

Womalah Resources Reserve

Management Statement 2015

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Reserve overview

Reserve size	Womalah Resources Reserve	4.3ha
Bioregion	South Eastern Queensland	
QPWS region	Coastal and Islands	
Local government area	Gympie Regional	
State electorate	Gympie	
Relevant legislation	<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Qld)</i>	
	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>	
	<i>Queensland Heritage Act 1992</i>	

Reserve purpose

Womalah Resources Reserve was formally gazetted as Womalah Forest Reserve on 10 November 2000 under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. In 2006, the forest reserve was gazetted to Womalah Resource Reserve.

This resources reserve is declared as a resource use area to enable access to mineral resources to continue. A borrow pit exists to provide access to sand and gravel.

Strategic direction for reserve management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values Womalah Resources Reserve has been assessed as having a basic level of priority for management and will be managed according to this priority rating.

Reserve management will be based on the best available local knowledge, professional judgement and anecdotal information. The basic level priority means it will receive annual 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 proactive management to understand and protect known natural and mineral values.

Cultural values will be managed proactively to protect those values known to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, (QPWS). Informal ad hoc local consultation, collaboration and relationships with First Nations people and stakeholders will be undertaken as required to progress specific issues and programs.

This reserve currently has low levels of infrequent 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 and are primarily responsible for their own personal safety.

Informal ad hoc consultation with community stakeholders will be undertaken on specific issues of reserve management.

Reserve assets will consist of minimal robust infrastructure which is required for the protection of natural and cultural values and self-reliant use by the public.

General reserve values, uses and management

Regional ecosystems

Womalah Resources Reserve protects one regional ecosystem which has a biodiversity status of no concern at present.

Species of conservation significance

There are currently no records of species of conservation significance on Queensland Government wildlife databases for this reserve.

Cultural heritage

All protected areas are recognised as cultural landscapes and First Nations 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*. Non-indigenous historic places will be managed in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Priorities for reserve management

The priorities for reserve management will be to maintain access to resources and undertake fire and pest management. Management actions will be undertaken which aim to ensure:

- life and property on and adjacent to the reserve is protected
- fire is managed to conserve or maintain the condition of the regional ecosystem through the application of

planned burn guidelines

- the impacts of existing pest species on neighbouring land uses are mitigated
- pest threats are managed to conserve or maintain the condition of the regional ecosystem.