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## Nature Conservation Saves for Tomorrow

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### Temporary closure of Lincoln's Rock, Wentworth Falls

Blue Mountains Conservation Society (the Society) is a community-based volunteer organisation with over 900 members. The Society advocates for the protection and conservation of the local and regional natural environment.

I am writing to express the Society's strong, public support for Council's temporary closure of Lincoln's Rock, Wentworth Falls.

Due to rapidly increasing tourist visitation, this significant landscape, Blue Mountains Escarpment, has for many years been subjected to continual physical degradation. Vandalism of rock formations with graffiti has occurred. Indigenous vegetation, incorporating Blue Mountains Swamp and Blue Mountains Heath and Scrub has been seriously degraded. Informal tracks have been created on shallow escarpment soils, raising the threat of severe erosion. Undoubtedly, local wildlife has been continually disturbed and prevented from engaging in natural biologically based behaviour.

Therefore, the Society applauds Council's decision to temporarily close the site, prepare a management plan and undertake degraded area restoration.

Possibly, there will be criticism of Council's actions. The Society believes that Council has acted most appropriately. Council has exercised its responsibility to prioritise the protection of significant landscapes, vegetation communities, wildlife and ecological functioning for their intrinsic value, and to enable appreciative, responsible visitation by current and future generations of residents and visitors. Council's actions send a clear and firm message to local, national and international communities that in the Blue Mountains environmental values matter. The Society also acknowledges Council's responsibility to manage local

resident amenity, and visitor safety.

The Society believes that Lincoln's Rock should not be reopened until satisfactory arrangements have been made to manage visitor numbers appropriately, and fully protect environmental values.

Please advise as to how the Society can contribute to the draft Lincoln's Rock Management Plan. In particular, the Society believes that restoration work at Lincoln's Rock should utilise naturally occurring materials e.g. timber, mulches, sandstone, local native vegetation species, and avoid use of concrete, bitumen, and other introduced materials, due to concerns about nutrient runoff and resultant environmental weed spread. The Society wishes to elaborate on this matter in separate correspondence.

Thank you for considering the Society's position. I would be pleased to consider your response and enquiries. I may be contacted at [president@bluemountains.org.au](mailto:president@bluemountains.org.au)

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Cam', written in a cursive style.

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