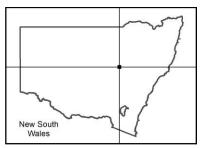




Statement of Management Intent



Mogriguy 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 Mogriguy Community Conservation Area Zone 1 National Park (Mogriguy National Park). 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 <u>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NPW Act)</u>. The NPWS <u>Managing Parks Prior to Plan of Management Policy</u> 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), Zone 1 community conservation areas 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 Zone 1 community conservation areas is to conserve nature and cultural heritage. In doing so, opportunities are provided for appropriate and sustainable recreation.

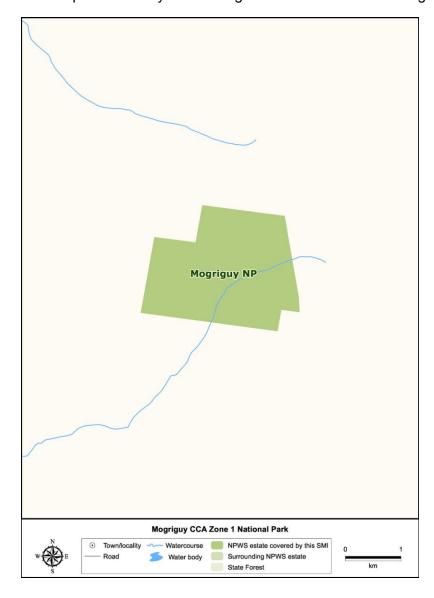
3. Context

Reservation details: Mogriguy National Park was reserved on 1 December 2005.

Size: 399 hectares.

Mogriguy National Park is situated approximately 18 kilometres north of Dubbo. It falls within the Brigalow Belt South Bioregion, and the administrative areas of Dubbo Local Aboriginal Land Council, Central West Local Land Services and Dubbo City Council.

Prior to reservation, the land that is Mogriguy National Park was Mogriguy State Forest. This land was reserved under the *Brigalow and Nandewar Community Conservation Area Act 2005*. Mogriguy National Park is an isolated forested remnant located 8 kilometres west of Goonoo National Park. The land surrounding the Mogriguy National Park has been significantly cleared of its native vegetation and is predominantly used for agricultural activities such as grazing.



4. Values

 Mogriguy National Park protects important habitat for White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum Woodland endangered ecological community. Mogriguy National Park supports forest communities dominated by white cypress pine (Callitris glaucophylla), black cypress pine (Callitris endlicheri), mugga ironbark (Eucalyptus sideroxylon), blue-leaved ironbark (E. nubila), Dwyer's red gum (E. dwyeri), green mallee (E. viridis) and western grey box (E. microcarpa).

5. Issues

- Pest animals recorded within Mogriguy National Park include foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*), rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) and feral cats (*Felis catus*).
- Weed species recorded in the park include common prickly pear (*Opuntia stricta*), Paterson's curse (*Echium plantagineum*) and African boxthorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*).
- Previous management under state forest tenure has resulted in disturbed areas and a reduction in the number of large trees with hollows, thus impacting upon habitat values.
- Although legal access is available, no visitation occurs.

6. Key management directions

- Fire is managed in accordance with the Mogriguy National Park Fire Management Strategy.
- Pest management programs will be implemented in accordance with the NPWS <u>Regional Pest Management Strategy</u>: Northern Plains Region.
- The need for boundary fencing works will be monitored. Subject to available resourcing, assistance may be provided to neighbours to install park boundary fencing in accordance with the NPWS Boundary Fencing Policy.
- Erosion of roads and trails within the park will be monitored and appropriate measures undertaken to stabilise affected areas when required.
- 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 and wildlife or to prevent damage to park assets.
- A plan of management will be prepared to set out the ongoing 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 ongoing 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 Coonabarabran Area Office on (02) 6842 1311 or at 30 Timor Street, Coonabarabran NSW 2357.

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