most important and significant aspect for Polish-Australians and therefore has an extremely strong emotional connection with the whole of the Polish community in Australia.

For your information I have much pleasure in enclosing my recent letter to the Productivity Commission which shows that both the NSW Government and the Polish Community Council of Australia and New Zealand (PCCA&NZ) are in agreement and of a similar opinion as to the trends and complexity of places being named.

We strongly believe that the Aboriginal heritage should be recognised and hence we proposed a few possible solutions with respect to the Kosciuszko National Park.

As you indicated in your letter all the 2004 submissions and comments are being considered the and Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) will conduct a further comprehensive community consultation process and we look forward to taking part in this process.

However, PCCA&NZ strongly believes that the historical authenticity and veracity are far more important than a short term political gain.

Yours sincerely

Janusz Rygielski, President
Polish Community Council of Australia
& New Zealand