

Proposal: Flinders Island Crossing

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Location

Flinders Island.

Description of proposal

The Flinders Island Crossing is a concept for a coast to coast walk over five days taking in the scenic wonders and life of Flinders Island, Tasmania. This five day walk commences at Patriarch Inlet on the east coast and continues over the Patriarchs, Darling Range and Strzelecki Peaks to finish at Trousers Point on the west coast.

The Crossing will require the establishment of three new huts for accommodation of walkers. Walkers will enjoy remote beaches, spectacular mountains and close-up encounters with wildlife.

Estimated jobs created

To be assessed.

Social, cultural and environmental impact

As this walk is aimed primarily at the independent walker, seeking hut-based accommodation, the Overland Track and Three Capes Track are the only other equivalent Australian bushwalking experiences to our knowledge. It is not expected that the Flinders Island Crossing will compete with these walks but rather complement Tasmania's existing range of great walks by providing a new challenge for those looking for their next walking experience.

The public benefit of this model is that walkers/tourists will require the services of existing and possibly new Flinders Island businesses to undertake their experience. With current limitations on flight luggage (15kg), most walkers will be purchasing their food on the Island as well as pre and post walk accommodation, transport services, day tours, meals, equipment purchase or hire and other purchases. Most importantly, the growth in visitation will add to the economic sustainability of existing airline and shipping services to the Island.

The Flinders Island Crossing will incorporate interpretation of Aboriginal cultural heritage where possible.



