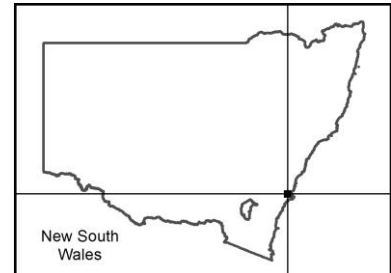


Statement of Management Intent



Wogamia Nature Reserve

1. Introduction

This statement outlines the main values, issues, management directions and priorities of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) for managing Wogamia Nature Reserve. This statement, together with relevant NPWS policies, will guide the management of the reserve 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

Nature reserves are reserved under the NPW Act to protect and conserve areas containing outstanding, unique or representative ecosystems, species, communities or natural phenomena. Under the NPW Act ([section 30J](#)), nature reserves are managed to:

- conserve biodiversity, maintain ecosystem functions, and protect geological and geomorphological features and natural phenomena
- conserve places, objects, features and landscapes of cultural value
- promote public appreciation, enjoyment and understanding of the reserve's natural and cultural values
- provide for appropriate research and monitoring.

The primary purpose of nature reserves is to conserve nature. Nature reserves differ from national parks in that they do not have the provision of visitor use as a management purpose or principle.

3. Context

Reservation details: Wogamia Nature Reserve was reserved on 1 January 2001.

Size: 274 hectares.

Wogamia Nature Reserve is located approximately 6 kilometres west of Nowra on the NSW South Coast. It falls within the Sydney Basin Bioregion. It also falls within the administrative areas of Shoalhaven City Council, South East Local Land Services and Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Wogamia Nature Reserve is former Crown land reserved under the *National Park Estate (Southern Regions Reservations) Act 2000*. The reserve adjoins areas of residential and rural development

and extensive areas of bushland. The reserve is part of a regional system of conservation reserves on the southern side of the lower Shoalhaven River.



4. Values

- The predominant vegetation in Wogamia Nature Reserve is Shoalhaven Sandstone Forest. It also protects a smaller yet important area of River-flat Eucalypt Forest on Coastal Floodplains of the NSW North Coast, Sydney Basin and South East Corner Bioregions, an endangered ecological community.
- Wogamia Nature Reserve protects habitat for the threatened gang-gang cockatoo (*Callocephalon fimbriatum*).
- The reserve is one of several protected areas that form part of a corridor of natural land extending along the Shoalhaven River.

5. Issues

- Wild dogs (*Canis lupus* spp.), foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*), feral cats (*Felis catus*) and feral goats (*Capra hircus*) occur within the reserve.

- Weed species known to occur include blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus* agg.), exotic vines (various species), lantana (*Lantana camara*), tradescantia (*Tradescantia fluminensis*), mistflower (*Ageratina riparia*) and small-leaved privet (*Ligustrum sinense*).
- There are occurrences of unauthorised vehicle use, illegal firewood collection, rubbish dumping and illegal horse riding. Sandy Creek Tip Trail provides the only access to private property east of the reserve and is held as Part 11 land (under the NPW Act).

6. Key management directions

- Fire is managed in accordance with the Bamarang and Wogamia Nature Reserves and Colyme State Conservation Area [Fire Management Strategy](#).
- Pest management programs will be implemented in accordance with the [NPWS Regional Pest Management Strategy](#): South Coast Region.
- Weeds within Wogamia Nature Reserve are controlled, with the primary focus on protecting the endangered ecological community and threatened species within the reserve.
- If impacts become significant, gates or other barriers will be erected to prevent unauthorised vehicle traffic entering the eastern part of the reserve.
- 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 reserve. 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 reserve 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 Nowra Area Office on (02) 4428 6300 or 55 Graham Street, Nowra or PO Box 707, Nowra NSW 2541.

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