

Bouldercombe Gorge Regional Park 2 Management Statement

Park purpose

Bouldercombe Gorge Regional Park 2 was formally gazetted as Bouldercombe Gorge Resource Reserve in 1992 under the *Lands Act 1962*. The resource reserve previously covered 334 hectares and had a Trustee Agreement with the Director of National Parks and Wildlife and Director-General of the Queensland Rural Industry. In 1994 the resource reserve was gazetted as Bouldercombe Gorge Resource Reserve under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

In 2000 an addition was made to the resource reserve increasing the area to 427ha. During 2000 more additions increased the area to 1690 hectares with no Trustee Agreement in place. In 2009 the resource reserve increased again to cover 3970ha.

The park purpose identified as part of the gazettal was to enable access to mineral resources while

providing for the protection of significant natural values. This regional park is declared as a resource use area to enable access to mineral resources to continue.

Park size	3970ha
Bioregion	Brigalow Belt
Local government area	Rockhampton Regional Council
State electorate	Mirani
QPWS region	Central
Year prepared: 2015	Review date: 2025

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Bouldercombe Gorge Regional Park 2 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 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 Traditional Owners and other Indigenous 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.

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. One km of 66kV power-line crosses the northern section of the park with a further 2.6 km of 22kV power-line crossing the southern section.

General park values, uses and management

Regional ecosystems

Bouldercombe Gorge Regional Park 2 protects eight regional ecosystems, three of which have of concern, biodiversity status, Table 1.

Species of conservation significance

Species of conservation significance that are recorded from this park include five plant and one animal species, Table 2.

Cultural heritage

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*. Non-indigenous cultural heritage will be managed in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Priorities for park management

The three of concern regional ecosystems, five plant, and one animal species and mineral resources are the main values of this park. The priorities for park management will be to mitigate any threats to these values through fire and pest management.

Management actions will be undertaken which aim to ensure:

- life and property on and adjacent to the park are protected
- fire is managed to conserve or maintain the condition of the regional ecosystems through the application of state-wide 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 regional ecosystems and animal species of conservation significance
- access to mineral resources continues.

Appendix 1

Conservation values inventory

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
11.3.4	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> and/or <i>Eucalyptus</i> spp. woodland on alluvial plains.	Of concern
11.3.25	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> or <i>E. camaldulensis</i> woodland fringing drainage lines.	Of concern

Table 2: Species of conservation significance

Scientific name	Common name	Nature Conservation Act 1992 status	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 status	Back on Track status
Plants				
<i>Cossinia australiana</i>	-	Endangered	Endangered	Medium
<i>Cycas megacarpa</i>	-	Endangered	Endangered	Critical
<i>Decaspermum struckoiligum</i>	-	Endangered	Endangered	Low
<i>Graptophyllum excelsum</i>	scarlet fuchsia, letter-leaf	Near threatened	-	Low
<i>Hernandia bivalvis</i>	grease nut, cudgerie	Near threatened	-	Low
Animals				
<i>Turnix melanogaster</i>	black-breasted button-quail	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	Critical