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1. Introduction

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS), within the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI), applies a contemporary management process that is based on international best practice and targets management towards the most important features of each park: their key values.

The Values-Based Management Framework (VBMF) is an adaptive management cycle that incorporates planning, prioritising, doing, monitoring, evaluating and reporting into all areas of our business. This enables the agency to be more flexible and proactive and to improve management effectiveness over time.

This document is a compendium of park information and a supporting document for key values and level of service assessment reports or management plans and management statements. It contains background information about a park's purpose, values, resources and legal and administrative framework.

2. Park overview

The following figure and table (Figure 1, Table 1) provide an overview of information related to the park included in this resource information document, including its locality, legislative framework and applicable plans/agreements.

Tenthill Conservation Park is located approximately 12 km south of the town of Grantham, south-west of Brisbane, Queensland. There are no public access roads to the Park.

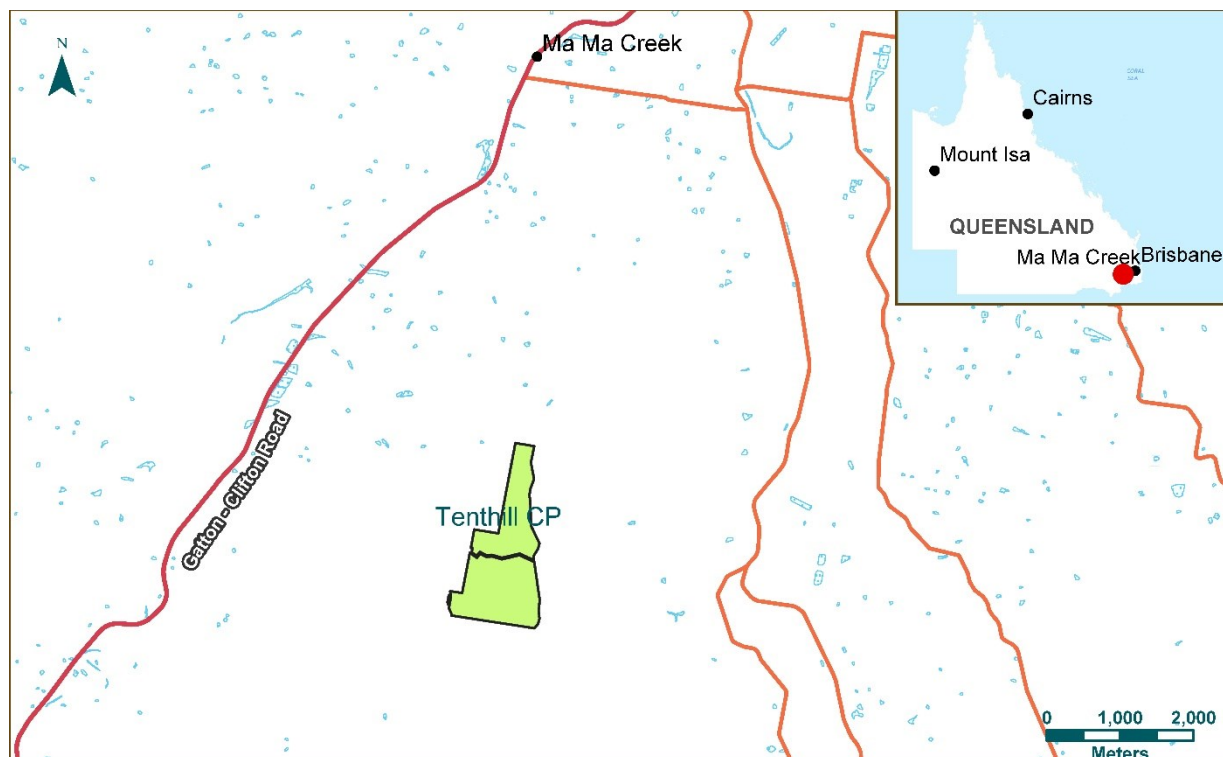


Figure 1. Locality of Tenthill Conservation Park

Table 1. Overview of Tenthill Conservation Park

Park size	Tenthill Conservation Park	147 ha
Bioregion	South East Queensland	
QPWS region	South West	
Local government area	Lockyer Valley Regional Council	
State electorate	Lockyer	
Relevant legislation	<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i>	
	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)</i>	
	<i>Fire Services Act 1990</i>	
	<i>Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)</i>	
	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>	
Plans and agreements	<i>Vegetation Management Act 1999</i>	
	<i>National Recovery Plan for the Koala Phascolarctos cinereus (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory), 2022</i>	
	<i>National Recovery Plan for the Red Goshawk Erythrotriorchis radiatus, 2012</i>	

3. Resource Information

3.1 Yuggera Ugarapul People

Tenthill Conservation Park lies within the lands of the Yuggera Ugarapul People. This park is covered by a native title claim that has been accepted for registration for the Yuggera Ugarapul People (QC2017/005).

There are no Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) over the Tenthill Conservation Park.

3.2 Key value information

All parks, forest and reserves contain a range of natural, cultural, social and economic values that contribute to Queensland's protected area and forest estate. The VBMF provides a framework for identifying and protecting the most important of these—referred to as Key Values.

Based on an evaluation, the values of Tenthill Conservation Park do not reach the thresholds required to be considered a Key Value. The park, however, continues to contribute to the state's comprehensive and representative reserve system providing protection for biodiversity, ecosystem services and connectivity within the landscape.

Park management will focus on sustaining the natural, cultural, social and economic values that support its importance as a protected area, ensuring that management aligns with the legislative and custodial obligations in relation to these values.

3.3 Ecosystems and biodiversity

Four regional ecosystems (RE's) are present within the park, including one with a biodiversity status of endangered and another as of concern. These communities are primarily mapped across the park as mixed RE's.

A small area of non-remnant vegetation is mapped in the northern section of the park. Tenthill Conservation Park protects areas of State biodiversity significance and supports State Habitat for endangered, vulnerable, and near threatened (EVNT) taxa. The park rates very highly for tract size, condition, context and connection.

3.3.1 Semi-evergreen Vine Thicket

The semi-evergreen vine thicket community (RE 12.9-10.15 – Semi-evergreen vine thicket with *Brachychiton rupestris* on sedimentary rocks) covers 3.14% of the park and has a biodiversity status of endangered. This ecosystem is known habitat for conservation significant flora species such as Boonah tuckeroo *Cupaniopsis tomentella*, and Mt Berryman phebalium *Phebalium distans*. Due to extensive clearing for pastoral and cropping development, this ecosystem is highly fragmented across the state. This ecosystem is fire sensitive, and protection relies on broad-scale management of surrounding country (DETSI 2025).

3.3.2 Open Forest

The open forest community (RE 12.9-10.2 – *Corymbia citriodora* subsp. *variegata* +/- *Eucalyptus crebra* open forest on sedimentary rocks) covers approximately 51% of the park and has a biodiversity status of no concern at present. This RE provides habitat for threatened plant species including Lloyd's native olive *Notelaea lloydii*, four-tailed grevillea *Grevillea quadricauda*, native rosemary *Westringia sericea* and *Coleus habrophyllus* and is known to provide suitable habitat for koala *Phascolarctos cinereus* (DETSI 2025).

3.3.3 Woodland

The park contains two woodland vegetation communities (RE 12.3.7 – *Eucalyptus tereticornis*, *Casuarina cunninghamiana* subsp. *cunninghamiana* +/- *Melaleuca* spp. fringing woodland; RE 12.9-10.19 – *Eucalyptus fibrosa* subsp. *fibrosa* woodland on sedimentary rocks). RE 12.3.7 has a biodiversity status of of concern and occurs within a small portion of the park, where it forms a fringing woodland community along riverbanks, creeks, and drainage lines. This RE is known to provide suitable habitat for koalas and has a wetland code of 'Riverine' (DETSI 2025).

RE 12.9-10.19 covers approximately 35% of the park on sedimentary rock substrates and has a biodiversity status of no concern at present. This community also provides suitable habitat for koala *Phascolarctos cinereus*, and supports habitat suitable for the conservation-significant cycad *Macrozamia parcifolia*.

3.4 Species

3.4.1 Native animals

Twelve conservation significant fauna species have been recorded on WetlandInfo for the park. This includes the koala *Phascolarctos cinereus*, red goshawk *Erythrotriorchis radiatus* and spotted-tailed quoll (southern subspecies) *Dasyurus maculatus maculatus*, all listed as endangered under both the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (NCA) and *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC).

There is mapped core koala habitat area within the southern section of the park, associated with the mixed RE 12.3.7/12.9-10.15 (70/30 %). In addition, there is a National Recovery Plan for the koala *Phascolarctos cinereus* and the red goshawk *Erythrotriorchis radiatus*.

There are no species records for Tenthill Conservation Park in the Department's WildNet database.

3.4.2 Native plants

Seven conservation significant flora species have been recorded on WetlandInfo for the park. This includes brush sophora *Sophora fraseri*, listed as vulnerable under both the NCA and EPBC, and Grove's Paperbark *Melaleuca groveana* listed as near threatened under the NCA.

There are no species records for Tenthill Conservation Park in the Department's WildNet database.

3.5 Geophysical features

Tenthill Conservation Park is underlain by the Koukandowie Formation, a stratified geological unit dominated by arenite–mudrock lithologies, which also includes volcanic and metamorphic rock layers. Chromosol soils are mapped as the prevailing soil type across the park.

3.6 Ecotourism

3.6.1 Tourism and visitor opportunities

Public access to Tenthill Conservation Park is limited as the park is surrounded by private properties, which contributes to relatively low visitor use.

3.7 Partnerships

QPWS works with community stakeholders to support broad continuing management programs.

3.8 Fire

Fire management is core business for QPWS to protect life and property, mitigate wildfires and maintain natural diversity in accordance with the NCA and the *Fire Services Act 1990* for the control and prevention of fires.

Fire from neighbouring properties may on rare occasions enter the park. Access to the park is extremely limited and QPWS works with park neighbours to achieve access and protect the assets of neighbouring landowners.

Planned burns should avoid the semi-evergreen vine thicket community located throughout the park. Fire management in the fringing woodland communities requires careful planning, especially as the river she-oak *Casuarina cunninghamiana* (dominant within RE 12.3.7) is sensitive to fire and germination after fire is typically low (DETSI 2025).

3.9 Pests

3.9.1 Pest plants

Feral deer *Cervus elaphus* have been seen in Tenthill Conservation Park. Feral pigs *Sus scrofa* are known to the area and may cause significant damage to SEVT and riverine communities.

3.9.2 Pest animals

Several pest plants have been identified in Tenthill Conservation Park, although the key pest is lantana *Lantana camara*.

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5. Appendices

Appendix A. Policy and management commitments

Gazettal details

Tenthill Regional Park was formally gazetted as Tenthill Conservation Park in 2003 under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. No park specific purpose was identified as part of the gazettal.

Management obligations

- Fire management
- Pest management

Recovery plans and guides

- National Recovery Plan for the Koala *Phascolarctos cinereus* (combined populations of Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory), 2022
- National Recovery Plan for the Red Goshawk *Erythrotriorchis radiatus*, 2012

Appendix B. Regional ecosystems of significance

Regional ecosystem	Description	Regional ecosystem class*	Biodiversity status**
12.3.7	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> , <i>Casuarina cunninghamiana</i> subsp. <i>cunninghamiana</i> +/- <i>Melaleuca</i> spp. fringing woodland	Least concern	Of concern
12.9-10.15	Semi-evergreen vine thicket with <i>Brachychiton rupestris</i> on sedimentary rocks	Endangered	Endangered

* Vegetation Management Regional Ecosystem Description Database (VM REDD)

** Queensland Herbarium, Regional Ecosystem Description Database (REDD)

Appendix C. Pests

Scientific name	Common name	Biosecurity Act 2014 status	Notes
Plants			
<i>Lantana camara</i>	Lantana	Category 3 restricted invasive	Generalist able to grow in wide variety of habitats Impacts: • Outcompetes and smothers native species • Reduces park's natural values • Reduces visitors' appreciation of amenities.
Animals			
<i>Sus scrofa</i>	Feral pig		Park-wide impacts: • Degrades artesian spring wetlands resulting in reduced water quality and the abundance of endemic species • Direct predation of ground-nesting birds.