

Toohey Forest Regional Park Management Statement

Park purpose

Toohey Forest Regional Park was formally gazetted as Toohey Forest Environment Park in 1991 and Tarragindi Environmental Park in 1994 under the *Lands Act 1962*. Both had Trustee Agreements with Brisbane City Council. At the end of 1994, both environmental parks were combined and gazetted as Toohey Forest Conservation Park under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. In 1997 the park was increased in size to 34.3 hectares.

No park specific purpose was identified as part of the gazettal.

Park size	34.3ha
Bioregion	South East Queensland
Local government area	Brisbane City Council
State electorate	Yeerongpilly
QPWS region	South East
Year prepared: 2015	Review date: 2025

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Toohey Forest Regional Park has been assessed as having a basic level of priority for management and will be managed according to this priority rating.

Park management will be based on the best available local knowledge, professional judgement and anecdotal information. The basic level priority means it will receive annual routine inspections with occasional planned visits where issues have been identified. The focus is largely expected to be on natural resource management involving proactive management to understand and protect known natural values.

Cultural values will be managed proactively to protect those values known to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, (QPWS). Informal ad-hoc local consultation, collaboration and relationships with Traditional Owners and Indigenous stakeholders will be undertaken as required to progress specific issues and programs.

This park currently has low levels of infrequent visitor use and provides a few relatively undeveloped visitor sites. Visitors are unlikely to encounter a ranger on site during their visit. Current and future recreational opportunities will require that visitors have a high level of self-sufficiency and are primarily responsible for their own personal safety.

Informal ad-hoc consultation with community stakeholders will be undertaken on specific issues of park management.

Park assets will consist of minimal robust infrastructure which is required for the protection of natural and cultural values and self-reliant use by the public.

Toohey Forest Regional Park is part of the larger Toohey Forest parkland complex, an area of 260 hectares that is managed by Brisbane City Council. QPWS manages the adjacent regional park in close collaboration with Brisbane City Council.

General park values, uses and management

Regional ecosystems

Toohey Forest Regional Park protects five regional ecosystems, all of which have the biodiversity status, no concern at present.

Species of conservation significance

Species of conservation significance recorded from this park include three animal species, Table 1.

Cultural heritage

All protected areas are recognised as cultural landscapes and Aboriginal people see themselves as inextricably linked to country both spiritually and physically. Although cultural records on physical artefacts and sites of spiritual significance are not well documented for this area, all proposed activities need to meet duty of care requirements under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*. Non-indigenous historic places will be managed in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Priorities for park management

The three animal species of conservation significance are the main values of this park. The priorities for park management will be to mitigate any threats to these animals through fire and pest management.

Management actions will be undertaken which aim to ensure:

- life and property on and adjacent to the park is protected
- fire is managed to conserve or maintain the condition of the regional ecosystems through the application of planned burn guidelines
- the impacts of existing pest species on neighbouring land uses are mitigated
- pest threats are managed to conserve or maintain the condition of the regional ecosystems and animal species of conservation significance.

Appendix 1

Conservation values inventory

Table 1: Species of conservation significance

Scientific name	Common name	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i> status	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> status	Back on Track status
Animals				
<i>Ninox strenua</i>	powerful owl	Vulnerable	-	Medium
<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	koala (southeast Queensland bioregion)	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	-
<i>Adelotus brevis</i>	tusked frog	Vulnerable	-	Medium

¹Bonn: Bonn Convention

³JAMBA: Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement

²CAMBA: China-Australia Migratory Agreement

⁴ROKAMBA: Republic of Korea-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement