

# Cabbage Tree Point Regional Park Management Statement

## Park purpose

Cabbage Tree Point Regional Park was formally gazetted as Cabbage Tree Point Environmental Park in 1993 under the *Land Act 1962*. In 1994 the environmental park was gazetted to Cabbage Tree Point Conservation Park under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

Cabbage Tree Point Environmental Park was one of a number of blocks donated by the late Sir Harold Corbould for environmental park purposes.

Park size	17.48ha
Bioregion	South East Queensland
Local government area	Gold Coast City Council
State electorate	Coomera
QPWS region	South East
Year prepared: 2015	Review date: 2025

## Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Cabbage Tree Point Regional Park has been assessed as having a basic level of priority for management and 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 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 resource management involving proactive management to understand and protect known natural 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 Traditional Owners and Indigenous stakeholders will be undertaken as required to progress specific issues and programs.

This park 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 park management.

Park 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 park values, uses and management

### Regional ecosystems

Cabbage Tree Point Regional Park protects three regional ecosystems all of which have 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 park.

## **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 historic places will be managed in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

## **Marine protected areas**

Cabbage Tree Point Regional Park is located within and adjacent to a habitat protection and general use zone of the Moreton Bay Marine Park which protects intertidal mangrove and saltmarsh communities and sub-tidal algal and sponge habitats. The regional park forms part of the large estuarine system of Southern Moreton Bay providing important habitat for juvenile and adult fish as well as invertebrates.

Activities must be consistent with the objectives of the zoning.

Moreton Bay Marine Park protects one of the largest estuarine zones in Australia and sits in an 'overlap zone' where tropical and temperate species mix. Thousands of fish species, 6 of the 7 species of marine turtle and several threatened species are found in Moreton Bay Marine Park.

## **Priorities for park management**

The priorities for park management will be fire and pest management. Management actions will be undertaken which aim to ensure:

- life and property on and adjacent to the park is protected
- fire is managed to conserve or maintain the condition of 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.