

Lake Broadwater Resources Reserve

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Park overview

Park size	Lake Broadwater Resources Reserve	575ha
Bioregion	Brigalow Belt South	
QPWS region	South West	
Local government area	Western Downs	
State electorate	Warrego	
Relevant legislation	<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Qld)</i>	
	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)</i>	
	<i>Aboriginal Land Act 1991</i>	
	<i>Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)</i>	
	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>	
	<i>Forestry Act 1959</i>	
	<i>Queensland Heritage Act 1992</i>	

Park purpose

Lake Broadwater Resources Reserve was previously known as Lake Broadwater Regional Park 2. The park was formally gazetted as a Resources Reserve on 22 November 1980.

The park purpose identified as part of the gazettal was to enable access to coal and coal seam gas reserves while providing protection for the wetland area.

This Resources Reserve is declared as a resource use area to enable access to mineral resources to continue.

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Lake Broadwater Resources Reserve has been assessed as having a medium priority for management. The park will be managed according to this priority rating.

Park management will be based on the best available local knowledge, professional judgement and anecdotal information. The medium level means that it will receive a minimum of quarterly routine inspections with occasional planned visits where issues have been identified. The focus is largely expected to be on natural and mineral resource management, involving a proactive management effort at a moderate level to understand or protect known natural values.

Cultural values will be managed proactively to protect those values known to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS). Ongoing consultation, collaboration and relationships with First Nations people and stakeholders will be undertaken as required to support broader continuing park management programs.

This park currently has relatively low levels of visitor use and provides a few relatively undeveloped visitor sites. Visitors are unlikely to encounter a ranger on site during their visit. Current and future recreational opportunities will require that visitors have a high level of self-sufficiency. A moderate level of infrastructure is provided to support safe and sustainable use by predominantly self-reliant visitors. General park information is provided off-site, primarily through the Departmental website.

Public consultation on park management will be undertaken through ongoing local consultations with community stakeholders to support broad continuing management programs.

Park assets are functional and robust and require limited maintenance to protect the natural and cultural values and management capacity.

Regional ecosystems

Lake Broadwater Resources Reserve protects two regional ecosystems, of which one is listed as having of concern biodiversity status, Table 1.

Plants and animals

Species of conservation significance recorded from this park include one plant species, Table 2.

Aboriginal culture

All protected areas are recognised as cultural landscapes and Aboriginal people see themselves as inextricably linked to country both spiritually and physically. Although cultural records on physical artefacts and sites of spiritual significance are not well documented for this area, all proposed activities need to meet duty of care requirements under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*

Shared-history culture

Post-contact Cultural Heritage places will be managed in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Resource use

The resources identified from the area include coal and coal seam gas reserves.

Other management issues

An Ergon power corridor crosses the park.

Management directions

Management actions will be undertaken, which aim to ensure:

- life and property on and adjacent to the park are protected
- the impacts of existing pest species on neighbouring land uses are mitigated
- access to mineral resources continues.

Appendix

Tables – Conservation values management

Table 1: Endangered and of concern regional ecosystems

Regional ecosystem number	Description	Biodiversity status
11.3.2	<i>Eucalyptus populnea</i> woodland on alluvial plains	Of concern

Table 2: Species of conservation significance

Scientific name	Common name	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i> status	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)</i> status
Plants			
<i>Cycnogeton dubius</i>		Special Least Concern	