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## VICTORIAN ALPINE RESORT FEES COMPARE WELL

An independent report commissioned by the Alpine Resorts Co-ordinating Council shows that Victorian Alpine Resort Management Board charges compare favourably with equivalent charges imposed by adjacent Victorian municipalities and the New South Wales alpine resorts.

Mr Andrew Fairley, the Chairperson of the Alpine Resorts Co-ordinating Council, said "Council has been aware of concerns about the level of charges applying at Victorian Alpine Resorts. To address this matter Council engaged an independent consultant."

"The consultant's report presents a comparative analysis that demonstrates that charges at Victorian Alpine Resorts are lower than both adjacent municipalities and New South Wales resorts" said Mr Fairley. "This is good news for all those who use and enjoy the Victorian resorts."

Economics consulting firm, Saturn Corporate Resources Pty Ltd, analysed available information about selected alpine resorts in both Victoria and New South Wales and a number of rural and metropolitan municipalities in Victoria for the report.

Using a bed-based comparison, the consultant showed that charges related to the provision of municipal-type services and water and sewerage at Victorian Alpine Resorts are competitive with those charged in the surrounding municipalities and those charged in a selection of home base municipalities of alpine resort visitors. The report also showed that Government funding to Victorian Alpine Resorts and municipalities was similar over the longer term.

The report also showed that in respect of property charges applied at Victorian and New South Wales resorts, the Victorian resorts appear to be more than competitive, although gate entry charges appear to be higher in Victoria. However, unlike New South Wales, all gate entry charges in Victoria are used to provide services directly related to the resorts.

The Report is available on request from the Council and can be downloaded from the Council's website <[www.arcc.vic.gov.au](http://www.arcc.vic.gov.au)>.

The Executive Summary of the report is attached.

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