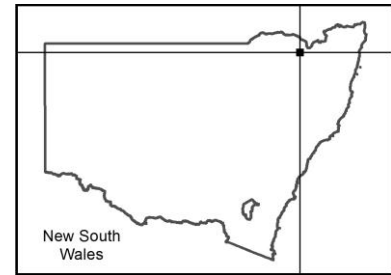


# Statement of Management Intent



## Kwiambal National Park Community Conservation Area Zone 1

### 1. Introduction

This statement outlines the main values, issues, management directions and priorities of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) for managing Kwiambal National Park Community Conservation Area Zone 1 (CCA Zone 1). This statement, together with relevant NPWS policies, will guide the management of the park 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 1 community conservation areas are reserved as national parks under the NPW Act to protect and conserve areas containing outstanding or representative ecosystems, natural or cultural features or landscapes or phenomena that provide opportunities for public appreciation, inspiration and sustainable visitor or tourist use and enjoyment. Under the NPW Act ([section 30E](#)), national parks are managed to:

- conserve biodiversity, maintain ecosystem functions, protect geological and geomorphological features and natural phenomena and maintain natural landscapes
- conserve places, objects, features and landscapes of cultural value
- protect the ecological integrity of one or more ecosystems for present and future generations
- promote public appreciation and understanding of the park's natural and cultural values
- provide for sustainable visitor or tourist use and enjoyment that is compatible with conservation of natural and cultural values
- provide for sustainable use (including adaptive reuse) of any buildings or structures or modified natural areas having regard to conservation of natural and cultural values
- provide for appropriate research and monitoring.

The primary purpose of national parks is to conserve nature and cultural heritage. Opportunities are provided for appropriate visitor use in a manner that does not damage conservation values.

### 3. Context

**Reservation details:** Kwiambal National Park (CCA Zone 1) was reserved on 1 December 2005.

**Size:** 796 hectares.



Kwiambal National Park (CCA Zone1) is located 9 kilometres south-west of Ashford and 46 kilometres north of Inverell. It falls within the Nandewar Bioregion and within the administrative areas of the Inverell Shire Council, Northern Tablelands Local Land Services and Ashford Local Aboriginal Land Council.

The park was formerly part of Arthurs Seat State Forest and was established as Kwiambal National Park (CCA Zone 1) under the *Brigalow and Nandewar Community Conservation Area Act 2005*. The park is largely surrounded by cleared farming land. The Macintyre River forms the park's western boundary, with Sandy Creek forming part of the southern boundary and Bills Gully forming part of the northern boundary.

The majority of the park's vegetation is cypress pine and eucalypt forest and woodlands, comprising white cypress pine (*Callitris glaucophylla*) and Caley's ironbark (*Eucalyptus caleyi*), and box-gum grassy woodlands comprising yellow box (*E.melliodora*) and Blakely's red gum (*E.blakelyi*). Other vegetation communities include ironbark dominated forests and woodlands

comprising silver-leaved ironbark (*E.melanophloia*), tumbledown red gum (*E. dealbata*) and white cypress pine (*Callitris glaucophylla*). River oak (*Casuarina cunninghamiana* subsp. *Cunninghamiana*) and box-gum grassy woodlands dominate the vegetation along the Macintyre River and other watercourses.

There is no public access to the park and no visitor facilities.

#### 4. Values

- The park protects vegetation that is considered poorly reserved within NSW.
- Threatened fauna species recorded in the park include brown tree creeper (eastern subspecies) (*Climacteris picumnus victoriae*), little pied bat (*Chalinolobus picatus victoriae*), little lorikeet (*Glossopsitta pusilla*) yellow-bellied sheath-tail-bat (*Saccolaimus flaviventris*), speckled warbler (*Chthonicola sagittata*), koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*), squirrel glider (*Petaurus norfolcensis*) and Corben's long-eared bat (*Nyctophilus corbeni*).
- The park occupies land that is significant to Kwiambal People. A number of Aboriginal sites are located in the park, primarily along watercourses. These sites include art sites, scar trees and other evidence of Aboriginal occupation.

#### 5. Issues

- Pest animals recorded for the park include feral goats (*Capra hircus*) and feral pigs (*Sus scrofa*). Scattered populations of deer (various species), feral cats (*Felis catus*), foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*), rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) and wild dogs (*Canis lupus* spp.) have also been found the park.
- Weed species recorded in the park include Coolatai grass (*Hyparrhenia hirta*), honey locust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*), mother of millions (*Bryophyllum* spp), osage orange (*Maclura pomifera*), prickly pear (*Opuntia* spp) and tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*). There are also scattered populations of *Xanthium* spp. Weed species are most problematic along the river corridor.
- Fencing is poor in some sections along the northern boundary and there have been occasional cattle incursions from neighbouring property.
- The park is accessed through private property and there is no public access to the park.
- No comprehensive surveys have been undertaken and only basic information is available on the natural and cultural values of the park.

#### 6. Key management directions

- Fire is managed in accordance with the Kwiambal National Park (CCAZ1) Reserve [Fire Management Strategy](#).
- Pest management programs will be implemented in accordance with the [NPWS Regional Pest Management Strategy](#): Northern Tablelands Region.
- Surveys will be undertaken to improve the understanding of the natural and cultural values of the park.
- Neighbouring landowners will be engaged to address the issues of straying stock and boundary fencing.
- Park access will be formalised to enable better park management..
- 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 on-going management objectives for the park. 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 on-going conservation of the park by promoting and raising public awareness of its special values.

For additional information or enquiries about any aspect of this park or this statement, contact the NPWS Tenterfield Office on (02) 6736 4298 or 10 Miles Street, Tenterfield NSW 2372.

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