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The primary principle in managing our National Parks has always been for the permanent preservation of those areas in their natural condition; to protect and preserve our natural environments, landscapes and cultural heritage for future generations to enjoy in non-invasive, non-destructive ways. Having a review of our Conservation act is a good idea, if the focus was on how to correct for lapses and gaps that have allowed further threats to our bio-diversity. To suggest that expanding these 'principles' to 'make money' out of the parks is completely contrary to the basic necessity of protecting Nature, not, in these cases, exploiting nature! To allow commercial development and tour operators into the Parks would destroy this founding principle. Grazing, logging, hunting and unmonitored fishing, 4wd adventure tours, motorcycles and quad bikes, etc., are totally inappropriate in National Parks, and must never be allowed on a permanent basis. Making money for the government is not a legitimate use of the Parks, and we strongly urge the protections be increased, not destroyed by this amendment.

Respectfully,
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