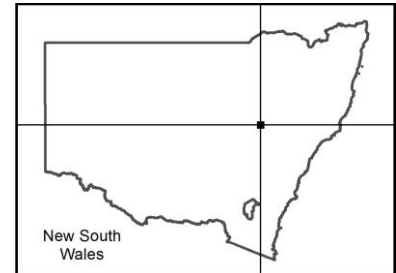


Statement of Management Intent



Goodiman State Conservation Area Community Conservation Area Zone 3

1. Introduction

This statement outlines the main values, issues, management directions and priorities of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) for managing Goodiman Community Conservation Area Zone 3 State Conservation Area (Goodiman SCA). This statement, together with relevant NPWS policies, will guide the management of the SCA until a plan of management has been prepared in accordance with the [National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 \(NPW Act\)](#). The NPWS [Managing Parks Prior to Plan of Management Policy](#) states that parks and reserves without a plan of management are to be managed in a manner consistent with the intent of the NPW Act and the 'precautionary principle' (see Principle 15).

2. Management principles

Zone 3 community conservation areas are reserved as state conservation areas under the NPW Act to protect and conserve areas that:

- contain significant or representative ecosystems, landforms or natural phenomena or places of cultural significance
- are capable of providing opportunities for sustainable visitor or tourist use and enjoyment, the sustainable use of buildings and structures, or research
- are capable of providing opportunities for uses permitted under other provisions of the NPW Act.

Under the NPW Act ([section 30G](#)) state conservation areas are managed to:

- conserve biodiversity, maintain ecosystem functions, protect natural phenomena and maintain natural landscapes
- conserve places, objects and features of cultural value
- provide for the undertaking of uses permitted under other provisions of the NPW Act (including uses permitted under section 47J such as mineral exploration and mining), having regard to the conservation of the natural and cultural values of the state conservation area
- provide for sustainable visitor or tourist use and enjoyment that is compatible with conservation of the area's natural and cultural values and with uses permitted in the area
- provide for sustainable use (including adaptive reuse) of any buildings or structures or modified natural areas having regard to conservation of the area's natural and cultural values and with other uses permitted in the area

- provide for appropriate research and monitoring.

Land is reserved as a state conservation area where mineral values preclude reservation as another category. The NPW Act requires a review of the classification of state conservation areas every five years in consultation with the Minister administering the *Mining Act 1992*.

3. Context

Reservation details: Goodiman SCA was reserved on 1 December 2005.

Size: 569 hectares.



Goodiman SCA is located approximately 45 kilometres north-west of Mudgee. It straddles across the Brigalow Belt South and South Western Slopes bioregions, and falls within the administrative areas of Mid-Western Regional Council, Mudgee Local Aboriginal Land Council and Central Tablelands Local Land Services.

Goodiman SCA protects the upper tributaries of Lambing Yard Creek, which then flows into the Cudgegong River through Tallawang Creek. Goodiman SCA was former state forest that was primarily logged for ironbark for commercial timber production. The SCA protects important remnant native vegetation and a unique mix of plant species, due to its location within the overlapping transition zone between two bioregions. Goodiman SCA is surrounded by cleared

grazing properties, however it has regional significance linking to Yarrobil National Park in the south and Tuckland State Forest in the north.

4. Values

- Goodiman SCA protects habitat for a variety of threatened species, including the powerful owl (*Ninox strenua*), barking owl (*Ninox connivens*), speckled warbler (*Chthonicola sagittata*) and varied sittella (*Daphoenositta chrysoptera*).
- The SCA provides habitat for the threatened shrub species, Ausfeld's wattle (*Acacia ausfeldii*).
- There is a recorded Aboriginal site within the SCA, and the SCA may contain other evidence of Aboriginal culture.

5. Issues

- There are foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*) and feral cats (*Felis catus*) present within the SCA.
- There are scattered infestations of common prickly pear (*Opuntia stricta*) in the SCA.
- There are instances of illegal firewood collecting and bushrock removal occurring within the SCA.
- There is a proposal for an open-cut coalmine and rail infrastructure development within the vicinity of Goodiman SCA.

6. Key management directions

- Fire is managed in accordance with the Yarrobil National Park and Goodiman State Conservation Area [Fire Management Strategy](#).
- Pest management programs will be implemented in accordance with the NPWS [Regional Pest Management Strategy](#): Northern Plains Region.
- NPWS will continue to liaise with proponent of the Cobbora Mine proposal to ensure that NPWS management needs for Goodiman SCA are considered.
- All management activities will be preceded by the preparation of an environmental assessment or heritage assessment where this is a requirement of NPWS policy or legislation.
- Environmental repair and threat management programs, such as erosion mitigation measures, pest management, and activities arising from threatened species requirements may be implemented in accordance with NPWS policies and procedures.
- Non-intrusive works may be undertaken where necessary to protect cultural heritage items from further deterioration, to ensure the safety of visitors, to protect wildlife or to prevent damage to park assets.
- A plan of management will be prepared to set out the ongoing management objectives for the SCA. The plan of management is a statutory document under the NPW Act which will be available for public comment. NPWS will also encourage the community to contribute to the ongoing conservation of the SCA by promoting and raising public awareness of its special values.

For additional information or enquiries about any aspect of this SCA or this statement, contact the NPWS Dubbo Office on (02) 6841 7100 or Lot 5/74 River Street, or PO Box 580, Dubbo NSW 2830.

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