

N.R.C.P. : ongoing funding:- North Coast Region NPWS

\$73,000

Lismore District. rainforest regeneration. "urgency?"
Coopumbac Is. Port Macquarie higher priority...

Mike Dodkin - Port Macquarie.

NPWS staff

Guy H., Geoff M., Peter Hitchcock, Ashley L., Sue W.

*Project Brief + Evaluation Reports - all prior funded projects.

✓
Nan Nicolson, ✓ Steady, Peter Morgan, Celia,
✓ Dailan?, F, Di Mackey.

Peter H.; Deputy Director: Wildlife + Policy.

Fiona Burgess

Venue, Timing,

Schedule of proposed works - Chaelundi SF.

May - won't act - up to the Forestry Commission. FRCOM.

Strategies for further action → Coffs Har Grafton Powerline
2 different contractors. for clearing
Forestry Commission. - will wait til matters resolved.
Other landholders - to Glenreagh.

(Force) - EIS not done and route may need relocating.

Stefan + Marg. Bruggisse - Coramba 544391

George Oxenbridge - Coramba 543384
Sat 10 - Mon 4pm (out)

National Remotest Conservation Program comments

- Mt Mothesan track, ^{not done} ~~not done~~ Bader Ranges ^{not done yet?} interpretive fare,
\$40,000 mobile display not done, Heritage Centre \$ spent.
Boorganna NR (Conbyne) no inter-p., ~~State~~ The Glade, Domingo
not done (refurbish picnic areas \$ → ^{Angie} Visitor Centre)
(\$ → track works, maintenance, administration)
Brunswick Pds \$ diverted - District Admin. Shelley Birtwhite Vines.
✓ littoral Rf book is coming.

distortion of resources and priorities.

\$700. ^{still} and to A.M. & B.A. Survey
coz they ran out of \$.

Public Accountability Committee (Feds)

Public Ac Committee (Freng. Lsb North Shore).

Guy's engineer mate
DMR agreed to extend
cantilever. from Batterbank
Rd bridge.

Notes a meeting re: N.R.C.P. : Alstonville Office NPWS. 23.7.90.

Darlan, Steedy, Elers, F, Geoff Martin, John Hunter, Amy Mollaway.

Floyd's '84 RF Review. 18-19 sub alliaim not renewed.

NRCP II not to start beginning 90/91

missing 2 years of funding.

disaster from Ministers re next 3 year program NSW \$: \$ Feds.
and at 1990 to develop NRCP II program:

acquisition of private land \rightarrow slower rather than quicker
Bryants: contesting valuation of land NPWS < \$5m: ^{poly timber value.} does suit to solve
Carsons \$3.5m. to be found.

should be 10 year program for extended negotiations/court actions.
renegotiate Can. NSW agreement 50/50 for Bryants.

N42 Terania, Border Ranges other without or poor information.

signs being replaced

Interim Program:	78,000	RF Reg	11.1k,
	3,000	Poster.	
	40,000	Flying Foxes	

Shark Island may not be possible to proceed Ab. Interests: Feds

Project Summaries: Additional Reports:

Baywalk 'basically finished' 80,000 deploy inter signs, etc equip.

One ministerial letter FPSecretary?

\$1m per Govt per year - 2x \$3m = \$6

Program objectives:

Project Criteria:

Calendar of meetings:

document release/FOT requests:

Release project summaries + progress reports.

meeting to review interim list.

money may still be available.

\$330,000 NC NPWS Region maintenance budget.

83,000 Lismore District "

Commonwealth funding for World Heritage.

Geoff Martin, John Hunter, Guy Holloway vs
John Corkill, Ellen White, Ellen White, Andrew Steed.

Agenda

1. Review of NRCP
2. Supplementary funding to finalise NRCP 1
3. Project proposals for NRCP 2 - conservation org
4. Consultation procedures to compile NRCP 2.

DISCUSSION * review of agenda *

OGF { Tugolo
Jenner

→ next program - interim program

→ NRCP No 2 not until after assessment.

NRCP [aside] \$, Planning, Assessment, consultation,
- next round of priorities for acquisition

? overall assessment of existing proposals
for acquisition? idea, under threat.

A. No, systematic process, only 84 by Floyd
represented sub-alliances, rare + ad hoc

⑧ Item 4? - get issues clear: - overall direction
1 or 2 (more) meetings.

- NRCP 1 - supplementary NRCP not starting 1991.
- In 1990, allocations + methods determined to either continue, or temporarily shutdown.
- Need to lobby for NRCP 2 by DEC 1990.
- NRCP 1 must be evaluated prior to receiving NRCP 2
- Effect of Carson's / Bryants use much funding + makes acquisition very difficult + protracted.
- NRCP 1 has residual funds

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provided state can provide funding. Research ②

- N42 - Terania, Border Ranges : new signs ; No P.O.M yet.
- Many inappropriate developments without assessment.
- C/W - want bid from NSW, usually reduced in value
- Minnamurra Rainforest Centre - funded for 1991
- \$73 K R/F rehabilitation, \$40 K flying fox
- \$3 K for Poster. Supportive information being compiled. Progress report on research is available.
- must have background reports. Soon, not now may be available in a location suitable to us.
 - project summaries should be left at Big Scrub.
 - Need to receive information first.....

22/8/90 - Flying Fox seminar

Dorrigo - \$80 K for displays, A/V classroom/theatre

- picnic area development. Funding accountability concern in area.

- State Forest Rainforests + private lands. Priority should be into research, assessment + prioritize. Too many developments to maintain.
- No assessment of impact of tourist development.
- Poisons vs Manual : no records kept.
- Need specific list of our proposals
 - survey of unprotected remnants, their ability to be protected, + their conservation value.
 - research into the existing environment + the impact of proposals / projects.

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- 1) Yes we want NRCP 2
- 2) Will assess proposals, ours + yours.
- 3) Need consultative process.
- 4) Project criteria + priorities
- 5) Calendar dates - funding timetable
- 6) FOI - request out of frustration. —

FOI - CW not aware that NPWS has agreed to give us access to project summaries. No problem with that.
CW + WHA
findings...

Acquisition - separate meeting needed.

Need to determine that NRCP 2 will go ahead before putting too much effort in it

** We will dialogue with Ministers etc. to push the need to continue NRCP 2.

Want to have positive role, with progress. May disagree, but we will understand that we do + why. CAN THEN CHANGE IT.

• NEFA meeting: Annidale: can spread the message + get feedback quicker to give

• New phase - review useful, but not only

NRCP Posters for retail: *PUSH
\$3 wholesale \$4 retail

New meeting: before end of August.

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- Need proposal summaries to consider
- Draw up list of how we want to be involved - Politicians requiring consultation
- High priority - effects of projects of R/f f/f
- Adopt policy statements per se. eg chemicals
- Advise problems with individual projects, regular meetings, feedback mechanisms,
- NCEC, RIC, NEPRA, BSEC, NEFA
- Geoff managing schedule for NPWS, may review Forestry Commission. DASETT keen to fund any instrumentality in R/f conservat.
- State/Federal Govt relationships unclear. Priorities of other parties may not be the NPWS. How can new south wales program take on other group issues - eg Lands, Forestry, Conservation
- * we want evaluation role, even you don't.
- where did direction for current projects come from? community perceptions, high profile presentation for the public.
- if you put up projects that require ongoing maintenance, is n't that expecting to get continued funding. Yes.. but~
- hard to break down - Lismore district \$80,000 region - \$380,000
- most facilities designed to low maintenance

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20/3/90

Tuckuninba

Dear Dr Gilooly,

Thank you for hearing you gave to conservationists attending opening of Boerganna N.R. walking track last week.

Walking track through Boerganna is a classic example of ad-hoc development that is taking place in our State's NRS & NPs.

By definition, a NR is declared for purpose of conserving flora & fauna & it concerns me that as yet Service has no policy on tourism in N.R.s.

Boerganna N.R., like many other areas administered by Service, does not yet have a Plan of Mgt. Proper of Mgt Plans is obviously of paramount importance.

Minister has agreed that there should be consultation with envt grps & public participation in mgt planning, yet Service has not taken role of community seriously. An example that comes to mind is plan of mgt for Mt Warning NP, in which it was planned to build 3 platforms atop Mt W. Without amendment to plan & seemingly without any added benefit, a fourth platform was built. This project cost > double its budget.

Big Scrub FOM was a complete waste of money. Some remnants were not even considered in plan. I believe that NRCE has been misused in many instances. Whilst NPWS has not been able to acquire threatened rainforest, huge amounts of NRCE \$ has been spent on such projects as Sea Acres Rf-centre which is now operated by private enterprise.

It is my understanding that another car parking area has been proposed for Sea Acres reserve necessitating clearing of rainforest. Clearly this would be taking Parks & people mentally for a ride.

NRCE \$ has been used for weed eradication programs that utilise biocides. As yet, Service has no policy on use of such chemicals.

It is rumoured that an extension to ✓ Mt Mathieson
W.T. in Nightcap NP has been paid for, yet has not
been built. I would appreciate you raising some
enquiries about this & other matters I have raised.
I am of ✓ belief that a more appropriate &
honest means of utilising ✓ NREG would be, in
order of priority, to:

1. Purchase areas of threatened r.f., such as
Allens H₂O's, Major's Pt, Bongel Bongel, Warrel Ck &
Iluka;
2. Prepare policies & Plans of Mgt with full
opportunity for community consultation & participation.
3. Fill currently vacant positions, such as Senior
Naturalist & Assist. Reg. Manager for ✓ Nth Coast &
lift ✓ staff freeze.
4. Maintain existing facilities & pest & hazard
control programs & only install facilities such
as walking tracks depending on ✓ findings of
✓ Mgt Plans & level of funding.

In anticipation of your reply.

Y.S.

CE

Cathy Eggert



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NATIONAL RAINFOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT TO 31/12/89

N.1 Rainforest Resources Inventory

JOHN HUNTERS SCOTT

N.2 Tweed Volcano Rare Fauna Survey

Under this program the Service commissioned a number of surveys to determine the distribution abundance and habitat requirements of rainforest fauna particularly reptiles and amphibians, and mammals. The survey commenced in 1986 by commissioning reviews of all known locality records of rare rainforest associated vertebrates in the Mt. Warning Caldera Region (Gilmore, 1987, Holmes 1987, Milledge 1987) Reports presented previously. These reviews identified deficiencies in the current state of knowledge. Existing data for mammals, reptiles and amphibians were so inadequate that further field surveys were commissioned. These surveys have provided the Service with very important information on the rarity and conservation status of rainforest reptiles and amphibians.

N.3 Woko/Camels Hump Survey

JOHN HUNTERS SCOTT

N.4 Land Acquisition

\$ 300,000

N.7 Big Scrub Remnants Plan of Management

N.10 Washpool N.P. - Coombadiha Walking Track

Funds expended. Flood damaged sections repaired. This is an outstanding rainforest walk with high educative and recreation values.

N.12 Minna Murra Falls Walking Track - Budderoo N.P.

The boardwalk is completed to the twin bridges. The rainforest centre is linked into the boardwalk by a suspension bridge over the river. A start has been made on the high level section loop from the centre to the twin bridges.

Funding is currently insufficient to complete the section. Additional funds will be sought in 1990/91.

N.19 Werrikimbe National Park - Forbes River Walking Track

Car park? Interpretive signs have been produced and placed along the Forbes River walking track system.

N.21 Gap Beach Rainforest Rehabilitation

This littoral rainforest planting has been completed. Maintenance of planted trees, particularly through use of grow tubes, is continuing.

The rehabilitation area has been signposted and visitors are now able to walk along the boundary fence to monitor growth of the new trees.

A project variation is proposed to transfer \$10,000 from project N.22 to cover cost overruns on this project.

N.22 Shark Island Rainforest Rehabilitation

Not done:

Negotiations on boundary fencing and a firm commitment to replant the cleared section of this littoral rainforest area could not be satisfactorily concluded.

The remnant is now protected under State Environmental Planning Policy No. 26. - Littoral Rainforests, ^{this policy} which records its important conservation value and restricts clearing or incompatible development.

A project variation is proposed to transfer the remaining \$10,000 of this project to balance overruns on N.22 Gap Beach Rainforest Rehabilitation, also in the Macleay River basin.

N.23 Big Scrub Remnants - Rehabilitation

Not in maintenance.

Significant rehabilitation work was carried out in Victoria Park, Davis Scrub and Boatharbour Nature Reserves.

The reserves are now largely in a maintenance mode. Extensive infestations of weed such as Madeira Vine, Climbing Asparagus, Privet, Camphor Laurel and Wandering Jew have been controlled. In total 2ha of previously cleared land has been successfully rehabilitated.

N.24 Border Ranges National Park - Sheep Station Creek Walk

The eight kilometre walk linking Sheepstation Creek with Forest Tops has been completed. Metal photo map and information signs have been installed.

The walk was officially opened in February 1989 by Minister Tim Moore.

This walk also links Sheepstation Creek, the main camping area in Border Ranges N.P. with O'Reilly's and Binna Burra, the major facility areas in Lamington N.P. Queensland.

N.25 Nightcap National Park - Terania Creek Walk

Opposition from local residents have curtailed plans to extend the walking track system in Terania Creek. Visitation to this area has not increased as anticipated in 1985.

Some work has been done relocating wet sections of the Protestor's Falls Walk.

Residual funds will be redirected to balance overruns in other completed projects.

N.26 Nightcap National Park - Mt. Nardi Facilities

The interpretation display has been installed. The facilities were inspected by Minister Tim Moore in February 1989.

N.30 Lady Carrington Walk

Project completed. The construction of the historic Forest Island walking track. This involved a complete re-build of the track to the standard Service design, and included signposting, drainage works, etc. X

N.31 Jibbon Beach Rehabilitation

Project completed. Works undertaken involved sand dune stabilisation and fencing, signposting, track construction in association with littoral rainforest.

N.32 Brunswick Heads Nature Reserve - Rehabilitation

Follow-up maintenance of treated areas continued with large areas of ~~in-particular~~ Glory Vine and other weeds treated, ~~where~~ There has been spectacular growth of suppressed seedlings. Replanting of the foredune has also been completed. > <~

Good regeneration has occurred in treated areas. A volunteer group of bush rehabilitators has been established to continue the maintenance of this area.

N.33 Various Littoral Rainforests - Rehabilitation

Broken Head rainforest areas have been fenced and edge planting completed.

Iluka rainforest weed infestations have been mapped and further weed control undertaken.

This work was inspected by Minister Tim Moore in November 1988.

N.34 Coocumbac Island N.R. - Vine eradication

The rainforest rehabilitation program continues to provide model techniques in the control of exotic weeds, particularly vines, and the release of suppressed rainforest seedlings to regenerate degraded rainforest remnants. X

Funds will permit this work to continue on a reduced level to June 1990. It is important to continue "active" management of this successful rainforest rehabilitation project during the 90's. Additional funding will be necessary.

A detailed report of this project was prepared in April 1989 by the Project Manager - Naturalist Mike Dodkin, Port Macquarie District.

N.35 Mount Warning National Park - Summit Restoration

The new platforms have been well received by those who climb to the summit. Interpretation plates have been installed. Besides protecting the summit area, the new platforms are ^{enhancing} entering the Mt. Warning experience for the large and diverse patronage. These new facilities were opened by Minister Tim Moore on 28th June, 1989. X

The flood rains caused serious damage to the track and track head facilities, necessitating extensive repairs, which costs were shared with project N.80. A photograph is attached.

N.39 Sea Acres Rainforest Centre

\$ for lease
Was opened by Senator Richardson and Minister Tim Moore on 13th October, 1989. The centre is being managed under lease, with the assistance of volunteer guides supervised and trained by a N.P.W.S. interpretive officer.

*now extra campsite.
"Spp 26 butterflies"*
Many compliments have been received on the overall project, the enthusiasm of the managers and guides. The 1.2 km boardwalk provides a great introduction to rainforest. Visitation levels are higher than forecast. Sea Acres is proving a real success story.

N.40 Minna Murra Rainforest Centre

The Rainforest Centre has been completed. The interpretation displays have been installed and the centre is now in use.

A suspension bridge now links the Rainforest Centre with the boardwalk through the riverside rainforests.

Minna Murra ^{was} ~~will~~ be operational for the summer holidays. The high visitation from Wollongong and southern Sydney will ensure that the rainforest message gets a good airing.

Further walks are proposed to capitalise on this rainforest educational opportunity.

An official opening will be scheduled in 1990 to suit Senator Richardson's availability.

N.41 Dorrigo Rainforest Centre

No Env. Review The centre is nearly to the lockup stage. Erection of internal walls and fit out is continuing. X

The interpretive display is being designed by the Queensland Interpretation Group - Internet.

Parking areas have been benched out and gravelled.

The feature attraction - Sky Walk - an elevated boardwalk over the top of the rainforest canopy is ~~fast~~ taking shape and living up to its spectacular concept. X

Prolonged wet weather and resignations of key staff have showed progress.

The centre will be completed in 1990, provided a chain of exciting rainforest centres from the city to the world heritage rainforest parks. Y

N.42 Outdoor Interpretive Panels

Victoria Park display is being well received by school groups and visitors. The display is now the centre point of this important nature reserve which demonstrates the value of preserving the original Big Scrub Remnant and extending it by the staged replanting of rainforest species.

Victoria Park display and area improvements funded by N.R.C.P. and C.E.P., were officially opened by the Director and the Member for Ballina on 29th January, 1989.

Broken Head display has been completed to a very high standard and again is well received. The display and a walk through littoral rainforest was opened by the Member for Ballina on 5th October, 1989.

The Iluka littoral rainforest display, officially opened in November 1988 by Minister Tim Moore, provides a focus for visitors.

N.43 Tweed Rare Plant Survey

After extensive consultation with several expert rainforest botanists 36 rare ~~largely rainforest~~ species were selected for further study. Information on the precise locations of each of the 36 species was sought from other botanists.

The predictive modelling capacity of the Service's Environmental - Resource Management System was used with qualified success to further refine the location of the rare species. Surveys concentrated on rare species located outside conservation reserves.

Nineteen species were selected for propagation. Priority was given to species with little or no representation in conservation reserves and to populations under threat. 13 of the 19 species have been successfully propagated from seed or cuttings. With a few exceptions all the species propagated have been planted in a rainforest aboretum established in the Korrumbyn Creek extension at Mt. Warning National Park. See project N.83 as there was some integration and overlap of these projects. Management plans have been prepared for three species - Fontainea oraria, Elaeocarpus williamsianus and Angiopteris evecta. Detailed site and survey work was also undertaken on Baloghia marmorata and Diploglottis campbelli. Management works on site has been carried out for Elaeocarpus and Angiopteris.

This has been a very successful project. The Services' understanding of the locations and requirements of a large number of rare rainforest plants has been greatly extended.

← N 44 - TOM HUNTER'S SCHEM.
N.47 Biological Survey of Focal Peak

This survey was undertaken by the Department of Natural Resources of the University of New England to determine the distribution, abundance and habitat requirements of rainforest mammals, reptiles and amphibians in the Focal Peak region of the Border Ranges. Existing distribution records of rare rainforest vertebrate in the Focal Peak area were initially compiled. These records were enhanced with further systematic field surveys in six major rainforest patches in the region. As with project N.2 these surveys have provided important information on the rarity and conservation status of rainforest species in the Focal Peak area.

N.50 Hacking River Rehabilitation

Project completed. Construction of a new loop track and linking to other track systems in the area. Standard track construction methods employed, extensive tree planting and signposting, construction of two bridges.

N.51 New England N.P. - Track Rehabilitation

Tracks through the Antarctic Beech forests have been upgraded to the extent funds permitted.

N.52 Mount Hyland Nature Reserve - Walking Track

Track has been completed. Metal photo interpretive plates have been produced and installed.

N.53 Burgh Track

Not completed. Works undertaken involved reconstruction of former disused track system linking the township of Helensburgh to the coastal walking track system. Project only half completed.

N.54 .

N.55 .

N.56 Moore Park Nature Reserve - Rehabilitation

Significant rainforest rehabilitation and picnic area maintenance was carried out in Moore Park Nature Reserve. A list of 8 exotic plant species were identified for the reserve and included Balloon Vine, Cat Claw Vine and Madeira Vine.

Spectacular success was achieved with the removal of Balloon Vine from the rainforest edge and the main rainforest canopy. Cats Claw Vine and Madeira Vine were also successfully treated. The removal of the exotic species from this reserve has been very successful and the reserve is now virtually in a maintenance mode. More work will be required to maintain this status. A small rainforest nursery is established and one hectare of cleared land on the margin of the reserve was planted with plant material from the reserve.

Ryogle

heavy chemical
use

The picnic area facilities were also rehabilitated with new toilets, galley, tables and fireplaces constructed and the area grassed and levelled. Comments from the local shire residents and users of the park have been very complementary.

N.57 Stotts Island Nature Reserve - Weed Eradication

Infestations of Madeira Vine, Cats Claw Vine, Climbing Asparagus Fern and Morning Glory have been treated on Stotts Island Nature Reserve. Major inroads have been made into the control of these vines on Stotts Island. The Reserve is now into a maintenance mode and it is expected that further infestations can be controlled by small follow-up maintenance work.

not so!

N.63 Oxley (Wild Rivers) National Park - Budds Mare Facilities

Funds allocated to the project have been expanded. The access roading and picnic area are completed. The lookout platform and rainforest walk were completed by works staff before the summer holidays.

N.65 Boorganna Nature Reserve - Walking Track & Facilities

Walking track and falls lookout platform have been completed. The interpretive display for the picnic shelter and track ^{signs} will be installed early in 1990.

N.68 Lismore Heritage Centre and Mobile Display?

\$ how much.

A topographic model of the Caldera and its associated display have been completed. It has been used for displays at centres of high visitation and at special events within the northern region. As the model and its display has been so successful, several commercial models have been produced. These will be permanently displayed in places such as Tweed Tourist Information Centre, in a private information centre on the Pacific Highway at Knockrow and at Ballina Tourist Information Centre. A part of this project provides a static display in the Wilson River Heritage Centre with a photographic display, a further three dimensional model depicting the Caldera, backlit photographic display of rainforest flora and fauna and landsat imagery. This display has been enthusiastically received by Lismore City Council local residents and visitor.

N.69 Rainforest Video

This 12 minute film has been completed and is most impressive.

Gary Steer of Sky Visuals has lived up to his high reputation as a nature film producer.

No if doesn't

The film will provide a good introduction to N.S.W.'s rainforests.

No mention temperature Rf

It is currently regularly shown at Sea Acres Rainforest Centre. Copies on V.H.S. ~~1/2~~ tape now available.

videc

x

4? N.70 Dorrigo Walks

The barrier free loop walk from the Glade is completed. The walk consists of a bitumen sealed track linked up by a 150 metre elevated boardwalk to be called "walk with the birds". The interpretation theme of this walk is rainforest avifauna.

This walk will be open for the summer holidays. It was officially opened on 5th January, 1990 by Minister Tim Moore.

7 → N.72 Oxley Wild Rivers N.P. - Fire Management of dry rainforest

N.76 Use of Remnant Rainforests by Flying Foxes

The study has concentrated on the Grey Headed Flying Fox. There has been considerable development of effective techniques to study flying foxes. Use of radio collars has allowed the tracking of individual bats from Grafton south to Nowra, visiting a number of roost colony sites en route. Flying foxes appear to be very mobile and less clannish than was previously thought. Potting trials shows their ability to transport viable seeds of an extensive list of species.

These studies and analysis of the understorey of roost sites do not show flying foxes to be a big influence on the spread of weeds.

A summary of results has been forwarded.

Additional funding of \$40,000 to continue these important studies is awaiting final approval. Continuation of this research is a priority because of the heavy predation of tropical fruit crops in the 1989 dry spring.

N.77

N.78 National Rainforest Conservation Program Pamphlet

ready
This pamphlet has been completed and is providing a ~~good~~ reference to the good progress and the high achievement levels with the program. Additional funding is being sought to adapt the pamphlet cover to a poster to ~~increase~~ the current series of N.R.C.P. state programs. *form part of.*

N.79 Boatharbour Nature Reserve - Visitor Facilities and Rainforest Rehabilitation

*\$ split
how much to vehicle
to facilities
S.T. \$ on vehicle
NRCP → \$40,000
grand road?*
Work on Boatharbour Nature Reserve visitor facilities has ~~just~~ recently commenced. Work to date includes the provision of a new access road and car park for 30 cars, the construction of a septic toilet block and the erection of an interpretive display structure. Work on this project is expected to be completed within six weeks and will include a walking track on the banks of the Wilson River, an interpretive display and further rainforest rehabilitation work. As a result of ~~this~~ *the NRCP* ~~project~~, a sponsor has provided a further \$80,000 for rainforest regeneration. This work is well under way, with exotics such as Balloon Vine and Madeira Vine being treated, and cleared areas being planted with rainforest species.

N.80 Mount Warning N.P. - educational tour facilities

*Crib wall
collapsed.
heaps of roadworks
done carparks
super cheap
(\$10,000)
Platforms?
Change of PoM.
4th Platform
no fin PoM.*
Work on this project includes the provision of a new picnic area on the banks of Breakfast Creek. The facilities here included a dry composting toilet, a small walking track, barbeques and picnic tables. This new picnic areas has eased the congestion on the Mount Warning road, especially at the terminus. Work on the road terminus includes widening of the roadway to provide increased car parking. The project also included the establishment of an arboretum housing specimens of rare or threatened rainforest plants. ~~the~~ *the* project involved the collection and propagation of plant material, clearing of the aboretum site, and planting of the rare or threatened species along with a protective cover crop. Significant achievement has been made with the conservation of many rainforest species previously at risk.

N.81 Susan Island Rehabilitation

N.82 Illawarra Rainforest Survey

N.83 Nightcap N.P. - Mount Matheson Track Improvements

Not done?

Work has been carried out on the Mt. Matheson Track. This work included drainage, relocation of the track in some areas, removal of fallen trees and repair of erosion gullies. This 15 kilometre walk is proving to be very successful and transverse some spectacular scenery in Nightcap National Park. Work on this track has been completed.

Plan of Management Preparation for Rainforest Parks

The decision was taken in the first year of the N.R.C.P. to produce a number of plans of management "in house", directing the funds for the plan of management projects to other tasks.

Drafts on display when?

The draft plan of management for Gibraltar Range and Washpool National Parks is attached.

The draft plan of management for Werrikimbe National Park will be available within 2 weeks.

Interpretation of Rainforest

Attached are photocopies of displays and signs that have been produced in the past 18 months to promote rainforest and supply information to park visitors.

G.F. Martin
Regional Manager.

28th February, 1990.

COMMENTS ON BIG SCRUB REMNANTS DISCUSSION PAPER

The recently released Big Scrub Remnants Conservation Strategy Discussion Paper is an appalling document which does not address many of the most important factors influencing the conservation of these remnants.

This document, contracted to Planners North, and sub-contracted to the Northern Rivers College of Advanced Education Centre for Coastal Management has been attempted by persons with no expertise in rainforest biology.

As such, The Big Scrub Environment Centre wishes to make the following criticisms and suggestions:

- *that public input is required into the next stages of the preparation of a Conservation Strategy and a Plan of Management

- *that the National Parks and Wildlife Service use its own highly skilled and qualified staff to prepare documents such as this, and do not contract out to consultants not appropriately skilled.

- *that a member of the Lismore District Advisory Committee with appropriate expertise in the field of management of rainforest reserves be represented on the Steering Committee, which, at this stage, has no experts in this field.

- *that a tender should not be accepted purely because it is the lowest - factors such as appropriate expertise should be a major factor in selecting a tender. The consultants involved in this document, Planners North, have no expertise in this field. It is therefore recommended that consultants with appropriate experience be engaged to draft the document.

We understand that the National Parks and Wildlife Service is not satisfied with the standard of the document released and has directed Planners North to redraft the paper. With this factor in mind, we therefore recommend that the services of Planners North should be discontinued and the contract readvertised.

Specific criticisms of the Discussion Paper are as follows:

- *prioritising conservation value of remnants where all remnants should be given equal conservation status

- *no specific references to mammals and reptiles as specified in brief

- *existing published and unpublished papers were not used in the document.

- *scant regard to the vegetation associations - assumptions of conservation priority and status were made entirely on species diversity

*no reference to regional biogeographical influences

*major conflicting objectives in remnant status e.g. Boatharbour Nature reserve is designated a prime conservation site and a major tourist attraction

*overly strong emphasis on tourism in the remnants which would seriously compromise their long-term viability

*no detailed analysis of threats to the remnants

*a significant amount of the basic methodology used in the paper was incorrect, resulting in an incorrect conservation priority and status

*over-emphasis on computer models based on inadequate data

*Terms of Reference were far too narrowly interpreted resulting in glaring inadequacies in the paper, including the omission of important remnants

*no identification of the importance of peripheral landuse to the conservation of the remnants as specified in the brief

*no identification of existing controls on landuse (e.g. soil conservation restrictions, water catchment protection etc)

Many other criticisms of this paper have been brought to our attention by concerned professionals highly skilled and experienced in this field. It is due to this concern and outrage at the gross inadequacies of the paper that we call for the re-tendering of the contract.

It is of the utmost importance to ensure the conservation of the Big Scrub Remnants that a Plan of Management of the highest quality is completed.

(Big Scrub Environment Centre, 28 Nov, 1987)

ANALYSIS OF FUNDING PRIORITIES NATIONAL RAINFOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM

NSW SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS WITH NSW N.P.W.S.

1986/87 Program

	\$	T\$	%
Planning + Man ^{nt}	140,000		5.28
Visitor Facilities	235,000	235,000	8.88
Tourism Studies	10,000	10,000	.38
Research + Survey	20,000		.76
Public Info + Interp ⁿ	640,000	640,000	24.2
Rainforest Acquisition	1,600,000		60.5
Totals	2,645,000	885,000	100.00
		33.4%	

1987/88 Program

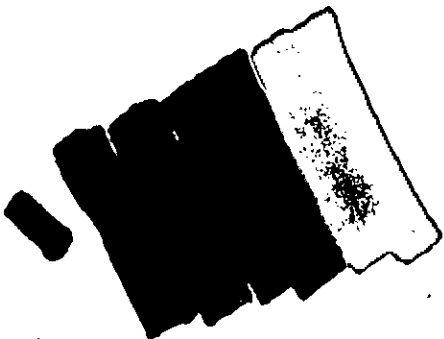
	\$	T\$	%
Planning + Man ^{nt}	604,500		16.7
Visitor Facilities	865,000	865,000	23.9
Tourism Studies	20,000	20,000	.55
Research + Survey	220,000		6.08
Public Info + Interp ⁿ	1,107,000	1,107,000	30.61
Rainforest Acquisition	800,000		22.12
Totals.	3,616,500	1,992,000	÷ 100.00
		55.08%	



per. J. Corkill 1:12:87

Big Scrub Remnants Study
request Comm to direct NPS to ensure that.

- * Remnants discussion paper is completely redrafted by ^{qualified} competent & experienced staff of NPS or its Service ^{staff not} ~~not~~ Planners North! available by professional wildlife ^{consult} biologists + ecologists
- * public participation: including landholders is permitted in all stages of P of M. preparation via appointment of community delegate from Alameda District Advisory Committee to Steering Committee of Big Scrub Program: Assessment Strategy



NATIONAL RAINFOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAMNEW SOUTH WALESSCHEDULE OF PROJECTS 1987/88ESTIMATED
EXPENDITURE
(87-88)

PLANNING & MANAGEMENT

\$

1. Management plan - Big Scrub remnants	30,000
2. Management Plan - Barrington Tops NP	35,000
3. Rehabilitation of Big Scrub remnants	50,000
4. Rehabilitation of Seal Rocks rainforest, Myall Lakes NP	32,500
5. Rehabilitation of Brunswick Heads NR	40,000
6. Vine eradication, Coocumbac NR	30,000
7. Rehabilitation of Arakoon SRA	30,000
8. Rehabilitation of Shark Island rainforest	20,000
9. Rehabilitation of Mungo Brush rainforest, Myall Lakes NP	30,000
10. Rehabilitation of rainforest, Royal NP	60,000
11. Rehabilitation of littoral rainforest, various sites	60,000
12. Weed eradication, Stotts Island NR	20,000
13. Weed eradication, Limeburners Creek NR	10,000

43,000

14. Rehabilitation of Robertson NR	5,000
15. Rehabilitation of Comerong Island NR	12,000
16. Rehabilitation of Hacking River rainforests Garawarra SRA	100,000
17. Road closures and rehabilitation, Border Ras NP	20,000
18. Road closures and rehabilitation, Nightcap NP	20,000
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	604,500
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VISITOR FACILITIES

✓ 19. Minnamurra Falls walking track, Budderoo NP	60,000
? ✓ 20. Forbes River walking track, Werrikimbe NP	30,000
✓ 21. Resource survey and development, Strickland SF	35,000
✓ 22. Interpretive and visitor facilities, various SF	150,000
23. Redevelopment of walking tracks, Barrington Tops NP	40,000
24. Williams River pedestrian bridge, Barrington Tops NP	10,000
25. Walking track, Woko NP	30,000
? - 26. Sheepstation Creek walking track, Border Ras. NP	60,000
? - 27. Terania Creek walking track, Nightcap NP	50,000
☆ 28. Mt Nardi facilities, Nightcap NP	70,000

None's copy of photos?

35,000	??
150,000	??
40,000	any D. P.P.M.
10,000	
30,000	
60,000	
50,000	
70,000	

29. Lady Carrington Drive track,
Royal NP

60,000

What does this mean
soil can't recover?
upgrade to vehicle standard.

✓ 30. Summit restoration and track
rehabilitation, Mt Warning

85,000

31. Walking track and
facilities, Boorgana NR *Cambarra P.*
? maintenance

35,000 ? or what?

32. Interpretive walking track,
Iluka NR *which one?*

40,000 No Plan of Management

33. Track rehabilitation, New
England NP

35,000 No Plan M.

34. Walking ^{new} tracks and visitor
facilities, Mt Hyland NR

15,000 ? ~~*~~ unknown

✓ 35. Burgh track, Garawarra SRA
rehab?

50,000 ? ~~*~~

36. Walking track and
interpretive facilities,
Murrumbidgee NP

10,000 No Plan M.

South Coast? Has much Rf

865,000

TOURISM STUDIES

~~*~~ 37. New England - Dorriggo
regional tourism study

20,000

what is it?
who is doing it?
Rf emphasis?
is this the total thing

RESEARCH AND SURVEY

~~*~~ 38. Conservation planning for
rare and endangered rainforest
plants and animals

30,000

?? relationship?

~~*~~ 39. Tweed volcano region, *in NPs.*
biological survey *general Tweed Shire.*

40,000

40. Biological survey of Woko NP
and Camels Humps NR

20,000

*need acquisition for extension?
new reserves?*

41. Investigation of population
decline in rainforest pigeons

25,000

42. Fauna survey, dry rainforest *(where?)*

10,000

✓ 43. Biological survey of Focal
Peak

15,000

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where?

44. Use of remnant rainforest patches by flying foxes 50,000

45. Fire management study, Oxley Wild Rivers NP 30,000

How much RF involved.

220,000

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND INTERPRETATION

* 46. Rainforest ecology centre, Sea Acres NR

375,000

where? design? impact?

* 47. Minnamurra rainforest centre, Budderoo NP

250,000

* 48. Rainforest interpretive centre, Dorrigo NP

3 valleys suggested all quarry

150,000

49. Rainforest information centre, Rumbalara Reserve

195,000

???? what where etc

* 50. Outdoor interpretive panels

30,000

where?

* 51. Rainforest resource inventory book

20,000

P. Adam book?? what is it.

52. Multipurpose rainforest video

40,000

53. Rainforest display

i) mobile component

???

ii) Lismore Heritage Centre component

45,000

54. Revised NSW-NRCP pamphlet

2,000

1,107,000

ACQUISITION

55. Acquisition of privately owned rainforested lands for inclusion in national parks and reserves

800,000

TOTAL

3,616,500

NP - National Park
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NATIONAL RAINFOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM -
NEW SOUTH WALES

Schedule of Projects 1986/87

Planning and management

Estimated Expenditure
(86/87)

\$

1.	Management plan - Werrikimbe National Park	20,000
2.	Management plan - Big Scrub remnants	30,000
3.	Rehabilitation of Big Scrub remnants	20,000
4.	Rehabilitation of rainforest at Seal Rocks, north of Newcastle	20,000
5.	Rehabilitation of Brunswick Heads Nature Reserve, north east of Lismore	40,000
6.	Vine eradication, Coocumbac Island, Taree	10,000
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		140,000

Visitor facilities

7.	Bar Mountain walking track, Border Ranges.	60,000
8.	Coombadjha walking track, Washpool National Park	40,000
9.	Minnamurra Falls walking track	40,000
10.	Forbes River walking track, Werrikimbe National Park	10,000
11.	Resource survey and development, Strickland State Forest, near Gosford	25,000
12.	Interpretive and visitor facilities, <u>various State Forests</u>	40,000
13.	Visitor facilities, Washpool National Park	20,000
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		235,000

Tourism study

14. New England/Dorrigo regional tourism study 10,000

10,000

Research and survey

15. Conservation planning for rare plants of
Tweed volcano region, near Lismore 10,000

16. Tweed volcano region flora and fauna survey 10,000

20,000

Public information and interpretation

17. Rainforest Ecology Centre, Sea Acres Nature
Reserve, Port Macquarie 250,000

18. Minnamurra Rainforest Centre 150,000

19. Rainforest Interpretive Centre,
Dorrigo National Park 50,000

20. Rainforest Interpretive Centre, Cappers Gully,
Gosford. 80,000

21. Outdoor interpretive panels, Victoria
Park Nature Reserve, near Lismore,
and Werrikimbe National Park 30,000

22. Littoral rainforest rehabilitation handbook 20,000

23. Identification guide to NSW rainforest trees 30,000

24. Publication of rainforest inventory for NSW 30,000

640,000

Land acquisition

25. Acquisition of private rainforested land for
inclusion in national parks and reserves 1,600,000

Total Estimated Expenditure for 1986/87

\$2,645,000

NATIONAL RAINFOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name of the Project: ILUKA NATURE RESERVE
(as per the NSW Schedules)

*approx \$26,000 - bush regeneration
(weed control)
approx \$20,000 - walking track,
and interpretation
(Information
shelter, and
photographs, etc.)*

2. Project Budget: \$.....1986; \$.....1987; \$.....1988.

3. Estimated Budget Breakdown - per centages
Staff: Materials: Other?:

4. Name of Park or Reserve: ILUKA NATURE RESERVE

5. NPWS Region: NORTHERN

NPWS District: CRAPTON

6. NPWS Supervising Officer:

BOB FRIEDRICH, SUPERINTENDENT

7. Dates of Project Activity: First half of 1988 (approx. March - June)

8. Project Goals:

10. Has a Plan of Management been prepared for the park or reserve?

DRAFT YES.

YES / NO

11. Was the Project Activity consistent with the Plan of Management?

YES / NO

If not, how?

If so, how?

12. Did the Project meet "rainforest conservation" objectives?

YES / NO

If not, how?

If so, how?

* note - unusual feature of interpretation material in Information Shelter is section directed specifically at children

13. What other priorities for Rainforest Conservation in NSW do you see as still needing to be addressed?

** the Bush Regeneration section of the project only began the work on the main weed (asparagus fern) a follow-up program is needed - This area of littoral rainforest is not as badly damaged as some other rainforest remnants - the weeds could be brought under control now - without the*

14. What are the names and addresses of other people who could assist in an evaluation of projects funded under the Program?

(ie heavy chemical use & bulldozing & landscaping in dramatic measures being employed elsewhere in other weed infested bushland areas).

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR OUR USE ONLY:

Evaluation Form completed by:

Address:

Member of...

copy?
Please return to J BEE

NATIONAL RAINFOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM

NEW SOUTH WALES

SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS 1987/88

	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE (87-88)
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27. Terania Creek walking track, Nightcap NP	50,000
28. Mt Nardi facilities, Nightcap NP	70,000

29. Lady Carrington Drive track, Royal NP	60,000
30. Summit restoration and track rehabilitation, Mt Warning	85,000
31. Walking track and facilities, Boorgana NR	35,000
32. Interpretive walking track, Iluka NR	40,000
33. Track rehabilitation, New England NP	35,000
34. Walking tracks and visitor facilities, Mt Hyland NR	15,000
35. Burgh track, Garawarra SRA	50,000
36. Walking track and interpretive facilities, Murramarang NP	10,000

865,000

TOURISM STUDIES

37. New England - Dorriggo regional tourism study	20,000
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43. Biological survey of Focal Peak	15,000

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PUBLIC INFORMATION AND INTERPRETATION

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National Rainforest Conservation Program
Proposed 1988/89 Program

1. N16 Barrington Tops N.P. - Mt. Royal visitor facilities \$40,000 tracks sheds etc.
2. N19 Werrikimbe N.P. - Forbes River Walking Track(s) eastern Werrikimbe. loop walks Plateau Beach
3. N29 Blue Mtns. N.P. - Mt. Wilson/Bowen Ck. Invent. P.O.M. \$100,000 Walking tracks..
- L 4. N33 Various littoral rainforest - rehabilitation \$60,000 Brunswick, Broken, Thred, The Gap, per John Nagle's report.
5. N34 Coocumbac N.R. - vine eradication rehab. \$30,000 → \$7100,000 to date. ^{ance} ^{Is.}
- L 6. N37 Tweed Volcano Parks - rainforest tourism study \$20,000
7. N39 Sea Acres Rainforest Centre - completion \$190,000 infrastructure
8. N41 Dorrigo N.P. - Rainforest Centre \$600,000
9. N12 Minna Murra Rainforest Centre - completion \$94,000
- L 10. N42 Information panels - Broken Head and Border Ranges \$15,000 Shap Stair Bender Loop. Alstonville.
- L 11. N43 Conservation Planning - Tweed plants and animals \$20,000
- L 12. N47 Focal Peak Study \$15,000
- L 13. N44 Littoral Rainforest Handbook - publication Stephanie Horton \$5,000 draft being circulated.
14. N46 Fauna Survey Dry Rainforests \$15,000 Head Office: Rurr Plateau Part Macq. District
15. N50 Royal N.P. - Rehabilitate Hacking River catchment \$50,000 from @ State Fed.
16. N45 Decline of Rainforest Pigeons \$25,000 Harry Recker. UNE NSW wide - most pigeons
17. N51 New England N.P. - walking track rehabilitation Alibi Beach below Pt Lookout \$15,000 from Feds
18. N54 Robertson N.R. - rehabilitation Illawarra. new project
19. N55 Comerang Island - weed eradication Shoalhaven continuing project
20. N56 Moore Park - vine eradication 30,000 rest area, fencing rehab. Grevillea Kyogle has relinquished management
21. N71 Murramarang N.P. - walking track interp. facilities \$40,000 Pebbly Beach
22. N76 Use of remnant rainforest areas by flying foxes \$50,000 Continuation Head Office Div. Dan Lunny
23. N77 Macquarie Pass N.R. - walking track interp. facilities \$80,000 Illawarra Jeff Dyne Head Office
24. N78 Oxley Wild Rivers N.P. - Long Point facility & walking track dry Rf. south of Wollgum. P.O.M.? 20,000
- 24a. N79 Oxley Wild Rivers N.P. - Buds Mare Range facilities & walking track. Apsley side. Walga Shire wants track access. maintained. Riverside Rd. on old Hydro site - dam?
25. Blue Mountains - Jungle Track restoration and interp. 70,000 canoes! after bushfires! reopens and make site
- L 26. Mt. Warning N.P. - educational tour facilitation 80,000 track maintenance \$40,000
- L 27. Boatharbour N.R. facility, walking track, rehab. \$80,000
28. Buderoo N.P. - Minnamurra rainforest walk completion \$300,000 boardwalks high priority SE Region
- L 29. Nightcap N.P. - Mt. Matheson track restor. facilities \$40,000 \$5,000 road + carpark? upgrade so that people won't be lost. silensia.
30. Arakoon S.R.A. - Gap Beach rehab. closure?
- L 31. Victoria Park N.R. - Rehab. walking track extension \$90,000 finish plant out extension board walk
32. Killalea S.R.A. - Littoral rainforest rehab. \$35,000 - Minnamurra (Bass Point) start only.
33. Susan Island N.R. - Lowland rainforest rehab. \$40,000
34. Iluka N.R. - Provision of disabled access Celina Smith new track south of Iluka Bluff
35. Royal N.P. - Wallumarra track restoration 30,000
36. Royal N.P. - Burning palms/Werrong rainforest rehab. 30,000
37. Royal N.P. - Curracurrang littoral rainforest rehab. 30,000
38. Royal N.P. - Rainforest nursery 16,000
39. Illawarra escarpment rainforest survey 10,000 Wallangrang Uni
40. 10 New Projects on State Forests 65,000 Feds. Glancaster \$12,000 upgrade + build new walks
- 65,000 F.C. write to F.C.? to Feds?

NATIONAL RAINFOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR NEW SOUTH WALES

COMPLETED PROJECTS

JOB NUMBER	CODE	PROJECT	EXPENDITURE 1986/7	EXPENDITURE 1987/8	EXPENDITURE 1988/9	EXPENDITURE 1989/90	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	ALLOCATION	PROPOSED ALLOCATION	BALANCE
N02	0628	FLORA/FAUNA SURV-TWEED VOLCANO	3,965	21,621	17,204	768	43,557	50,000		6,443
N06	0620	MANAGEMENT PLAN WERRIKIMBE N.P	0	0			0	DELETED		0
N07	0632	BIG SCRUB REMNANTS M/MENT PLAN	4,000	22,304	27,945	2,293	56,542	60,000		3,458
N09	0624	BAR MOUNTAIN TRACKS	46,474	593	14,357		61,424	60,000		(1,424)
N10	0625	COOMBADJHA TRACKS WASHPOOL N.P	22,707	11,653	7,883		42,243	40,000		(2,243)
N11	0626	VISITOR FACILITIES WASHPOOL CR	10,598	10,546	98		21,242	20,000		(1,242)
N13	0612	BARRINGTON TOPS P.O.M.		31,642			31,642	35,000		3,358
N14	0937	GLOUCESTER TOPS WALK		41,198			41,198	40,000		(1,198)
N15	0611	BARRINGTON TOPS PED BRIDGE		17,929			17,929	20,000		2,071
N17	0938	WOKO WALKING TRACK		39,579			39,579	30,000		(9,579)
N19	0621	FORBES RIVER WALKING TRACK	14,057	30,235			44,292	60,000		15,708
N21	0919	GAP BEACH R/F REHABILITATION		8,912	38,517		47,429	30,000	10,000	(17,429)
N22	0953	SHARK IS. REHAB		0			0	10,000	(10,000)	0
N23	0633	BIG SCRUB REMNANTS REHAB.	12,312	42,325	16,040	(40)	70,636	70,000		(636)
N24	0921	SHEEPSTATION CREEK TRACK		59,978	8,299	48,531	116,808	110,000		(6,808)
N25	0922	TERANIA CREEK TRACK		767	6,330	(6,330)	767	0		(767)
N26	0923	MOUNT NARDI FACILITIES		69,844	(115)		69,729	70,000		271
N27	0939	MUNGO BRUSH REGENERATION		29,782			29,782	30,000		218
N28	0610	SEAL ROCKS R/FOREST REHAB	9,900	43,721	(226)		53,394	52,500		(894)
N30	0943	LADY CARRINGTON WALK TRACK		53,246	8,064	189	61,499	60,000		(1,499)
N31	0944	JIBBON BEACH REHAB		5,426	34,569		39,995	60,000		20,005
N32	0623	BRUNSWICK HEADS N.R. REHAB.	167	70,367	11,776		82,310	80,000		(2,310)
N35	0924	MOUNT WARWING FACILITIES		25,018	67,975		92,994	85,000		(7,994)
N36	0630	TOURISM STUDY DORRIGO/NEW ENG.	10,000	20,000			30,000	30,000		0
N39	0631	ECOLOGY CENTRE SEA ACRES N.R.	34,444	378,739	410,808	(12,887)	811,104	810,000		(1,104)
N42	0622	INTERPRETATION PANELS	3,489	35,261	65,522	270	104,541	105,000		459
N43	0627	RARE PLANTS - TWEED VOLCANO	2,423	15,626	22,123	1,434	41,606	40,000		(1,606)
N47	0913	SURVEY FOCAL PEAK		5,000	20,000	10,000	35,000	30,000		(5,000)
N50	0945	HACKING RIVER REHAB		78,468	35,661	534	114,664	110,000		(4,664)
N51	0933	WALKING TRACK NEW ENGLAND N.P.		36,260	14,155		50,415	50,000		(415)
N52	0925	WALKING TRACK FACIL.MT.HYLAND		8,444	7,033		15,477	15,000		(477)
N53	0946	BURCH TRACK		49,733	6,784		56,518	50,000		(6,518)
N54	0947	ROBERTSON N.R. REHAB		4,728	26,974	2,130	33,831	35,000		1,169
N55	0948	COOMBRANG IS. WEED BRADICATION		13,506	10,024	1,174	24,704	24,000		(704)
N56	0958	MOORE PARK - VINE BRADICATION			27,171	(400)	26,772	30,000		3,228
N57	0926	WEED BRADICATION STOTTS IS.		10,501	10,565		21,066	20,000		(1,066)
			174,536	1,292,952	915,536	47,666	2,430,690	2,421,500	0	(9,190)

RAINFORREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR NEW SOUTH WALES

COMPLETED PROJECTS

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N58	0927	BAR MOUNTAIN CR REHABILITATION		17,219	48,580	(42,201)	23,599	20,000		(3,599)
N59	0928	GOOGARNA RD REHABILITATION		20,000	(91)		19,909	20,000		31
N63	0964	O.V.R.N.P. - BUD'S MARE WALK			19,230		19,230	20,000		770
N64	0917	BIG HILL WEED CONTROL		10,032	34		10,066	10,000		(66)
N65	0918	VISITOR FACILITIES - BOORGANNA		34,673	10,188		44,862	45,000		138
N67	0915	WALKING TRACK - ILUKA N.R.		29,428	13,665		43,093	40,000		(3,093)
N68	0929	MOBILE RAINFOREST DISPLAY		31,639	11,377	3,248	46,264	45,000		(1,264)
N69	0955	RAINFOREST VIDEO		0	44,596		44,596	40,000		(4,596)
N70	0638	DOBRIGO WALKS	906	23,356	40,152	9,814	74,228	70,000		(4,228)
N71	0949	MUREAMARANG WALK TRACK		9,998	0		9,998	10,000		2
N72	0935	FIRE MANAGEMENT OXLEY WILD R.		22,387	7,926	(75)	30,238	30,000		(238)
N78	0957	UPDATE NRCP INFO PAMPHLET		0	2,690		2,690	2,000		(690)
N80	0962	MT WARNING- ED. TOUR FACILITATION			43,865	859	44,724	30,000		(14,724)
N81	0963	SUSAN ISLAND REHABILITATION			8,831	11,008	19,839	20,000		161
N82	0965	ILLAWARRA ESCARP. R/F SURVEY			7,899	7,944	15,843	16,000		157
N83	0960	NIGHTCAP N.P.-MT MATHESON TRACK			18,239	21,676	39,915	40,000		35
NC01		RUMBALARA R/F INTERP CENTRE		275,000			275,000	275,000		0
NP01		STRICKLAND S.F. - SURVEY & DEVELOPMENT		60,000			60,000	60,000		0
NP02		VARIOUS S.F. - INTERPS & VISITOR FACILITIES		186,000	23,864		209,864	216,000	6,500	12,636
NP03		IDENTIFICATION GUIDE		30,000			30,000	30,000		0
NP04		TALLOWOOD FOREST PARK			10,036		10,036	10,000		(36)
NP05		SUGAR CREEK PALM FOREST			6,000		6,000	6,000		0
NP06		GEORGE BOYD FOREST PARK			23,327		23,327	30,000		6,673
NP07		WOLLUMBIN FOREST DRIVE			7,047		7,047	20,000		12,953
NP08		GLOUCESTER RIVER FLORA RESERVE			14,112		14,112	25,000	(6,500)	4,388
NP09		CAMBRIDGE PLATEAU REC. AREA			7,806		7,806	22,000		14,194
NP10		WOOLGOOLGA CREEK SCHOOL			2,880		2,880	3,000		120
NP11		BATEMANS BAY INFO. BROCHURE			0		0	2,000		2,000
NP12		YURAMIB S.F. GOODENIA RD VIS. FAC.			8,000		8,000	8,000		0
NP13		YAMBULLA S.F. WAALIMMA RD PARKING			4,000		4,000	4,000		0
N201		TARONGA ZOO INTERP FACILITY		40,000			40,000	40,000		0
			906	789,732	384,252	12,274	1,187,165	1,209,000	0	21,835
		TOTAL COMPLETED PROJECTS	175,442	2,082,684	1,299,788	59,941	3,617,855	3,630,500	0	12,645

NATIONAL RAINFOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR NEW SOUTH WALES

CONTINUING PROJECTS

JOB NUMBER	CODE	PROJECT	EXPENDITURE 1986/7	EXPENDITURE 1987/8	EXPENDITURE 1988/9	EXPENDITURE 1989/90	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	ALLOCATION	PROPOSED ALLOCATION	BALANCE
N01	0636	RAINFOREST RESOURCES INVENTORY		0		9,028	9,028	50,000		40,972
N03	0936	WORO & CAMELS HUMP SURVEY		1,783	10,377	2,500	14,660	20,000		5,340
N04	0637	LAND ACQUISITION		754,150	1,351,090		2,105,240	2,400,000		294,760
N12	0615	MINNAMURRA FALLS WALK TRACE	18,758	53,148	151,009	48,867	271,781	280,000		8,219
N33	0954	VARIOUS LITTORAL R/P REHAB		49,369	80,307		129,676	130,000	73,000	73,324
N34	0634	VINE BRADICAT. - COOCUMBAC IS.	3,898	32,600	19,404	7,813	63,715	70,000		6,285
N40	0616	MINNAMURRA FALLS R/P CENTRE	36,435	1,312	403,777	32,273	473,797	494,000		20,203
N41	0629	DORRIGO INTERPRETATION CENTRE	0	0	140,658	126,711	267,370	450,000		182,630
N44	0635	LITTORAL RAINFOREST HANDBOOK		14,093	533		14,626	25,000		10,374
N45	0911	DECLINE OF RAINFOREST PIGEONS		9,155	25,000		34,155	50,000		15,845
N46	0912	AMPH., REPTILES, MAMMALS SURVEY		5,121	36,345	8,468	49,934	40,000		(9,934)
N76	0914	USE OF REM. RAINFOREST BY BATS		48,745	45,794	7,518	102,058	100,000	40,000	37,942
N77	0959	MACQ. PASS N.P. - WALK TRACK INTERP PAC			30,762	19,534	50,296	60,000		9,704
N79	0961	BOATHARBOUR N.R. - FACILITIES REHAB			3,163	26,112	29,275	60,000		30,725
NM01		AUST. MUSEUM INVERTEBRATE SURVEY			0		0	20,000		20,000
TOTAL CONTINUING PROJECTS			59,090	969,476	2,298,220	288,826	3,615,611	4,249,000	113,000	745,389
TOTAL FOR NRCP PROGRAM			234,532	3,052,160	3,598,008	348,766	7,233,466	7,879,500	113,000	759,034



NEWS RELEASE

MINISTER FOR ARTS, HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENT

3 OCTOBER, 1986

JOINT STATEMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH MINISTER FOR ARTS,
HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENT AND THE NEW SOUTH WALES MINISTER FOR
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT.

NATIONAL RAINFOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM - NEW SOUTH WALES

The Commonwealth Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment, Mr Barry Cohen, and the New South Wales Minister for Planning and Environment, Mr. Bob Carr, announced today approximately \$2.6 million would be spent in 1986/87 on rainforest conservation in New South Wales as part of the National Rainforest Conservation Program.

The announcement was made today at the launch of the New South Wales component of the National Program at Minnamurra Reserve, a popular rainforest area near Kiama. The Commonwealth Government has allocated \$7 million this financial year to the National Program.

The Ministers said that the New South Wales Program integrated a wide range of projects to be supported jointly by both Governments. These include the acquisition of significant areas of privately owned rainforest for inclusion in national parks and reserves; planning and management for parks and reserves; provision of interpretive and visitor facilities; tourism studies; research and survey. The co-operative program will guarantee the conservation and management of the full range of rainforest types and values in the State.

A schedule of the projects to be undertaken and a map showing locations of projects are attached.

Mr. Carr said that the program will enable New South Wales to consolidate its already impressive rainforest conservation achievements.

Mr. Cohen said that the agreement between the two Governments was clear evidence that the co-operative approach to rainforest conservation can deliver substantial benefits. He looked forward to other States, particularly Queensland, sharing in the benefits of the National Rainforest Conservation Program.

Vicki Pattenore

Rainforest Task Group

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1. 645 Commonwealth
\$ 2,602,000

Wayne Fletcher — (062) 967 361
Vicki. 39

NATIONAL RAINFOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM -
NEW SOUTH WALES

Schedule of Projects 1986/87

Planning and management

Estimated Expenditure
(86/87)

\$

1.	Management plan - Werrikimbe National Park	20,000
2.	Management plan - Big Scrub remnants	30,000
3.	Rehabilitation of Big Scrub remnants	20,000
4.	Rehabilitation of rainforest at Seal Rocks, north of Newcastle	20,000
5.	Rehabilitation of Brunswick Heads Nature Reserve, north east of Lismore	40,000
6.	Vine eradication, Coocumbac Island, Taree	10,000
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		140,000

Visitor facilities

7.	Bar Mountain walking track, Border Ranges.	60,000
8.	Coombadjha walking track, Washpool National Park	40,000
9.	Minnamurra Falls walking track	40,000
10.	Forbes River walking track, Werrikimbe National Park	10,000
✓ 11.	Resource survey and development, Strickland State Forest, near Gosford	25,000
12.	Interpretive and visitor facilities, various <u>State Forests</u>	40,000
13.	Visitor facilities, Washpool National Park	20,000
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		235,000

Tourism study

14. New England/Dorrigo regional tourism study	10,000
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	10,000

Research and survey

15. Conservation planning for rare plants of Tweed volcano region, near Lismore	10,000
16. Tweed volcano region flora and fauna survey	10,000
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	20,000

Public information and interpretation

17. Rainforest Ecology Centre, Sea Acres Nature Reserve, Port Macquarie	250,000
18. Minnamurra Rainforest Centre	150,000
19. Rainforest Interpretive Centre, Dorrigo National Park	50,000
20. Rainforest Interpretive Centre, Cappers Gully, Gosford	80,000
21. Outdoor interpretive panels, Victoria Park Nature Reserve, near Lismore, and Werrikimbe National Park	30,000
22. Littoral rainforest rehabilitation handbook	20,000
23. Identification guide to NSW rainforest trees	30,000
24. Publication of rainforest inventory for NSW	30,000
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	640,000

Land acquisition

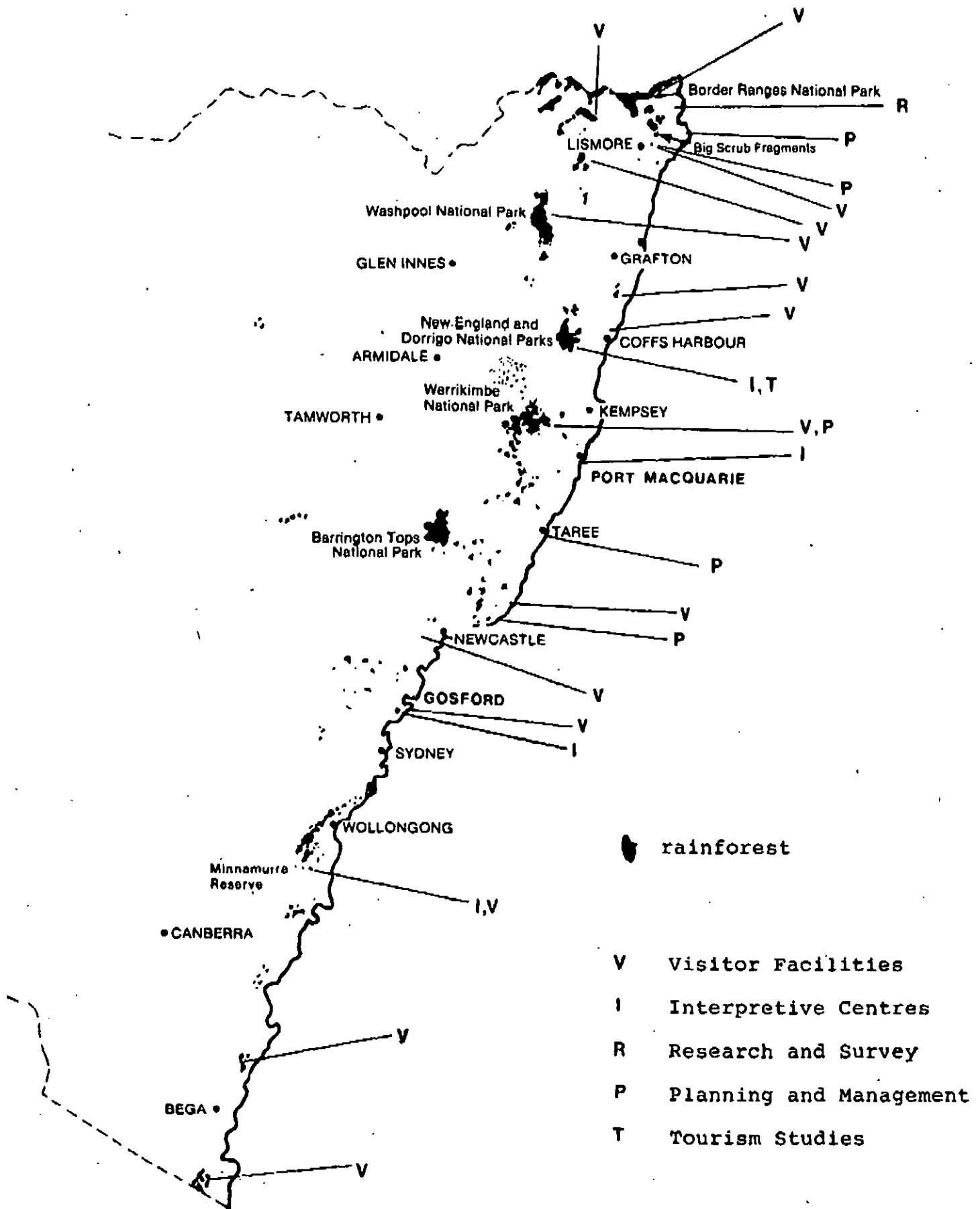
25. Acquisition of private rainforested land for inclusion in national parks and reserves	1,600,000
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Total Estimated Expenditure for 1986/87

\$2,645,000

National Rainforest Conservation Program - New South Wales

Location of Projects for 1986/87



NATIONAL RAINFOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAMNEW SOUTH WALESSCHEDULE OF PROJECTS 1987/88ESTIMATED
EXPENDITURE
(87-88)

PLANNING & MANAGEMENT

\$

1. Management plan - Big Scrub remnants	30,000
2. Management Plan - Barrington Tops NP	35,000
3. Rehabilitation of Big Scrub remnants	50,000 43,000
4. Rehabilitation of Seal Rocks rainforest, Myall Lakes NP	32,500
5. Rehabilitation of <u>Brunswick Heads NR</u>	40,000
6. Vine eradication, Coocumbac NR	30,000
7. Rehabilitation of Arakoon SRA	30,000
8. Rehabilitation of Shark Island rainforest	20,000
9. Rehabilitation of Mungo Brush rainforest, Myall Lakes NP	30,000
10. Rehabilitation of rainforest, Royal NP	60,000
11. Rehabilitation of <u>littoral rainforest, various sites</u>	60,000
12. Weed eradication, Stotts Island NR	20,000
13. Weed eradication, Limeburners Creek NR	10,000

29. Lady Carrington Drive track, 60,000
Royal NP

30. Summit restoration and track 85,000
rehabilitation, Mt Warning

31. Walking track and 35,000
facilities, Boorgana NR

32. Interpretive walking track, 40,000
Iluka NR

33. Track rehabilitation, New 35,000
England NP

34. Walking tracks and visitor 15,000
facilities, Mt Hyland NR

35. Burgh track, Garawarra SRA 50,000

36. Walking track and 10,000
interpretive facilities,
Murramarang NP

865,000

TOURISM STUDIES

37. New England - Dorrigo 20,000
regional tourism study

RESEARCH AND SURVEY

38. Conservation planning for 30,000
rare and endangered rainforest
plants and animals

39. Tweed volcano region, 40,000
biological survey

40. Biological survey of Woko NP 20,000
and Camels Humps NR

41. Investigation of population 25,000
decline in rainforest pigeons

42. Fauna survey, dry rainforest 10,000

43. Biological survey of Focal 15,000
Peak

14. Rehabilitation of Robertson NR	5,000
15. Rehabilitation of Comerong Island NR	12,000
16. Rehabilitation of Hacking River rainforests Garawarra SRA	100,000
17. Road closures and rehabilitation, Border Ras NP	20,000
18. Road closures and rehabilitation, Nightcap NP	20,000
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	604,500
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VISITOR FACILITIES

19. Minnamurra Falls walking track, Budderoo NP	60,000
? 20. Forbes River walking track, Werrikimbe NP	30,000
21. Resource survey and development, Strickland SF	35,000
22. Interpretive and visitor facilities, various SF	150,000
23. Redevelopment of walking tracks, Barrington Tops NP	40,000
24. Williams River pedestrian bridge, Barrington Tops NP	10,000
25. Walking track, Woko NP	30,000
? - 26. Sheepstation Creek walking track, Border Ras. NP	60,000
? - 27. Terania Creek walking track, Nightcap NP	50,000
28. Mt Nardi facilities, Nightcap NP	70,000

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where?

44. Use of remnant rainforest patches by flying foxes 50,000

45. Fire management study, Oxley Wild Rivers NP 30,000 *RS*

220,000

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND INTERPRETATION

46. Rainforest ecology centre, Sea Acres NR 375,000 *where? impact*

47. Minnamurra rainforest centre, Budderoo NP 250,000

48. Rainforest interpretive centre, Dorrigo NP 150,000 *SA*

49. Rainforest information centre, Rumbalara Reserve 195,000 *what where etc*

50. Outdoor interpretive panels 30,000 *where?*

51. Rainforest resource inventory book 20,000 *from book?? what*

52. Multipurpose rainforest video 40,000

53. Rainforest display

i) mobile component

ii) Lismore Heritage Centre component 45,000

54. Revised NSW-NRCP pamphlet 2,000

1,107,000

ACQUISITION

55. Acquisition of privately owned rainforested lands for inclusion in national parks and reserves 800,000

TOTAL

3,616,500

NP - National Park

NR - Nature Reserve

SRA - State Recreation Area

SF - State Forest

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COMMENTS ON THE N.S.W. SCHEDULES OF THE NATIONAL RAINFOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Nature Conservation Council of NSW, the National Parks Association and other appropriate environment groups be asked to submit a list of projects considered to be priorities for action under a rainforest conservation program.

A standardised requirement for submitting funding proposals and background information to the Commonwealth be devised.

An order of priorities be adopted as the framework against which funding is allocated and the process of funding 'ad hoc' individual projects be abandoned.

The priorities of actions for funding under the National Rainforest Conservation Program be as follows:

- 1 acquire and protect all inadequately represented rainforests and eliminate obvious threats & incompatible uses;
- 2 research, survey, identify the status of remaining NSW rainforests with a view to urgent protection;
- 3 where necessary, compensate and assist industry displaced by rainforest-protection;
- 4 plan for management and public use via formal planning process compatible with prime objective - rainforest preservation;
- 5 provide visitor facilities, public info and interpretation;
- 6 integrate commercial tourism activities (not accommodation) where compatible with (4).

Information on allocations per categories: Planning and Management; Visitor Facilities; Tourism Studies; Research and Survey; Public Information and Interpretation; & Acquisition; be made available for the 88/89 Schedule of the Program.

The Commonwealth independently evaluate the success of Projects, using both financial and environmental criteria, against Program objectives and Project aims, before subsequent funding for a project is approved.

A detailed independent audit of NSW NRfCP Projects be instituted immediately to ascertain the exact expenditure of Commonwealth funds allocated to Projects undertaken by NSW agencies.

It is a matter for the Minister to determine whether the return of a satisfactory audit should be a pre-requisite to the further granting of Commonwealth funds under the Program.

Projects funded in NSW National Parks and Nature Reserves be required to be comply with, or not be in conflict with, Plans of Management prepared using public participation processes.

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15th August, 1989.

Mr Gerard Early,
Policy Advisor,
Office of the Minister for Arts, Sport,
The Environment, Tourism and Territories,
C/- Parliament House,
CANBERRA. 2600

FAX No. (062) 734 130

Dear Gerard,

Re; National Rainforest Conservation Strategy -
Implementation of NSW Schedule of Projects

Please find attached a submission on this matter which we urge the Minister to consider closely before proceeding to approve additional funding of projects proposed under the Program by NSW agencies.

I apologise for the delay in formally supplying this advice, the substance of which I spelt out clearly in our earlier telephone conversations.

Important as the sorting out of Commonwealth State funding is, I have been pre-occupied with the NSW Parliament, and defending the natural environment from the excesses of the Greiner-Murray Government.

You will note that there are a range of recommendations made and questions posed in this submission. Do not consider these matters as simply rhetorical. The Council wishes that these questions be replied to, in due course, and responses made to our recommendations.

I hope that this information is in time to be considered in the Minister's decision.

I look forward your reply.

Yours sincerely,

John Corkill,
Vice-Chairperson.

J.R. Corkill

Draft

NCC

10 June

Hon B. Cohen
Minister for Arts, Heritage & Environment
Parliament House
Sydney

Dear Mr Cohen,

Rainforest Conservation Programme

You will recall that at the last meeting of the Peak Conservation organisations in your office, the N.C.C. raised the matter of the lack of consultation in NSW.

We have now learned that the National Parks & Wildlife Service's programme for the 1987/8 second instalment has recently been sent to you for approval. In these circumstances it appears that ~~the~~ ^{the} only input by ~~the~~ ^{the} voluntary conservation movement in NSW can be in respect of the 1988/9 year. We propose to write to the Director of the NSW NPWS in regard to the consultation for 1988/9 ~~and~~ ^{and} would appreciate you reminding the Service of its obligation to consult at the appropriate time.

Yours sincerely

J. MESSER CHAIRPERSON

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Carr, Corkill clash over parks management

The State Minister for Planning and Environment, Mr Carr, and a leading environmentalist, Mr John Corkill, of Lismore, have clashed over the management of national parks in New South Wales.

Their war of words follows comments by Mr Carr that he deplored the Big Scrub Environment Centre's opposition to the construction of walking tracks in the Border Ranges National Park.

Mr Corkill is the centre's project officer and the vice-president of the North Coast Environment Council.

Mr Carr last week told a public meeting at Alstonville that he was determined not to bar national parks to the public.

"I've got a fight with conservationists on my hands at the moment over this issue," he said.

Mr Carr later said that the National Parks and Wildlife service was constructing a walking track from Sheepstation Creek to the Forest Tops Rest Area in Border Ranges National Park.

"The walking track construction, which will cost \$60,000, is being funded jointly by the Commonwealth and State governments under the National Rainforest

By RORY MEDCALF and DEBRA GRAHAM

Conservation Program," he said.

He said that the track passed through areas which had been logged prior to the preservation of the Border Ranges National Park in 1982.

Mr Carr said that high standards of environmental protection would be maintained in the track construction with rare and endangered plants and special features being protected.

"Full environmental impact assessment of construction works is being undertaken and rainforest experts from the National Parks and Wildlife Service have thoroughly checked the track route," he said.

Mr Corkill said that Mr Carr did not have his facts correct in claiming that the centre was opposed to walking tracks.

But Mr Corkill said that the centre opposed the construction of the walking track at Sheepstation Creek because:

- The track would go through a population of a

species which was ranked 12th on the priority listing of rare or threatened plants in New South Wales. The plant, *clematis fawcettii*, was a small creeping vine, which had an ancient flower type and was considered a relic of rainforest evolution.

- There had been no environmental impact assessment made of the site. Construction on the track started before the final design had been completed and that design still was not completed. The district office of the National Parks and Wildlife Service had confirmed this.

- This proposal and numerous others had not been to the Lismore District Advisory Committee, effectively freezing any public comment or discussion of the suitability of this development.

- There was no urgency on this construction other than that the service had money in its pocket which it was burning to spend.

- The walking track was proposed to be

investigated and the subject of a feasibility study in 1990 in the Draft Plan of Management for the Border Ranges. The decision to go ahead and construct it without investigation or feasibility study brought the concept of considering the track two years forward and pre-empted the Draft Plan of Management.

Mr Corkill said the centre would defend parks throughout the state from isolated bureaucrats making ad hoc decisions just as conservationists did with the Forestry Commission in their attempts to log Terania Creek.

A detailed black and white line drawing of a rainforest scene. On the left, a large palm frond hangs down. On the right, a flowering plant with large, light-colored blossoms is visible. The background is filled with various tropical plants and trees. At the bottom, there are large rocks and more dense foliage.

Rainforest Information Centre

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URGENT

28.1.88

Friends,

This urgent action bulletin is being mailed out to all of you on our NSW address list that receive World Rainforest report.

As you will see from the copy of our letter to Barrie Unsworth overleaf, we are looking to put an end to rainforest logging in NSW before the state elections (promised for March - the date may have been announced by the time you receive this).

What we don't mention in our letter to Unsworth, is that we're planning a series of direct actions in NSW rainforests about ten days before the election date to push gun laws off the front page and put the rainforests there where they belong. These actions will take place in the Focal Peak forests, northern Washpool, Port Macquarie Forestry district, Taree area, and perhaps other areas.

The reason that we're not publicising the proposed actions is that it would then be too easy for the Forestry Commission to stop logging rainforests for a few weeks and thereby make it impossible to find rainforest logging operations to blockade.

On the recent rainforest roadshow we collected addresses of 200 people prepared once again to blockade rainforest logging operations. As well as these, we are in touch with a large number of people who live around Lismore, who took part in previous blockades. As explained in the letter to the Premier, 3/4 of our rainforests are still controlled by the Forestry Commission.

The Government is obliged to give 19 days notice of an election date and we are ready to move as soon as this announcement is made. If you wish to participate in the blockades or take part in Sydney actions, phone us for a date as soon as the election date is announced on (066-218505)

Please write letters immediately to Unsworth and encourage others to do so, calling for an end to rainforest logging in NSW.

for the Earth

John Seed

- (3)
- Need proposal summaries to consider
 - Draw up list of how we want to be involved. Politicians requiring consultation
 - High priority - effects of projects of R/F F/F
 - Adopt policy statements per se. eg chemicals
 - Solve problems with individual projects, regular meetings, feedback mechanisms,
 - NCEC, RLC, NEPAA, BSEC, NEFA
 - Geoff managing schedule for NPWS, may review Forestry Commission. DASETT keen to find any instrumentality in R/F conservation
 - State/Federal Govt relationships unclear. Priorities of other parties may not be the NPWS. How can new south wales program take on other group issues - eg Lands, Forestry, Conservation
 - * we want evaluation role, even you don't.
 - where did direction for current projects come from? community perceptions, high profile presentation for the public.
 - if you put up projects that require ongoing maintenance, is n't that expecting to get continued funding. Yes but...
 - hard to break down - historic dollar \$500000
regional - \$380.000
 - most facilities designed to low maintenance

- 1) Yes we want NRCP 2
- 2) Will assess proposals; ours + yours.
- 3) Need consultative process.
- 4) Project criteria + priorities.
- 5) Calendar dates - funding timetable
- 6) FOI - request out of frustration.

FOI - c/w not aware that NPWS has agreed to give us access to project findings... summaries. No problem with that.

Acquisitions - separate meeting needed.

Need to determine that NRCP 2 will go ahead before putting too much effort in it

* * We will dialogue with Ministers etc to prove the need to continue NRCP 2.

Want to have positive role, with progress. May disagree, but we will understand that we do + why. CAN THEN CHANGE IT.

• NEFA meeting: Armidale: can spread the message + get feedback quicker to give

• New phase - review useful, but not only

NRCP Posters for retail: * POSH
\$3 wholesale \$4 retail

New meeting: before end of August

Geoff Martin, John Hunter, Guy Holloway 15
John Corkill, Ellen White, Ellen White, Andrew Steed

Agenda

1. Review of NRCP
2. Supplementary funding to finalise NRCP 1
3. Project proposals for NRCP 2 - conservation org
4. Consultation procedures to compile NRCP 2.

DISCUSSION * review of agenda * OCF { Tugolo

→ next program - interim program

{ Jenner

→ NRCP No 2 not until after assessment

NRCP [aside] \$, Planning, Assessment, consultation.
- next round of priorities for acquisition

? overall assessment of existing proposals
for acquisition? idea, under threat.

A. No, systematic process, only 84 by Fayed
represented sub-alliances, rare + enlarged

③ Item 4? - get issues clear: - overall direction
1 or 2 (max) meetings.

- NRCP 1 - supplementary NRCP not starting 1991
- In 1990, allocations + methods determined to either continue, or temporarily shutdown.
- Need to lobby for NRCP 2 by DEC 1990.
- NRCP 1 must be evaluated prior to receiving NRCP 2
- Effect of Carson's / Bryants use much funding + makes acquisition very difficult + protracted.
- NRCP 1 has residual funds

provided e. to can provide funding. research ②

- N42 - Terania, Bordo. Ranges: new signs; No P.O.M. yet
- Many inappropriate developments without assessment
- C/W - wait bid from NSW, usually reduced in value
- Minnamurra Rainforest Centre - funded for 1991
- \$73K R/F rehabilitation, \$40K flying fox
- \$3K for Poster. Supportive information being compiled. Progress report on research is available
- must have background reports. Soon, not now!
 - may be available in a location suitable to us.
 - project summaries should be left at Big Scrub.
 - Need to receive information first.....

22/8/90 - Flying Fox seminar

Dorrigo - \$80K for displays, A/V classroom/lecture

- picnic area development. Funding accountability concern in area.

- State Forest Rainforests + private lands. Priority should be into research, assessment + prioritize. Too many developments to maintain.
- No assessment of impact of tourist development
- Poisons vs Manual: no records kept.
- Need specific list of our proposals
 - survey of unprotected remnants, their ability to be protected, + their conservation value
 - research into the existing environment + the impact of proposals / projects.

2.3. NSW RAINFOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAMME

submitted by BSEC.

Consultation with state environment groups agreed to at last meeting.

Limited consultation has occurred between the Nature Conservation Council of NSW and the NSW NPWS, mainly outlining 1986/87 activities.

NPWS has only disclosed in general terms the range of activities proposed to the Federal Government for 1988.

NPWS has recommended that NCC request that the Federal Government release details of approved National Rainforest Conservation projects and funds approved for 1988 be disclosed.

Questions to Minister

NCC has specific concerns re: use of funds for actual acquisition of rainforest for conservation. Percentage? In dollar terms?

NCC acknowledges the sensitive nature of disclosure and requests that confidence be extended.

Specific concerns re: Big Scrub Remnants Study. We will report.

Does 87/88 budget represent total of new allocation?
are 18 repeated items carried over from 86/87? does increases represent additional funds/blowouts!
What amount was actually spent last year in NSW from federal grants?
Specifically how much spent in NSW on acquisitions?

Below BSEC details refer to NSW NPWS Caldera P&M

very poor standard of planning document.

N.C. ^{environmentalists} conservationist do not accept that for eg. walking trail into Terania is a good idea.

Concerned that Federal N R F C P is pre-empting rational land use planning + management plan preparation

865,000
20,000
1,107,000
1,992,000

1,992 3,616.5
1,992
3,984

55.08% on Tourism
Visita facilities
Rebhi Int

\$ 800,000 22.12%

N.R.C.P 87/88 6.08%

P + M	604,500		16.7
Vis Fac	865,000	865,000	23.9
Tourism Studies	20,000	20,000	.55
R + Survey	220,000		6.08
Public Info Int.	1,107,000	1,107,000	30.61
R.G. Acq.	800,000	1,992,000	22.12
			99.96

Tourism Development

55.08%

R.C. Program 86/87

P of M.	140,000		5.29%
Vis Fac.	235,000	235,000	8.88
Tourism St.	10,000	10,000	.38
R + Survey	20,000		.76
Public Int Int	640,000	640,000	24.2
Acq.	1,600,000		60.5

2,645,000

885,000

100.01%

NSW { 1,027 38.8%

Fed. { 1,645 62.2

33,46%

NRF Car Program details

86/87.

Project No	Title	Est. Expenditure 86/87
2	Man Plan - B.S. rem.	30,000
3	Rehab of B.S. rem	20,000

22. Lit Rf Handbook

23.

24.

27 NOV 1989



£ NCC
to follow up.
AT. HGW. F.F.B.
interested

ASSETS MANAGEMENT POLICY MEETING

INVITATION

THE N.S.W. STATE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THE PREPARATION OF THEIR ASSETS MANAGEMENT POLICY. THIS POLICY WILL PROVIDE FOR THE LEASING AND DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC ASSETS SUCH AS SCHOOLS, COURTS, RAILWAYS, HOSPITALS, EVEN PARKLANDS.

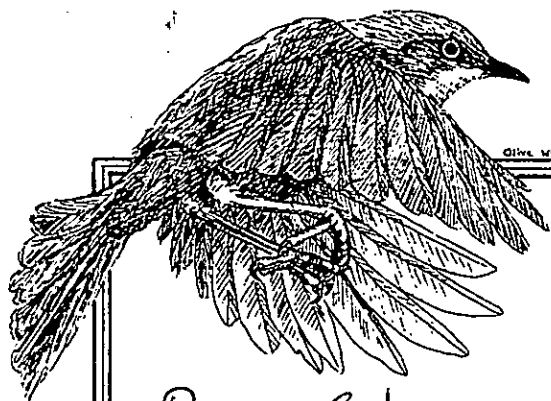
TO FACILITATE DISCUSSION ON THE POLICY THE NATIONAL TRUST IS HOSTING A MEETING OF INTERESTED COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ASSOCIATIONS AND INVITES THE ATTENDANCE OF A MEMBER OF YOUR ASSOCIATION.

<u>TIME</u>	7.00pm
<u>DATE</u>	Monday 4th December 1989.
<u>PLACE</u>	National Trust Centre Observatory Hill, Sydney.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING ARE -

- 1) TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON THE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC ASSETS;
- 2) TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR OPEN DEBATE; AND
- 3) TO REACH A CONSENSUS ON THE DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC ASSETS.

THE MEETING OFFERS YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT YOUR CONCERNS AND TO HEAR THE VIEWS OF OTHERS. IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND PLEASE CONTACT MS. SANDRA ROBINSON AT THE TRUST ON PH. 258 0123.

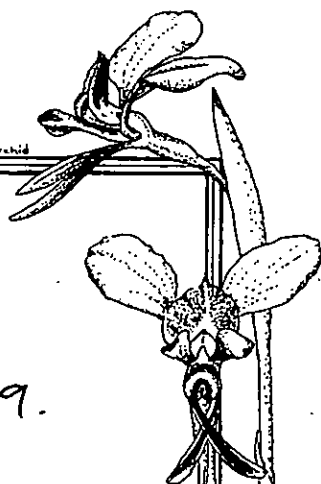


Olive Whistler

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Phone (066) 21 3278

Banking Orchid



Russ Corben,
Chairman,
Lismore District Parks Advisory Committee.

23-1-89.

Dear Russ,

Please find attached letter + info re NCEC's inquiries into
the Federal Gov'ts Rainforest Can. Program.

I'd be grateful if you would write up your comments on
any projects that you are aware have been funded
under the Program. Please use the attached question forms.

Dailan Pugh + Nan Nicolson have been asked for
comments but I'd appreciate the names of others who
may have views or info. Please phone me and advise
these people's names + addresses and I'll mail this info
out to them.

Cheers for now.

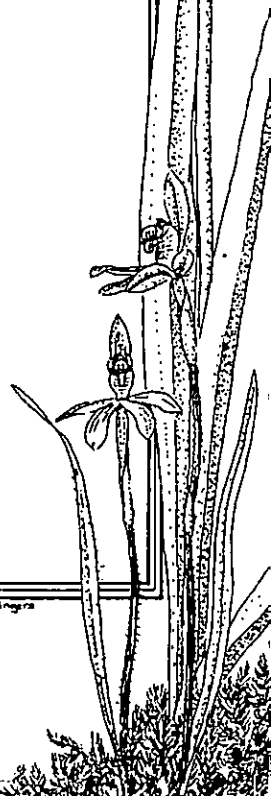
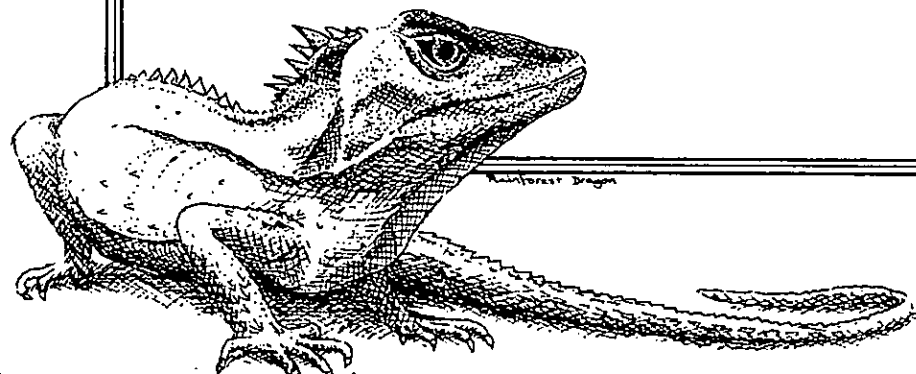
John Corkill.

P.S. Standby for Washpool action stations!

♥ J

Rainforest Dragon

Pink Fingers



World Heritage

buffer areas

Barrington - proposed Rd. - additions

Bunder Ranges - Walking track
- Bar Mtn

Iluka - development

Werrisimbe - Plateau Beech + additions
- logging adjacent

Nth Washpool

New England - additions after logging?!

POSSIBLE PROJECTS

NRC Program

representative

team ★ faunal survey of all extant Rf outside NP's.
flora → enter G.I.S.

tourists?

★ effects of poisons on Rf flora + fauna

fire

eg Iluka → also impact of urban dev

★ Brushbox status (definition of forest types by Fr Cam)

★ Continued bush regeneration? No poisons!

Co-ordinated management should have been achieved under NRFC P.I

★ Bangil Bangil acquisitions of Private Lands
Horton's Creek.

★ Impact of urban development on urban Rf Remnants
sewage, pets, garbage, nutrients,

★ Seed collection + ~~prop~~ propagation

★ Rf plantation research for extant trial plant cuts

Peter Hitchcock: 26.5.87

Tourism Study of R.F. contribution to tourist activity.
Dorrigo / Coffs area - quantified in \$ terms:
applicability to Finc. and Qld.

this project to be commenced this financial year under
N.R.F. C. Program. Joint NSW/DATE: 18 months.

Last years program - same difficulty to implement program.
October agreement - January DATE funding rec'd.
weren't gear up to spend all \$ allocated will carry over
\$ to July, August - 87/88.

Not all acquisition areas able to be purchased.
Tweed Brunswick areas - Commonwealth agreed to carry over
this program in order to allow negotiation.
I.C.O.'s a possibility - CAPBred.
7 Categories.

NSW Forestry Com. R.F. management = interpretive facilities in
Flora Reserves.

Interpretive Facilities

Minnamurra Dave Collins - (Project Manager) 900,000 DATE
200,000 NSWOPWS.

Sea Acres 30,000 people or existing operator

Dorrigo
(Myang)

35 + (15) For. Can (8)

Money to cover all ed. costs not simply capital costs: re-design of
park activities + design. June July commence construction open
Jan Feb

Sea Acres: want good building + facilities in R.F.
on site at pre-existing facility. 2 storey
elevated walk-way \$ 750,000. overall = 1m?
fast structure, faunal floral aspects, micro climate,
diverse edu. materials:

Parrigo.
up grading current trail - higher quality trails.
continuing planning of overall concept.
'The Glade' loop track, wheelchair access, elevated
walkway, top qual. interp. materials at 3 locations (2 on
walkway). funds guaranteed \$ 300,000.
exhibition room at top end of The Glade interpretive materials.
theme: Birds in R.F. - library of bird-calls

Future Interpretive

Wilson's River Heritage Center:
cloned: travelling display

Border Ranges } Plans of Management - Caldera Plan:
Werrikimbe } 2 year wait:

Big Scrub: Plan of Management - identified BS.
overall management objectives - specific site objectives

Davis Scrub. * no public plans.

Vic. Park: -

Wilson ~

Rotary

Johnson.

Boatharbour:

Jim Sterling: Ashley Love: Greg Croft: | Planning Committee
H.O. NPWS NRO NPWS L.O. rivers.

Bar Mtn walking track ✓

Washpool Combadye walking trail ✓
Nthn boundary old trail

Barrington - P of M. - delayed to next year. - in house.
casualty assistance

Gloucester Tops.

✓ Pedestrian bridge at Tops Guest house. Williams River
Tops deferred.

Wolko walking tracks will go ahead this year.
private land acquisition - river areas - walking
trail into dry Rf.

Darigo NE P of M. in house near completion
Werrikimbe walking tracks regeneration camping area.
Forbes R.

Arakoon ^{SPA} [rehab. litt. Rf.] replanting + fencing.

Big Scrub Remnant: rehab.

Vic Park - replanting +

Boatharbour - fencing and further re-planning.

Border Ranges - to be funded 87/88.

Sheep Station Ck.

Mt Nardi: trail walking trail Steve Correll. car parking.
law key platform + shelter. deck.

77 projects = for 87/88
acquisition 1 project.

(60) ?

NOW must match DAHE grant. \$ for \$
not major interp. materials.

NPA Armidale

1986/87
\$

87/88
\$

88/89
\$

✓ Oxley Wild Rivers
Fire Management study

30000

~~Long Point facility &
walking track~~

← Not approved.

~~20000~~

2/ Budd's Mare facilities and
Budmore Range
-walking track

20,000

Dear Mrs. John

P.S. I have a member, Jenny Pryor P.O. Box 493
Armidale

who would like to work on conservation of coastal
wetlands — wants info on any organization
especially devoted to wetlands.

Could you send her any names & addresses
that could be of help. She may be phoning
you herself; (re: my very Jim T. edder)
— Beth.

Sent 8-3-89
Ellen

NATIONAL RAINFOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name of the Project: *Budd's Mare - Apsley River Visitor Facilities (Oxley Wild Rivers National Park)*
(as per the NSW Schedules)

2. Project Budget: \$....1986; \$....1987; \$20,000...1988-89

3. Estimated Budget Breakdown - per centages

Staff: 50% Materials: 50% Other?:

4. Name of Park or Reserve: *Oxley Wild Rivers National Park*

5. NPWS Region: *Northern*

NPWS District: *Armidale*

6. NPWS Supervising Officer:

Armidale District Superintendent R.W. Leggat

7. Dates of Project Activity: *From July '88 - June 89. No work yet carried out, except for site inspections (as at 2/2/89)*

8. Project Goals:

To offer track-head facilities, with viewing platform, campsites, 2 rubbish pits, shared toilet, at a site close to good quality, dry rainforest: loop walking-track through dry rain-forest is included in concept plus sign-posting of existing walking-track to Apsley River. From campsite, return distance of rain-forest loop-walk could be 7-8 Km, but may prove to be much shorter than shown in concept plan.

10. Has a Plan of Management been prepared for the park or reserve?

YES / ☒ NO

11. Was the Project Activity consistent with the Plan of Management?

YES / NO

If not, how?

If so, how?

12. ^{Will} Did the Project meet "rainforest conservation" objectives?

☒ YES / NO

If not, how?

If so, how?

Project is educational. Dry-rainforest is "different"; there has not been much attempt by the Service to interpret it before this - certainly not in this park, which is a major conservation area for dry rainforest. The rain-forest walk will achieve this, but Service needs to ensure that money is spent on the tracks, not exhausted by campsite facilities only.

13. What other priorities for Rainforest Conservation in NSW do you see as still needing to be addressed?

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Address: *54 Markham St, Armidale 2350*

Member of: *National Parks Association, Armidale Branch*

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1. Name of the Project: *Oxley Wild Rivers Fire Management Study*
(as per the NSW Schedules) Total; final Payment to UNE when report delivered, early 1989.
2. Project Budget: \$.....1986; \$ *30,000* 1987/88 ☒
3. Estimated Budget Breakdown - per centages
Staff: *55%* Materials: *5%* Other?: *40% Contract to University*
4. Name of Park or Reserve: *OXLEY WILD RIVERS NATIONAL PARK*
5. NPWS Region: *Northam* NPWS District: *ARMIDALE*
6. NPWS Supervising Officer: *District Superintendent R.W. Leggat.*
7. Dates of Project Activity: *1988*
8. Project Goals: *To obtain information required for effective management of dry rainforest remnant, recognized as significant and poorly conserved element of Aust. rainforest; especially to formulate fire management strategies to conserve and perhaps expand dry rainforest patches, and prevent further attrition by fire in Oxley Wild Rivers NP. Detailed objectives below:*
10. Has a Plan of Management been prepared for the park or reserve?
YES / ☒ NO
11. Was the Project Activity consistent with the Plan of Management?
Detailed objectives: ☒ YES / ☒ NO
If not, how? *If so, how?* *N/A*
- ① Identify distribution pattern of dry rainforest in Oxley Wild Rivers NP
② Ascertain fire history & effect on current distribution of dry rainforest
③ Ascertain *susceptibility* to further attrition by fire of dry rainforest.
④ To develop assessment procedures as management tool for identifying patches, *eg. field investigations & microclimate variation across boundaries, fuel data, etc.*
12. Did the Project meet "rainforest conservation" objectives?
☒ YES / ☒ NO
- If not, how? If so, how?
Project will help NPWS. to develop effective fire management plan essential to maintain and conserve dry rainforest patches which are a significant and important resource in Oxley Wild Rivers NP.
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*Protection and better management of rainforest remnants in private ownership and in Forestry Commission areas.
Firm application of SEPP provision for littoral rainforest*
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Peter Metcalfe, Armidale C.A.E., Armidale 2350.

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Address: *PO Box 330 Armidale 2350*

Member of... *Armidale N.P.A.*

ph. 064-424454

NPA Clarence River

	1986/87 \$	87/88 \$	88/89 \$
Susan Island Grafton	—	—	20,000 40,000
Iluka NR Disabled access	—	approx \$26,000	— ? Bush Regeneration (Weed Control)
		approx \$20,000	Interpretation - walking track extension with photomental plate signs - Information Diptych with Shelter. - Draft leaflet.

no money allocated '88-'89.



C/- J. TEDDER
PAVANS RD., GRASSY HEAD,
via STUARTS POINT. 2441
(065) 69 0802

24/1/89

Dear Secretary,

This Council is assessing the value of the National Rainforest Conservation Program in which the Federal Government provided three years of funds for various projects.

Could you please comment on the projects which are listed on the attached sheet. We are especially anxious to obtain 'on the ground' assessments of the value and relevance of the work.

Please use the attached evaluation questionnaire to provide answers, and return to Big Scrub Environment Centre
f.a. J.Corkill
88A Keen St.,
Lismore 2480

as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

J.L.O.Tedder,
Hon.Sec.

Copies to: Mid.N.C. NPA, Three Valleys NPA, Clarence Valley NPA,
Armidale NPA, Great Lakes Conservation Socy/ Manning Wilderness
Support Group, Bellingen & Plateau Conservation Society.



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YES / NO

If not, how?

If so, how?

12. Did the Project meet "rainforest conservation" objectives?

YES / NO

If not, how?

If so, how?

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Minister 14/7/89

New England National Park - plan with Minister for
adoption

Washpool National Park
Gibraltar Range National Park - combined plan currently
on exhibition

Barrington Tops National Park - plan exhibition
completed

Bundjalung National Park

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exhibition

Werrikimbe National Park - plan at final draft stage

Big Scrub Nature Reserves - first draft

REPORTS TO COME

GRIFFITH: Woko/Camel's Hump Survey

FLOYD: Rainforests of New South Wales

RECHER & DATE: Plan of Management for rainforest pigeons in
New South Wales.

: Rainforest remnants rehabilitation survey
(managed by S. Phillips - Lismore District)

HORTON: Littoral rainforest management handbook
(managed by J. Hunter - Northern Region)

MILLS: Illawarra Escarpment rainforest survey

BARKER: Dry rainforest survey
(managed by Dan Lunney - Head Office)

WITH SUPERINTENDENT LISMORE - FOR REVIEW

- : Final report on fauna survey of Focal Peak area
- : Final report on fauna survey of Tweed Volcano
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per J. Carkeil. 2/12/87



NEW SOUTH WALES
MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
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2 December 1987



NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

F/0048

TO: Regional Manager, Northern Region
FROM: (Acting) Senior Ranger Hunter, Kyogle Sub-District.

Re: Sheepstation Creek - Forest Top Track.

As requested, please find attached report on above walking track. Please confirm that track investigation and maintaining is to continue.

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PROPOSED SHEEPSTATION CREEK FOREST AREA & FOREST TOPS REST
AREA WALKING TRACK

The concept, the Country and Constraints.

THE CONCEPT: It is proposed to link the Sheepstation Creek Rest Area to Forest Top Rest Area by way of a walking track. Sheepstation Creek Rest Area is the main camping area in Border Ranges National Park.

Usage of the area by groups for education and recreation is expected to increase when etc, buses (proposed in the draft plan of management for the park) is implemented.

It is anticipated that this facility will increasingly function as a "point of arrival" in the park.

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The proposed link between Sheepstation Creek and Forest Top is seen as providing a link in a walking track system which will allow visitors to experience the park on foot. It would then be possible for the visitor to walk from Sheepstation Creek to the guest houses in Lamington National Park or to the Southern (Lillian Rock) end of the Tweed Range Scenic Drive without using the roadway, except for short sections from Forest Top to Brindle Creek and North or South from Tweed Valley Lookout.

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It was intended that further investigation of the area between (A) and (B) be undertaken by Park Worker John McConnel.

OTHER CONSTRAINTS: Apart from the physical constraints related to the landscape and discussed above, the other known constraint relates to the presence of Clematis fawcettii. Available information on this species is attached. To summarise, the species is ranked number twelve in the priority listing of rare or threatened plants in NSW and is ranked as endangered in this state. It is known at present from six areas in the state, four of which are in Border Ranges National Park. One of these is Sheepstation Creek, where four small patches are known. Seven or more records are known from Queensland.

Three of these areas in Sheepstation Creek are on flat or gently sloping ground and the track should be able to skirt around them. The fourth is on the interfluvium of a gully and the main creek; any track in that area would necessitate the removal of part of the patch. It is presently not considered necessary to go through this last mentioned patch and I have recommended that the track not cross the creek there as was intended.

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KYOGLA SUB-DISTRICT

- C/ 1. Superintendent, Lismore.
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NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

F/0048

Information on Clematis fawcettii (Ranunculaceae).

QUEENSLAND: Based on Thomas and McDonald (1987) and McDonald (Pers. Comm.) status: 3rc. Known from parts of Moreton and Darling Downs pastoral districts. Present in Lamington National Park (5 sites) and Mount Barney National Park (no. of sites unknown). Also known from Mount Tamborine.

NEW SOUTH WALES: Species ranked No. 12 in the priority list developed by Benson (1983) (Appendix xv). Status: 3E. Rigwins: 53(?), 56. (Note: the Aspley Falls record is now considered a mis-identification (National Herbarian, Pers. comm.) and was last confirmed by J B Williams (Pers Comm).

Action Code: E. Location not adequately known, survey required.

KNOWN RECORDINGS:

1. Naughton's Gap, Casino (1914). No later records.
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3. Wilson P/C, Lismore - Williams, 1985.
4. Ptn 38, Tyalgum (Bryants, Tweed Valley) 1 Specimen - Hunter, 1956
5. Sawpit Creek, Border Ranges National Park - Floyd 1986.
6. Lynchs Creek, Border Ranges National Park - Hunter 1986 - 2 specimens.
7. Lemon Tree Creek, Border Ranges National Park - Hunter 1987 - 5 Small Patches.
8. Sheepstation Creeek, Border Ranges National Park - 4 Small Patches - Hunter 1987-88.

HABITAT: Subtropical Rainforest, including complex and mixed notophyll forest, and dry rainforest (Arancarian microphyll vine forest). (Thomas and McDonald, 1987).

I have normally found the species in light gaps, either along creeks or in logged areas. One area in Sheepstation is closed.

GENERAL

Listed as a relict species which has retained primitive floral characters (Leigh et. al. 1987 in Benson, 1983).

Leigh et al. (1983) " an extremely rare species which now appears to be on the verge of extinction".

"Not presently known in the field and searches are needed in an effort to find surviving plants".

"Horticultural potential unknown".

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ATTENTION! CHIEF OF STAFF - EDITORIAL

"TIMES ON SUNDAY" FAIRFAX MEDIA...

NEWS RELEASE - 30-1-'88

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"We thought that we had secured the long term protection of the North Coast National Parks with the declaration by the Wran Government in 1982. but have been sorely disappointed to realise that we must continue to defend the parks natural values from the actions of the National Parks and Wildlife Service as a 'gung-ho' developer", said Mr Corkill, Vice-President of the North Coast Environment Council.

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Clematis fawcettii is a delicate ancient vine species, which is thought to be a relic of the rainforests evolution. This species is currently listed as number 12 on the endangered species list in N.S.W. and was previously thought to be extinct in N.S.W. until a number of isolated populations were discovered in the Border Ranges.

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Chris Merritt - Chief of Staff - Tuesday

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ATTENTION! NEWS DIRECTOR / CHIEF OF STAFF

"A.B.C. CHANNEL TWO" ...

NEWS RELEASE - 30-1-'88

NORTH COAST ENVIRONMENTALISTS HAVE CONGRATULATED SOUTH COAST CONSERVATION GROUPS ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN TO HAVE THE TANTAWANGALOW AND COOLANGUBBRA NATIONAL PARKS DECLARED BUT HAVE WARNED THAT THE DECLARATION OF NEW PARKS DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT THEY WOULD BE PROTECTED OR PROPERLY MANAGED.

"We thought that we had secured the long term protection of the North Coast National Parks with the declaration by the Wran Government in 1982. but have been sorely disappointed to realise that we must continue to defend the parks natural values from the actions of the National Parks and Wildlife Service as a 'gung-ho' developer", said Mr Corkill, Vice-President of the North Coast Environment Council.

Mr Corkill said that there were numerous developments with serious environmental impacts being pushed through by the Parks Service without satisfactory Plans of Management in a large number of north coast National Parks.

"The case at Sheepstation Creek in the Border Ranges N.P. is a classic example. Here the proposed walking track will pass through several small populations of an endangered species, *Clematis fawcettii*. Construction of the track started without the final design being completed, without an assessment of environmental impact being undertaken, and as such is clearly an expedient 'ad-hoc' development", said Mr Corkill.

Clematis fawcettii is a delicate ancient vine species, which is thought to be a relic of the rainforests evolution. This species is currently listed as number 12 on the endangered species list in N.S.W. and was previously thought to be extinct in N.S.W. until a number of isolated populations were discovered in the Border Ranges.

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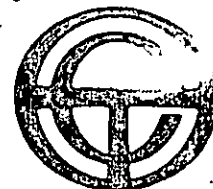
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TOTAL ENVIRONMENT CENTRE INC.

18 Argyle St, Sydney, NSW 2000. Phone 27 4714 or 27 2523

5th January, 1988



Dear *Judy and Nerke*

DE JAN 1988

ELECTION STRATEGY MEETING

January 22, 1988

10am at TEC

Please come to the next meeting of our informal election strategy group. As a result of our previous meetings there is now an Environment Group standing for the Upper House and an issues leaflet has been finalised.

January 22 will be an opportune time as there is likely to have been a decision on woodchips by then. If it goes our way one can imagine the pressure Labor may wish to exert on our electoral preferences.

Other items that need discussion are:

- funding of leaflet printing
- distribution of the leaflets
- a second brochure
- other strategies

In regard to the issues leaflet - the final text of which is enclosed - I believe I have obtained agreement from the four sponsoring groups. One small addition has been made - to the National Parks issue which calls for protection in the NSW Constitution of national park boundaries.

There has been some criticism of the point of the issues leaflet eg it should have directions about how to vote. This was not the intention of it, rather it is intended to set the agenda. ACF has proposed a second leaflet comparing say six policies from each political group.

It is my strong feeling that we should be seen to be jointly acting as far as possible. This is probable on the first two brochures, but as the degree of support or otherwise for parties becomes more articulated each of our groups may take a different line.

With a possible election in March we have a lot of work to do!



Regards,
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THE NATURE CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF NSW

NATURE CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF NSW

prime nuclear target. ~~The State Government could campaign for the New Zealand example to be followed.~~

The environment movement wants detailed policies from the political parties and independent candidates. We should refuse to accept rhetoric.

Conservation organizations and their individual members should lobby candidates about these and local issues. The past performance of the parties is also important.

YOUR VOTE IS VITAL TO THE ENVIRONMENT

Further information: Jeff Angel
c/- Total Environment Centre
18 Argyle St.
Sydney 2000

On the anniversary of 200 years of environmental degradation the community, more than ever, is aware of the urgent need to protect the natural and urban environment.

Environmentalist are calling for enlightened and credible action from the politicians. Environment groups have embarked on a campaign to obtain this. ~~The green, peace and the animal protection vote~~ can determine the outcome of the NSW State Election.

- Nature Conservation Council of NSW, Total Environment Centre, Australian Conservation Foundation, The Wilderness Society

THE MAJOR ISSUES INCLUDE

Woodchipping - Our South East forests have been assaulted by woodchipping for over 17 years. Now Harris Daishowa want to renew their woodchip export licence. A policy is needed that will ensure the gazettal of proposed national parks (eg Tantawangalo and Coolangubra), the refusal of further export licences and the establishment of a sustainable timber industry.

Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers - Conservationists have achieved a major win with the passing of the Wilderness Act. Now we need an assurance that our little remaining wilderness will be declared and protected under the Act as a matter of urgency. A Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is also necessary.

National Parks - Many wonderful areas have been declared as National Parks in recent years but there are still many more significant coastal and inland areas that need protection. ^{national and reserves} There should be no mineral exploration or mining in national parks and nature reserves. ^{the boundaries of the parks should be protected in the NSW Constitution (this requires a referendum to change them)}

Wetlands - Some developers are pressing to have the boundaries of protected wetlands reduced and to have policies weakened (e.g. Ocean Shores, Byron Bay). There should be coherent protection for both inland and coastal freshwater wetlands.

Marine Parks - The reservation of marine and estuarine environments has lagged. New parks are needed and ocean dumping of industrial wastes should be vigorously opposed.

^{repeat!} ~~Rare Flora and Fauna - An Endangered Species Act is needed to ensure the conservation of endangered plants and animals not protected by national parks.~~

Land Degradation - Legislation to protect erodible lands is still a paper tiger. Thousands of hectares are being cleared annually, including marginal lands in the inland; soil erosion and salinity risks are high. The Murray-Darling system is at crisis point.

Urban Bushland - All remaining urban bushland (public and private) should be protected through State Environmental Planning Policies and gazetted plans of management. Bushland in public open space should be given a permanent conservation status.

Rainforest Logging and Imports - NSW is still logging rainforests. Major areas, such as Focal Peak and littoral rainforests, should be protected in national parks. Imports of rainforest timbers should be banned and substitutes promoted.

^{tabling?}
^{+ collecting}
Wildlife Protection - The hunting of native flora and fauna for pleasure should be phased out. The killing of kangaroos for commercial purposes is not supported.

Rare Flora and Fauna - An Endangered Species Act is needed, with special management plans to safeguard plants and animals at risk.

Reform of the Forestry Commission - It should be mandatory for the Commission to produce environmental impact statements and for the public to be involved in the preparation of management plans. A community advisory committee is also needed.

Public Participation in Planning - Special acts and fast tracking have overridden the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and the right of the public to have a say. The Act should be strengthened to protect such rights. All local government areas need elected representatives.

Transport - The DMR is again planning inner city and suburban freeways that will divide communities and destroy urban bushland. Inner city environments are being choked and polluted by traffic and carparks. What we need is people-sensitive and environmentally acceptable transport plans.

Tourism - Speculators are pushing to alienate prime coastal, mountain and residential areas for hotel development; major proposals are being fast tracked. Public involvement, nature conservation goals and housing needs must be recognized.

Urban Consolidation - A good and necessary idea in principle but there must be enforceable and strong protection for remnant natural areas, public open space, solar access, neighbourhood character and community services.

Toxic Chemical Pollution - Regulation of pesticide use must be improved by overhaul of the Department of Agriculture's registration procedures. The use of safer alternatives should be actively encouraged. Industry using hazardous chemicals should be relocated to industrial parks with buffer zones.

Air and Water Pollution - Independent air pollution monitoring is being downgraded and replaced by industry self-monitoring. Because air pollution control strategies rely on credible and accurate data the present trend should be reversed. Water resource management must be further improved.

Ozone - Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) are wrecking the ozone layer. State laws should ban the production of CFCs.

A Nuclear-Free State - The visits of nuclear armed ships and the massive proposed development of Jervis Bay makes NSW a prime nuclear target. The State Government could campaign for the New Zealand example to be followed.

Limited time table to process recommendations to NSW
Advisory Council

Better way to prepare D.P.M. being looked for

Bundjalung + Iluka.

Big Scrub remnants

Broken Head

Need to set up good reference collections in District Office

Corporate Plan + NPWS Policy soon to be released



'THE BIG SCRUB' ENVIRONMENT CENTRE INC.
SUBMISSION

TO THE

**NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE,
DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT**

FOR THE

CALDERA RAINFOREST PARKS AND RESERVES
BEING

**BORDER RANGES AND NIGHTCAP NATIONAL PARKS
LIMPINWOOD AND NUMINBAH NATURE RESERVES,**

PURSUANT TO

**SECTION 75,
NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE ACT, 1974.**

NOVEMBER, 1987.



INTRODUCTION

'The Big Scrub' Environment Centre Incorporated is a voluntary association incorporated under the N.S.W. Associations Incorporation Act, 1984.

Founded in 1981, the Centre now operates a shopfront business at 88A Keen Street, Lismore. Members of The Centre cover a wide cross section of the community: students, rural land holders, urban citizens, working people and the unemployed, children and grandparents.

As its' central aim:

" "The Centre" shall aim to promote the conservation, protection and betterment of the environment along sound ecological principles and guidelines. "

In pursuit of The Centre's first objective:

"Acting as an environmental voice, public advocate and community conscience by adopting policies and undertaking action to support the good health of the global environment, including: public statements, press releases and submissions... "

- the following comments and recommendations, prepared after extensive discussion amongst the Centre's members, are forwarded as a Submission under s.75 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974.

The Centre wishes to applaud the N.S.W. National Parks and Wildlife Service for making a decision to plan for the management of the Caldera Rainforest Parks and Reserves.

This decision, by the N.S.W. public landholders to address issues of concern in these public lands, is welcomed by members of the public through whose interest and action these Rainforest Parks were saved from destruction & gazetted as reserves for protection.

A Plan of Management for these internationally significant areas is seen to be especially desirable since the special attributes of these rainforest reserves have been recognised by national and international agencies, leading to their listing under the World Cultural and Natural Heritage Convention administered by the World Heritage Committee of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, (U.N.E.S.C.O.).

Members of the The Big Scrub Environment Centre expect that a Draft Plan of Management for these areas should be of an international standard commensurate with the reserves acknowledged attributes.

Specific criticisms of the Draft Plan are spelt out in the following comments.

SUMMARY

It is the view of the members of The Big Scrub Environment Centre that this Draft Plan of Management is not a satisfactory document for the protection, planning or management of the internationally recognised World Heritage Rainforests - priceless global jewels.

The Draft Plan consistently does not provide sufficiently detailed information about:

- * the reserves' natural resources,
- * existing facilities and resultant impacts,
- * definitions or explanations of terms or phrases used, or
- * references and planning documents used in the process of preparing the Draft Plan.

The omission of this key information is seen as significantly weakening the Draft Plan and handicapping the members of the public who are reading the Draft, or wishing to comment upon it.

The Centre is concerned that this Draft Plan of Management for a World Heritage area has proceeded without the completion of basic studies on the areas' rare and endangered species, since this process seems quite inconsistent with rational planning procedures.

In particular, the proposals to site numerous major additional visitor facilities in the immediate area of identified rare and endangered species are unacceptable since they appear to breach both the N.S.W. legislation and the international Convention.

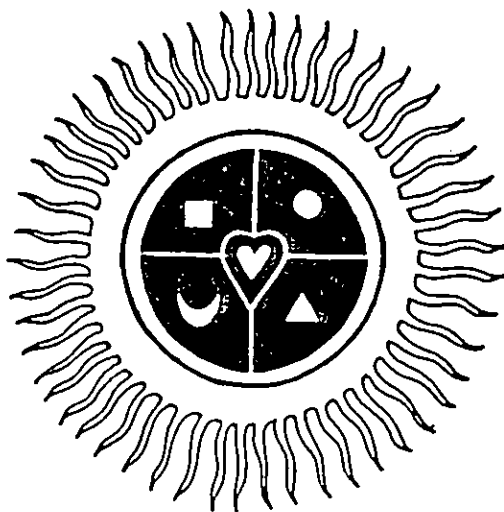
For these reasons, members of The Centre are concerned that the Draft Plan does not guarantee the long term protection of the areas unique natural features.

The production of a Draft Plan of this poor quality, when a Plan of international standing is required, threatens the Services' reputation as the guardian and wise manager of these public lands.

If the N.S.W. National Parks and Wildlife Service is to deserve the claimed high world ranking and satisfy the community's expectations for an internationally reputable wildlife management agency, major redrafting of the Draft Plan of Management is required before the Plan is gazetted and before any additional works proceed on projects the subject of objection.

This substantially redrafted Plan of Management should be re-exhibited and further comments invited from the public.

Subsequent amendments to the Plan of Management should also be exhibited, together with the studies conducted on the sites for any proposed development allowing for public comment, before any management decisions are made or acted upon.



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23 OCT 1987

EMBARGO: SUNDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1987 - P.M.



NEW SOUTH WALES
MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
AND
MINISTER FOR HERITAGE

PRESS RELEASE

FURTHER BOOST TO RAINFOREST CONSERVATION IN NEW SOUTH WALES

More than \$3.6 million is to be spent on rainforest conservation in New South Wales as part of the 1987/88 National Rainforest Conservation program.

Announcing details of the funds today, the Federal Minister for the Environment, Senator Graham Richardson and the N.S.W. Minister for Environment and Planning, Mr. Bob Carr, said this represents an increase of \$1 million over the amount allocated for 1986/87.

"In 1982, the N.S.W. Labor Government made a historic decision to protect the state's rainforests. This bold conservation step created Washpool and Nightcap National Parks and dramatically expanded Dorriggo, Border Ranges, Werrikimbe, Barrington Tops and New England National Parks.

"In 1986 these rainforests were placed on the World Heritage List."

Senator Richardson said the National Rainforest Conservation Program was established by the Federal Labor Government in 1986.

"It provides continuing financial assistance for planning, management, land acquisition and visitor facility projects within our rainforest parks.

"Most of the works funded by the program will be matched dollar for dollar by the State Government and will be undertaken by the N.S.W. National Parks Service. The program ensures that these magnificent natural areas are not only preserved but also made available for the enjoyment of all Australians", Senator Richardson said.

Mr. Carr said the 1987/88 funds will be allocated to 55 different projects throughout the State's rainforest areas.

"Works will include the construction of new walking tracks, visitor centres, interpretive and educational facilities, surveys and research on rare and endangered fauna and flora, rehabilitation of damaged areas, weed eradication programs and the preparation of management plans for specific park sites.

"In addition, approximately \$800,000 has been set aside for the aquisition of new rainforest areas for inclusion in the national parks system.

"This consolidates the State Government's long term goal to preserve examples of the full range of rainforest environments and reserve them within the N.S.W. National Parks system," Mr. Carr said.

Senator Richardson and Mr. Carr said the major projects to be undertaken include:

- * The development of new, well-designed visitor facilities on Mount Nardi in Nightcap National Park. More than \$70,000 has been allocated to provide new walking tracks, landscaping, signposting and picnic areas and equipment.
- * A total of \$600,000 to develop a rainforest ecology centre and visitor facilities in Sea Acres Nature Reserve in Port Macquarie. The area contains sub-tropical and littoral rainforest fronting the ocean shoreline. The area will be re-developed into a rainforest educational centre and will include a lecture theatre, display areas, visitor amenities and specialised viewing equipment such as boardwalks and screens designed to give visitors unique, new views of the rainforest undergrowth, canopies and fauna.

- * Construction of a \$300,000 rainforest interpretive centre in Dorrigo National Park near Coffs Harbour. This area is extremely popular with tourists. The centre will contain an educational rainforest display, lecture rooms and facilities and a comprehensive audio-library of bird calls associated with rainforests.
- * Establishment of new walking tracks in Border Rangers National Park, north of Kyogle. The tracks will connect the proposed Sheepstation Creek trail with new picnic and camping areas on Sheepstation Creek. The track will be designed to maximise the visitor's experience of rainforests and avoid unacceptable impact on the surrounding environment. This project will cost \$60,000.
- * The extension and improvement of existing littoral rainforest walking tracks in Iluka Nature Reserve and Bundjalung National Park. A new trail is also planned to link littoral rainforest stands and signposting and interpretation facilities will be established. This project will cost \$40,000.
- * Improved public access and facilities to Mount Warning National Park new Murwillumbah. \$85,000 has been allocated to expand parking facilities and upgrade popular graded walking trails to the summit of Mount Warning. The project is designed to encourage and ease tourist access into this rainforest area.
- * A \$70,000 program of rehabilitation of important littoral rainforest areas in the Brunswick Heads Nature Reserve on the far North Coast. Works will include revisions of the botanical inventory of the reserve, eradication of weeds and exotic plants, protective planting of damaged rainforest exposed to the salt air, construction of walking tracks to facilitate continued public access to beach and river areas and construction of vehicle control barriers.

- * A \$50,000 research program to determine the level of damage to remnant lowland rainforest patches by flying foxes and assessment of the feasibility of deterrents. There are approximately 50 main rainforest remnants and hundreds of thousands - if not millions - of bats. The relationship between bats and rainforest remnants needs to be established as an essential precursor to management of both.
- * Up to \$500,000 allocated for works at Minnamurra Falls in Budderoo National Park. This area receives high levels of visitation, often exceeding the capacity of existing facilities. A rainforest oriented visitors centre incorporating interpretive displays and educational facilities will be constructed. In addition, major redevelopment of the walking tracks including steel bridging, sections of elevated walkway, expanded mesh pavement will provide improved access for all visitors including the physically handicapped.

Mr. Carr said the program will enable New South Wales to consolidate its already impressive rainforest conservation achievements.

"The works earmarked for 1987/88 address the full range of needs - from research and ecological survey to the purchase of select areas of privately owned rainforest to a comprehensive range of educational and promotional projects."

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INQUIRIES: Paola Totaro - 27.5974



NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

NEWS RELEASE

7 AUGUST 1987

DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR NORTHERN RAINFOREST PARKS

The Director of National Parks and Wildlife, Mr. John Whitehouse, today announced a draft plan of management for two national parks and two nature reserves in Northern New South Wales.

Mr. Whitehouse said the draft plan covered the Border Ranges and Nightcap National Parks and the Limpinwood and Numinbah Nature Reserves - four of the fifteen areas of New South Wales rainforest now on the World Heritage List.

"The area covered by the draft plan extends over 39,500 hectares of the rugged Caldera plateaux which includes Mount Warning, the Focal Peak volcanic shield remnants and the greater part of the Tweed, McPherson and Nightcap Ranges.

"The Caldera parks and reserves contain a significant concentration of rare and endangered plants and animals - over 60 species of rare and endangered plants have so far been recorded.

"This concentration of rare plants and animals results from the area's unusual diversity of habitats, the overlapping of species from tropical and temperate regions and the long-term environmental stability of the area."

Mr. Whitehouse said the draft plan closely examined access into the two national parks.

"Over 500,000 people visit Service areas within the Lismore District each year. The number of people visiting the World Heritage areas covered by the draft plan has doubled since 1982.

"The Draft plan provides not only for the maintenance of high standard public roads to both Nightcap and Border Ranges National Parks, but also the progressive expansion of visitor facilities, walking tracks and environmental education features.

"Some of the walking tracks will cater for the disabled. Other tracks have been constructed for those who like a brief walk in the rainforest and for visitors who seek a challenging rainforest wilderness experience in the more remote areas of the parks.

"Present and future facilities cater for a wide range of visitor interests, such as touring, camping and picnicking."

Mr. Whitehouse said the draft plan indentified two remote natural areas.

"The McPherson Range Remote Natural Area includes Numinbah and Limpinwood Nature Reserves and the northern section of Border Ranges National Park which adjoins Lamington National Park in Queensland.

"The Findon Remote Natural Area embraces the Levers Plateau and Mt. Glennie areas in the Western section of the Border Ranges National Park.

"These areas allow the extensive rainforest ecosystems to function naturally. They also provide one of the few opportunities for remote area recreation in a rugged rainforest environment in Australia."

Mr. Whitehouse said the planning and management of the Caldera rainforest parks had been significantly assisted by financial support from the Commonwealth Government.

"Through the States Assistance Grants Program, specifically for planning, resource data collection, public education and involvement, the Commonwealth gave \$60,000.

"The National Rainforest Conservation Program also has given the following support during the past two years -

- . Construction of walking tracks and facilities - \$200,000.
- . Track closure and rehabilitation - \$40,000.
- . Rare and endangered species survey - \$30,000

"In each of the National Rainforest Conservation programs the State Government has matched the Commonwealth contribution."

Mr. Whitehouse said the draft plan also outlined proposed management works which included:

- . The closure and rehabilitation of former roads and tracks
- . The implementation of fire plans to protect fire sensitive species and habitats.
- . Drainage and supplementary planting, where necessary, to assist restoration of disturbed areas.
- . The control of introduced species adjacent to neighbouring lands.
- . Interpretation and presentation of remnants of rainforest exploitation such as the Long Creek tramway, Kunghur Flying Fox and the Terania Creek protest site.

- . The recording of oral history from local timber workers and their families. Of particular interest is the documenting of former forestry settlements, along with the social life and experiences of the timber workers and their families.

The draft Plan of management will be available for public comment for a period of three months from August 7 to November 9 1987. Copies can be obtained free of charge from the listed Service Offices. The plan will also be on display, during normal office hours, at the other venues.

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no final design - finalises next weeks
no EIS.

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33
66

begun 2 weeks ago - 100m or so?

funded under NRP CP.

Draft Plan investigation 1990


6 people → regeneration / rehab.
Nightcap

1025 - 10.30.

Brathambur funding NRHP - program slot
50% + on rehab. other on

section loop to.
from Forest Top

look out.

Merrimbe N.P. Scrub Bird Walk.  NR Plateau
Regional Fire Hazard Plan Plans.

✓ *diemotis* *lawcetti* | small one
thought to be extinct
extremely limited range.

order Ranges.

~~From Jo Vandenberg~~
THE RAINBOW ALLIANCE

Jan 11-88

Newsletter

~~People~~
~~Readers~~ will probably be aware that a new political alliance has been taking shape in Australia over the last year. The Rainbow Alliance brings together people who are currently active in peace, environmental, gender, social justice and union issues.

The Alliance will hold a national conference on the weekend of March 12, 13 and 14 at the Brunswick Technical School, Brunswick, Melbourne. The conference is titled, "Remaking Australia; People in Control of Politics, the Economy and the Environment."

More information on the conference can be obtained by writing to:

Rainbow Alliance

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or by phoning:

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NATIONAL RAINFOREST CONSERVATION PROGRAM (NRFCP.)

- Notes on meeting Senator Richardson.
Ballina 5.12.87.
- NPWS letter to NCC 24 Sept.
- Briefing Notes re: National Rainforest Conservation Program (NRF.C.P.)
BSEC Note for Peak Councils: ⊕ NCC Note
- Mark + Di comments re NRFCP + Questions
- 1986/87 NRFCP. NSW Schedule BUDGET
- 1987/88 NRFCP NSW Schedule Draft? Budget
- Table: Funding analysis: Conservation / Development? T\$
- Comments on Big Scrub Remnants Discussion Paper
Planners North.
- Comments / Summary - BSEC Submission Caldera Parks
Draft P. of M.
- ⊕ → Joint News Release - Carr/Richardson Oct 11-87
- * Itemise line items we object to in '88 NRF.C.P. Budget
- * Dialogue with NSW NDWS Suzanne Chate
- * Areas of concern RAMSAR JAMBA CAMBA
→ Richardson: pick off? or proper study??
- Vicki Pattemore ANPWS: Qld Uni Ph.D.: concurrent? Alison Specht ^{WRONE} _{PMU}

NOTES FOR JOHN CORKILL ON NATIONAL RAINFOREST PROGRAM
FUNDING - NSW

.what is definition of "rehabilitation" in schedule of projects?
money for "rehabilitation" is being guided into less important
visitor facilities.

.breakdown of money spent on projects is needed

.too much money is being spent on outside consultants (expertise
within the service is not being used)

.many projects which are still up for public comment are already
started or even finished e.g. Boatharbour track planning,
Antarctic Beech camping facility and helipad!!, Terania walking
track.

.advisory committee are not being consulted at all on rainforest
projects

.too much money being spent on visitor facilities and not on
highly needed rehabilitation and resource inventories

.NPWS are more and more shutting out public input. This is
politically negative.

.Emphasis far too strong on public appeal instead of much needed
maintenance work e.g. weed eradication, research, etc

.research necessary into needs and numbers of visitors to parks
e.g. do people care if they are in a National park or a State
Forest?

DRAFT

COMMENTS ON THE PREPARATION OF NATIONAL PARK & NATURE RESERVE PLANS OF MANAGEMENT

The Nature Conservation Council of N.S.W welcomes the move by the N.P.W.S. to prepare concise action orientated Plans of Management and offers the following comments as a statement of the standards expected of these management documents.

Plans should include a comprehensive section on definitions of terms used in the text and explanations of processes referred to if these explanations are not explained elsewhere in the document or its references.

The primary focus of the Plans of Management must concentrate on conservation and protection. Consideration and planning for human use should be given a secondary focus and at no time overtake or endanger the primary concern.

Management documents should report on the existing use, infrastructure developments, and resultant impacts before considering or recommending new or additional development.

Plans of Management must indicate the quality of the resource base on which the management decisions will be made. Is it complete and exhaustive, or incomplete and narrow? Wherever possible, the background data should be available for public inspection, either as appendices or as separately published reports.

All existing District, Region or State Policies relating to the area under management should be included in the Plan of Management and their specific applications detailed.

Where it is necessary to refer to other relevant published works, and where it is not suitable to reproduce or quote directly from these in the documents' text, a system of footnotes in association with a detailed bibliography should be used.

No statements or bald assertions should be contained in the document which cannot be supported by reference to credible and accurate research.

All management issues pertaining to the area under discussion should be included in the Plan of Management. It is not considered satisfactory to nominate a number in the statutory Plan and leave the other issues to the discretion of field staff and beyond the scrutiny of the public.

Actions proposed to be carried out to give effect to stated policies should be clearly specified, detailing who, where, when and exactly how the action is to be effected.

Actions, and particularly works, should be confined to those described and approved in the Plan of Management, except where there is an overwhelming need for essential purposes. No works should proceed outside of the Plan on an ad-hoc basis.

Where additional development proposals, new extensions to the reserve, or extra uses are foreshadowed, the Plan of Management should be amended in a way which is consistent with the original Plan, in order to cater for the changed circumstances.

Public participation procedures, including exhibition and calling of submissions, should be applied for all Plans of Management for National Parks and Nature Reserves, and for all amendments and addendums to existing Plans.

The advice and input of community members on reserve or District Advisory Committees should be sought in a meaningful, rather than token, way as an essential part of the process of preparing the draft document.

N. R. Program
 Remnant + JAMBA
 Open Sores
 Greenhouse effects →
 Rare Earth **Plants** →
 Big Scrub Remnants
 ✓ Sandmining ELAs
 SEEP-MO

Ozone Layer - ban on CFCs

Natural Repository? where? when?

7:00 -

Liz P.P. } - United Shire
 David Temple

Hugh +11?

Map of ELA areas
 Frank May letter 21 Sept

Letter to Congress
 from Miller : N. R. Program
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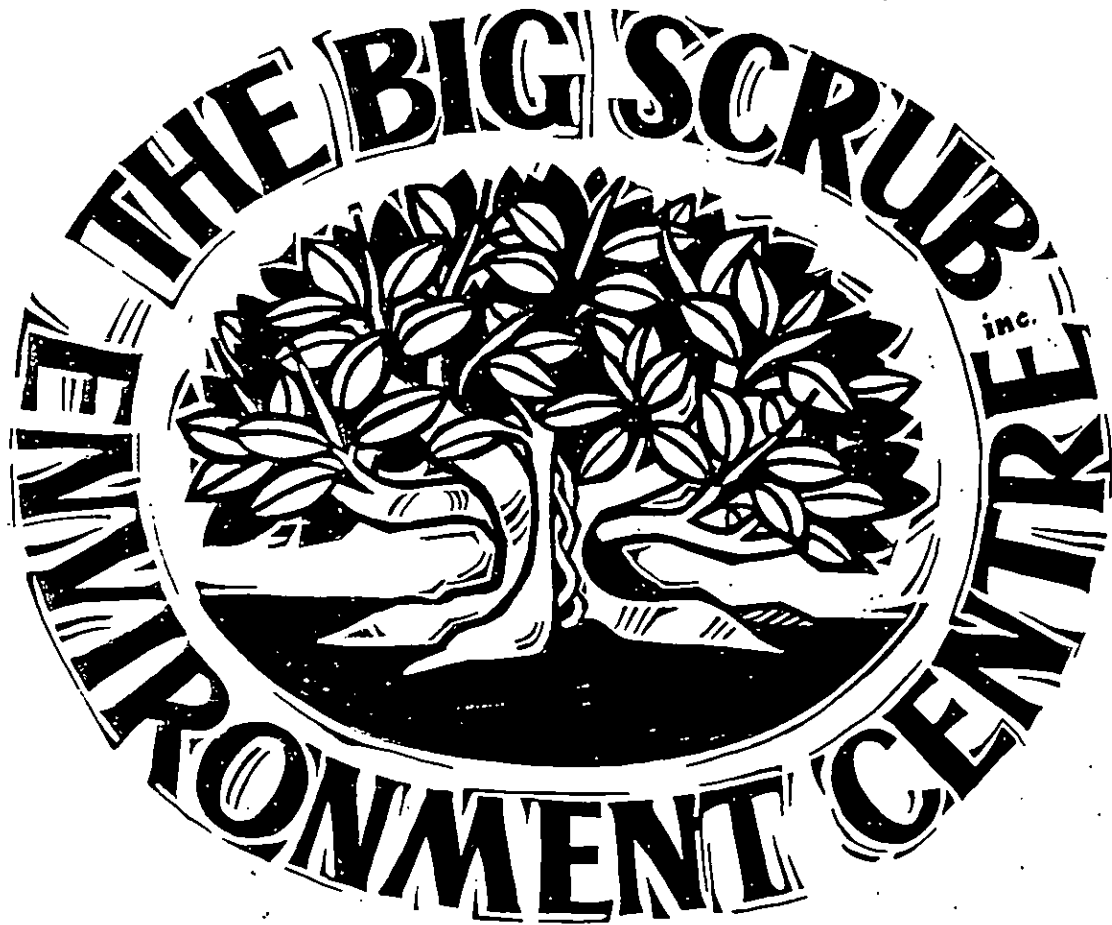
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'THE BIG SCRUB' ENVIRONMENT CENTRE INC.
SUBMISSION

TO THE

**NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE,
DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT**

FOR THE

CALDERA RAINFOREST PARKS AND RESERVES
BEING

**BORDER RANGES AND NIGHTCAP NATIONAL PARKS
LIMPINWOOD AND NUMINBAH NATURE RESERVES,**

PURSUANT TO

SECTION 75,

NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE ACT, 1974.

NOVEMBER, 1987.

INTRODUCTION

'The Big Scrub' Environment Centre Incorporated is a voluntary association incorporated under the N.S.W. Associations Incorporation Act, 1984.

Founded in 1981, the Centre now operates a shopfront business at 88A Keen Street, Lismore. Members of The Centre cover a wide cross section of the community: students, rural land holders, urban citizens, working people and the unemployed, children and grandparents.

As its' central aim:

" "The Centre" shall aim to promote the conservation, protection and betterment of the environment along sound ecological principles and guidelines. "

In pursuit of The Centre's first objective:

"Acting as an environmental voice, public advocate and community conscience by adopting policies and undertaking action to support the good health of the global environment, including: public statements, press releases and submissions... "

- the following comments and recommendations, prepared after extensive discussion amongst the Centre's members, are forwarded as a Submission under s.75 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974.

The Centre wishes to applaud the N.S.W. National Parks and Wildlife Service for making a decision to plan for the management of the Caldera Rainforest Parks and Reserves.

This decision, by the N.S.W. public landholders to address issues of concern in these public lands, is welcomed by members of the public through whose interest and action these Rainforest Parks were saved from destruction & gazetted as reserves for protection.

A Plan of Management for these internationally significant areas is seen to be especially desirable since the special attributes of these rainforest reserves have been recognised by national and international agencies, leading to their listing under the World Cultural and Natural Heritage Convention administered by the World Heritage Committee of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, (U.N.E.S.C.O.).

Members of the The Big Scrub Environment Centre expect that a Draft Plan of Management for these areas should be of an international standard commensurate with the reserves acknowledged attributes.

Specific criticisms of the Draft Plan are spelt out in the following comments.

SUMMARY

It is the view of the members of The Big Scrub Environment Centre that this Draft Plan of Management is not a satisfactory document for the protection, planning or management of the internationally recognised World Heritage Rainforests - priceless global jewels.

The Draft Plan consistently does not provide sufficiently detailed information about:

- ' the reserves natural resources,
- ' existing facilities and resultant impacts,
- ' definitions or explanations of terms or phrases used, or
- ' references and planning documents used in the process of preparing the Draft Plan.

The omission of this key information is seen as significantly weakening the Draft Plan and handicapping the members of the public who are reading the Draft, or wishing to comment upon it.

The Centre is concerned that this Draft Plan of Management for a World Heritage area has proceeded without the completion of basic studies on the areas' rare and endangered species, since this process seems quite inconsistent with rational planning procedures.

In particular, the proposals to site numerous major additional visitor facilities in the immediate area of identified rare and endangered species are unacceptable since they appear to breach both the N.S.W. legislation and the international Convention.

For these reasons, members of The Centre are concerned that the Draft Plan does not guarantee the long term protection of the areas unique natural features.

The production of a Draft Plan of this poor quality, when a Plan of international standing is required, threatens the Services' reputation as the guardian and wise manager of these public lands.

If the N.S.W. National Parks and Wildlife Service is to deserve the claimed high world ranking and satisfy the community's expectations for an internationally reputable wildlife management agency, major redrafting of the Draft Plan of Management is required before the Plan is gazetted and before any additional works proceed on projects the subject of objection.

This substantially redrafted Plan of Management should be re-exhibited and further comments invited from the public.

Subsequent amendments to the Plan of Management should also be exhibited, together with the studies conducted on the sites for any proposed development allowing for public comment, before any management decisions are made or acted upon.

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Whitehouse letter to J. Messer 24 Sept
Suzanne Chate.

line items pre-empting P of M documents

Commonwealth State Task Force - waste repository
ask TF. to consider Thorium residue disposal

advise Senator re concerns. • RAMSAR + JAMBA
CAMBA

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Qld. W.H. Listing. Wet Tropics RF.

\$ 300,000 spent by National Party in local seat of Leichardt (Qld.)

\$ 50,000 " Labor Party.

Ravensthorpe quota helped by Qld Forestry Dept

60 mills closed

8 mills closed

700 to 400 people to be affected by W.H. Listing.

3,500 submissions on WH boundaries - will displease some people
will remove most of private land - easiest gesture. - none of this prime
RF.

All prime RF in private ownership has been retained.

9,000 kms² will be in

Tasmanians have woken up

concern for the
environment is the continuing thread across the States + federal

Polls not to be believed. Richardson political professional says
committed grass roots movement - Liban knows where + how to campaign
North Shore concentrated liberal voters - not widespread support.

Wilderness legislation - duplicity of National Party
National Party 'tail wags the dog' of the Coalition
who do we trust - ? Neville Ulan?

problem in government is communications!
answers to 'g' depend on how you ask the questions



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With Compliments

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ENVIRONMENT BUDGET 1987-1988

	1986-87 \$m	1987-88	Increase	%
ANMWS	15.3	17.2	1.9	12.6%
ODRMPS	6.7	8.8	2.2	32%
NAT. ESTATE	5.8	6.1	0.3	5%
AHC	1.8	2.2	0.5	2.5%
Soil Conservation	5.8	6.4	0.6	11%
Nat. Soil Conservation Programme	1.1	1.2	0.1	
Office of Supervising Scientist	6.1	6.1	-	-
** for comparison:				
Bureau Mineral Resources	36.7	39.4	2.7	7.4%
Aust Tourist Commission	28.9	33.6	4.7	16.2%

	1986-87 \$	1987-88 \$
Conservation organisations	1,030,000	1,241,700
National Trust Bodies	540,000	578,000
World Wildlife Fund	50,000	50,000
National Tree Programme	620,000	659,000
Environmental Quality Protection Programme	400,000	430,000

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\$13.7m has been allocated for Rainforest Conservation as the 2nd installment of the \$22m programme over 3 years.

\$2.5m has been allocated as 1st installment of \$15m over 3 years for national afforestation programme with emphasis on hardwoods.

\$1.9m has been allocated to conduct the Tasmanian inquiry into Lemnathyme and Southern Forests.

Special Note

Tourist industry was given a big boost - nearly 20% total

	1986-87 \$m	1987-88 \$m	Increase \$m	%
ATC	28.9	33.6	4.7	16.2%
Tourism Overseas Promotion Scheme [TOPS]	5.0	6.0	1.0	
Other assistance	4.4	6.3	2.0	
TOTAL	38.3	46.0	7.6	19.9%

A substantial increase in tourism outlays reflects a redirection of resources into promotional and other market-oriented activities. Also, a Bureau of Tourism Research has been established.