



**BUDDEROO NATIONAL PARK,  
MACQUARIE PASS NATIONAL PARK,  
BARREN GROUNDS NATURE RESERVE AND  
ROBERTSON NATURE RESERVE**

**Amendments to the 1998  
Plan of Management**

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## Introduction

A plan of management for Budderoo National Park, Macquarie Pass National Park, Barren Grounds Nature Reserve and Robertson Nature Reserve was adopted in 1998.

Amendments to this plan of management were placed on exhibition from 8 November 2002 until 20 January 2003. These amendments arose from the addition of former crown land in the Carrington Falls area to Budderoo National Park and the reassessment of an action with regard to Clover Hill and Glenview Roads in Macquarie Pass National Park. The exhibition of the amendments to the plan of management attracted 4 submissions which raised 4 issues. All submissions received were carefully considered before adopting these amendments to the plan of management. In addition, work has since been undertaken on a number of the proposals in the amendments.

On 1 March 2004 the Minister for the Environment, Bob Debus, adopted the following amendments to the 1998 Budderoo National Park, Macquarie Pass National Park, Barren Grounds Nature Reserve and Robertson Nature Reserve Plan of Management.

## Adopted Amendments

1. Section 4.3.2 of the 1998 plan (page 31 last paragraph and page 32 first paragraph) states *“There are several old walking tracks and lookouts immediately south of the Carrington Falls picnic area and west of Nellies Glen, partly in the adjacent Carrington Falls Reserve. Some track sections are eroded and the lookout fences are not satisfactory by today's safety standards. These lookouts are not needed as good views can be obtained from several lookouts within the main development area.*

*Informal tracks around the top of the escarpment near Carrington Falls provide opportunities for medium distance walking. Because of limited funds for maintenance use of these tracks will not be promoted.”*

Delete these paragraphs.

2. Amend paragraphs 2 and 3, section 4.3.2 of the Budderoo National Park subsection, of the 1998 plan to read: *“Most of the rest of the visitation to Budderoo National Park is to the Carrington Falls area. This area provides basic picnic and camping facilities, several walking tracks and lookouts. It offers a variety of activities and a range of walking opportunities from very short to medium length. Carrington Falls has a more isolated, natural setting and views than the nearby Fitzroy Falls area in Morton National Park. It will be kept low key, with basic facilities only.*

*Replacement or modification of old toilet facilities at the Nellies picnic area at Carrington Falls is needed to address amenity and pollution concerns.*

*Also needed is construction of a short extension to an existing walking track to connect the camping area to the access track south of Nellies Glen. This will replace the current informal access immediately adjacent to the water hole. Consideration will also be given to the upgrading and re-opening of an old lookout near the falls if resources are available. This lookout is currently closed as it does not meet current safety standards."*

3. Section 4.3.2 (page 34, 3<sup>rd</sup> policy) of the 1998 plan states, "*Other formal walking tracks will be maintained to the extent necessary to keep them clear of vegetation and control erosion.*"

Replace this policy statement with "*Other formal walking tracks will be maintained to the extent necessary to keep them clear of vegetation, control erosion and address safety issues.*"

4. Section 4.3.2 (page 36, 4<sup>th</sup> action) of the 1998 plan states, "*Old lookout fences south and west of the main Carrington Falls area will be removed and tracks to the lookouts will be rehabilitated to promote vegetation growth.*"

Replace this action statement with the following two actions (low priority):  
"*The short walking track running south from the Carrington Falls camping area will be extended to provide a safe and environmentally acceptable connection to the Nellies Glen area.*"

*"Consideration will be given to upgrading and re-opening the closed lookout near Carrington Falls, subject to resources being available."*

5. Section 4.3.2 (page 33, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph) of the 1998 plan states, "*Vehicle camping facilities are not provided in the parks and reserves because of the environmental impact and costs of development and management. Facilities are available nearby in Morton and Seven Mile Beach National Parks, the Bendeela area in Kangaroo Valley, Carrington Falls Reserve and a number of privately operated camping areas and accommodation centres.*"

Replace this paragraph with, "*Basic vehicle-based camping facilities are provided at Carrington Falls in Budderoo National Park.*"

6. Section 4.3.2 (page 33, 4<sup>th</sup> policy, point 1) of the 1998 plan states, "*Carrington Falls – low key day use area in a natural setting with picnic facilities, car park, toilets, walking tracks, and lookouts between the picnic area and the Kangaroo River, and a car park, toilets and walking access to Nellies Glen on the northern side of the river,*

Replace this point with the following two points:

*"Carrington Falls day use areas – low key area in a natural setting with basic picnic facilities, car parking, toilets, walking tracks and lookouts near the falls and at Nellies Glen on the northern side of the river."*

*“Carrington Falls camping area – small defined area with basic toilets, walking tracks, parking for day users and limited picnic facilities.”*

7. Section 4.3.2 (page 34, 3<sup>rd</sup> action) of the 1998 plan states, *“The toilets at the Carrington Falls picnic area will be upgraded.”*

Replace this point with the following, *“The toilets at Nellies Glen will be demolished and replaced with basic toilets or modified to improve their appearance and function.”*

8. Section 4.3.2 (page 33) of the 1998 plan states *“Horse riding is not appropriate in the parks and reserves because of the high potential for erosion, introduction of weeds and conflict with walkers.”*

Replace this sentence with *“Horse riding is not appropriate in most areas of the parks and reserves because of the potential for vegetation damage, nutrient input, erosion, weed introduction and conflicts with other park users. These impacts are particularly severe on steeper slopes or moist soils and on narrow tracks that have not been hardened.*

*It is acknowledged, however, that horse riders seek to enjoy the natural environment and prefer to do so on tracks that are not used by vehicles. A recent addition to Budderoo National Park in the Carrington Falls area has traditionally been used for horse riding. Riding will continue to be permitted on a number of designated tracks in this area. The impacts of horse riding will be monitored and access may be restricted if impacts are found to be unacceptable.”*

9. Section 4.3.2 (page 35 policy 3) of the 1998 plan states, *“Horse riding will not be permitted within the parks and reserves.”*

Replace this policy statement with:

*“Horse riding will only be permitted on designated trails in the Carrington Falls area of Budderoo National Park (see map). If necessary, measures will be implemented to reduce any impacts that may arise, such as temporary closure, limits on numbers or introduction of a permit system. Individual trails may be permanently closed to horse riding if impacts occur that are of a continuing and unacceptable nature. Licences for commercial equestrian use will not be issued.”*

Include map of designated horse trails in plan.

10. Section 4.3.2 (page 32, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph) of the 1998 plan states *“The Glenview management track on the northern side of the highway is an attractive route for walking and for picnicking at a creek crossing approximately 1.5 km from the highway. Signposting is needed to make visitors aware of this opportunity.*

Delete the last sentence.

11. Section 4.3.2 (page 32) paragraph 6 of the 1998 plan states '*Public vehicle access is presently available to the Clover Hill area in the southwestern part of Macquarie Pass National Park. The access road is located in a steep, wet area and is subject to frequent landslides. Facilities previously provided at the end of the road were destroyed by vandals. The area is very attractive, being set in moist forest beside a series of waterfalls in the Macquarie Rivulet and rimmed by cliffs. Because of high erodability and the presence of many small waterfalls the area would not be suitable for promotion of general public use unless extensive access control and facility development were undertaken. It is considered preferable to retain the attractive natural character of the area as an alternative to more developed locations such as Minnamurra. Closure of the entry road in the future will allow use for walking and walk-in camping, assist protection of the farm buildings (see 4.2.2) and any recreation facilities provided and reduce maintenance requirements on the road.*'

Replace this paragraph with:

*"The Clover Hill Road management track on the southern side of the highway provides walking access to a very attractive area adjacent to the Macquarie Rivulet. This is one of the few locations in the park suitable for walk-in camping as well as day use."*

12. Section 4.3.2 (page 32, 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph) of the 1998 plan states "*In order to provide vehicle parking for visitors to Clover Hill, a parking area will be established in a clearing south of the highway opposite the Glenview track, with walking access along a disused track which joins the Clover Hill Track. This will provide a single track head for the Glenview and Clover Hill Tracks in an attractive location for bush picnicking.*"

Delete this paragraph.

13. Section 4.3.2 (page 34 1<sup>st</sup> policy point 5) of the 1998 plan states, "*Clover Hill - car parking at highway, walking access along walking track and management track, walk-in camping, barbecues and toilets if use warrants.*"

Replace with "*Clover Hill Road - car parking at highway, walking access along management track to near Macquarie Rivulet*".

14. Section 4.3.2 (page 36, 6<sup>th</sup> action) of the 1998 plan states, "*Upon vacation of the buildings at Clover Hill, the access road will be closed to public vehicle use. A small parking area will be constructed on the western side of the highway opposite the Glenview Track and a walking track joining to the Clover Hill Track will be established. If use warrants, toilets and barbecues will be constructed at Clover Hill.*"

Replace this action statement with:

*"A small parking area near the junction of Clover Hill Road with the Illawarra Highway will be formalised and an information sign will be erected*

*detailing destination and minimal impact walking information.”*

15. Section 4.3.2 (page 36, 7<sup>th</sup> action) of the 1998 plan states, *“An information sign will be erected at the car park for walkers using the Glenview Track and Clover Hill Track, including destination and minimum impact bushwalking information.”*

Delete this action statement.

16. Section 5 of the adopted plan (Medium Priority Budderoo) states *“Remove old lookouts and close tracks at Carrington Falls”*.

Replace this activity statement with, *“Extend the short track south of the Carrington Falls camping area to connect it with the access track to Nellies Glen.”*

Section 5 of the adopted plan (Low Priority Macquarie Pass) states:

*“Gate Clover Hill track, construct car park and walking track.*

*Erect Clover Hill and Glenview information sign.”*

Replace these points with:

*“Formalise car parking area at entrance to Clover Hill Road and provide information sign.”*

Section 5 of the adopted plan (Low Priority Budderoo) states *“Upgrade Carrington Falls toilets”*.

Replace this activity statement with, *“Replace or modify toilets at Nellies Glen.”*

17. The 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph on page 32 of the 1998 plan states: *“Access to Gerringong Creek is by foot along the Hersey Fire Trail. The area is an attractive destination for easy medium distance walking to a natural location with swimming holes and nearby falls. Provision of a dry path through a swampy area between the fire trail and the creek is needed. No other facilities will be provided in order to retain the area's natural character.”*

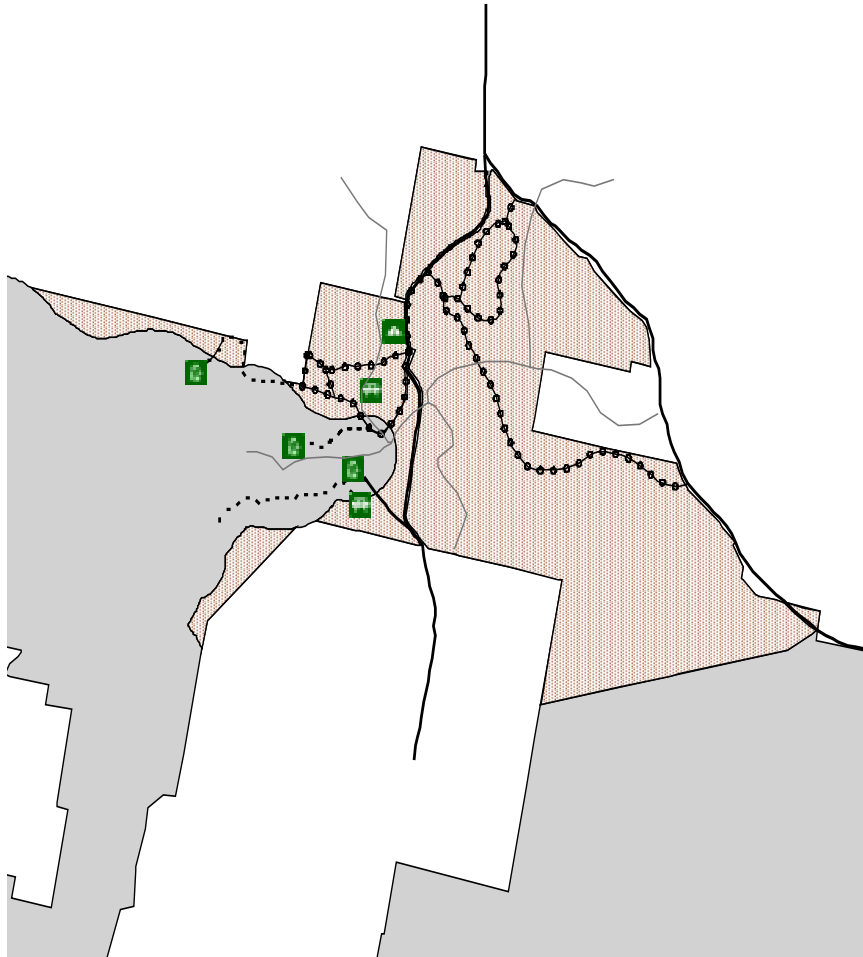
Replace with: *“Access to Gerringong Creek is along the Budderoo Fire Trail and a former fire trail retained as a walking track. The area is an attractive destination with swimming holes and nearby falls. The natural character of the area will be retained and no facilities will be provided. Closure of most of the Budderoo Fire Trail to public vehicles has made the walk to Gerringong Creek very long and it would be desirable to find a shorter route. Consideration will be given to constructing a new trail that would also provide better fire management for this section of the park.”*

18. Insert a new action in section 4.3.2 and in section 5 with low priority: *“Investigate the feasibility, desirability and potential environmental impacts of constructing a new fire trail in Budderoo National Park from near the car park on the Budderoo Fire Trail to the Gerringong Falls area. Should such*

*a trail be constructed, the existing walking track to Gerringong Creek will be closed.”*



# Carrington Falls



-  Lookouts
-  Picnic Area
-  Camping Area
-  Horse Riding Trails
-  Access Trail
-  Public Road
-  Walking Trail
-  RFA 2001 Additions
-  Budderoo NP

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