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Introduction

The *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (NC Act) provides a legislative basis for the conservation of nature.

The NC Act aims to achieve the conservation of nature while allowing for the involvement of First Nations peoples in the management of protected areas, through an integrated and comprehensive conservation strategy for the whole of the State. It provides the framework for research; community education; dedicating, declaring, and managing protected areas; and protecting native wildlife and its habitat.

The NC Act also provides for the making of subordinate legislation including regulations, notices, and conservation plans.

Under section 139 of the NC Act, the chief executive must, within four months after the end of each financial year, give to the Minister a report on the administration of the NC Act during the year. The Minister must lay a copy of the report before the Legislative Assembly within 14 sitting days after its receipt by the Minister.

Queensland's Biodiversity Strategy

In accordance with section 5 of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992,* the conservation of nature in Queensland is achieved through a comprehensive and integrated whole of State conservation strategy.

Conserving Nature – a Biodiversity Strategy for Queensland (the Strategy) was published in October 2022. The Strategy outlines the Queensland Government's commitment and approach to conserving the State's biodiversity values, and acts as a coordinating framework for strategies, programs and initiatives that contribute to biodiversity conservation in Queensland.

The Strategy contains four goals to Protect, Restore and Recover, Adapt and Connect. Implementation of the Strategy is underway, with key highlights from the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation's programs in 2023-24 including:

- **Goal 1 – Protect: Queensland's biodiversity is protected and well managed**
  Increasing Queensland's protected area system by over 377,334 hectares in 2023-24, demonstrating Queensland's contribution to the national 30 by 30 target.
- **Goal 2 – Restore and Recover: Queensland's biodiversity is restored and rehabilitated to reinstate ecosystem function and recover species populations**
  Investing significantly to scale up the restoration of ecosystems, including funding 20 carbon projects under the Land Restoration Fund from 2019-2024 that will incentivise restoration or protection of over 13,000 hectares of unregulated native vegetation.
- **Goal 3 – Adapt: Queensland's biodiversity is supported to adapt to changing environment**
  Supporting the conservation and recovery of native species through administrating research and community grants programs, as well as boosting efforts to conserve koalas and their habitats by significantly extending and expanding actions under South East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy.
- **Goal 4 – Connect: People value biodiversity, including its contribution to their wellbeing, and are motivated to protect it**
  Improving visitor experiences and revitalising infrastructure on our national parks, supporting peoples connectedness to nature.

Human Rights Certificates

In accordance with section 41 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* (HR Act), respective subordinate legislation under the NC Act includes a human rights certificate that is compatible with the human rights protected by the HR Act (where relevant) and is published on the Queensland legislation website.

Nature Conservation Act 1992—departmental administrative responsibilities

During the reporting period, the NC Act was administered consistent with Administrative Arrangements Order (No.1) 2023 and Administrative Arrangements Order (No. 2) 2023.

As at 30 June 2024, the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (DESI) is responsible for:

- the dedication and declaration of protected areas (including nature refuges)
- custody and management of the protected area estate and forest reserves
- protection of native wildlife and its habitats and listing the conservation status of native wildlife
- providing for the ecologically sustainable use of protected wildlife
- supporting the management of nature refuges and special wildlife reserves by their owners.

List of legislation and subordinate legislation

In force as at 30 June 2024

Nature Conservation Act 1992

Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020

Nature Conservation (Estuarine Crocodile) Conservation Plan 2018

Nature Conservation (Forest Reserves) Regulation 2000

Nature Conservation (Koala) Conservation Plan 2017

Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017

Nature Conservation (Plants) Regulation 2020

Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017

Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Regulation 1994

Repealed/Expired

No legislation has been repealed or expired in 2023–24.

Amendments

Nature Conservation Act 1992

The NC Act was amended in 2023–24 as follows:

Amending legislation	Assent	Commenced	Amendment details
Agriculture and Fisheries and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024 (Act No. 17)	26/04/2024	01/09/2024	Amendments to replace outdated and offensive language in reference to Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020

The Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020 is the single point reference for all management and use of protected animals under the NC Act.

The Regulation was amended in 2023–24 as follows:

Amending legislation	Notified / Assent	Commenced	Amendment details
Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (K'gari) Amendment Regulation 2023 (SL No. 147)	20/10/2023	20/10/2023	Update references to Fraser Island in recognition of the recent renaming of Fraser Island to K'gari.
Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2023 (SL No. 186)	08/12/2023	08/12/2023	Amends the conservation status of 8 fauna species, updates taxonomy to reflect contemporary scientific knowledge, and makes other minor amendments. Minor clarification amendments were made to correct regulatory inconsistences – these include clarifying use of animals by authorised keepers, dealing with dead protected animals, moving animals for veterinary care, and performing autopsies by veterinarians.
Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2023 (Act No. 23)	20/09/2023	01/02/2024	Repeal redundant definition relating to the *Criminal Law (Rehabilitation of Offenders) Act 1986*.
Land and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024 (Act No. 12)	26/04/2024	26/04/2024	Consequential amendment to the definition of a 'public place' consistent with *Land Act 1994*.
Emergency Services Reform Amendment Act 2024 (Act No. 18)	03/05/2024	03/06/2024	Consequential amendment to references under the *Marine Rescue Queensland Act 2024*.
Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024 (Act No. 22)	09/05/2024	01/07/2024	Consequential amendments to update definition of emergency services.

Nature Conservation (Estuarine Crocodile) Conservation Plan 2018

The Nature Conservation (Estuarine Crocodile) Conservation Plan 2018 establishes the legislative approach for the conservation of crocodiles, the management of 'problem' crocodiles and the ecologically sustainable and humane take, keep and use of estuarine crocodiles including the sustainable harvest of estuarine crocodile eggs. The purpose of the plan is to ensure the conservation of estuarine crocodile in the wild, minimise public safety risks, prevent losses in the aquaculture industries from problem crocodiles, and ensure any commercial use of estuarine crocodiles is sustainable.

The Plan was not amended in 2023–24.

Nature Conservation (Forest Reserves) Regulation 2000

The Nature Conservation (Forest Reserves) Regulation 2000 contains a schedule listing the names and descriptions of former *Land Act 1994* reserves, State forests, timber reserves and unallocated state land now declared as a forest reserve under the NC Act.

The Regulation was amended in 2023–24 as follows:

Amending legislation	Notified	Commenced	Amendment details
Forestry (State Forests) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2023 (SL No. 122)	25/08/2023	25/08/2023	The Amendment Regulation provided for a decrease in forest reserves of about 37.4651 hectares, a decrease of about 4.9536 hectares in the area of State forests, a net increase of about 328.7379 hectares to national parks, a net increase of about 29.2687 hectares in the area of conservation parks, and a net increase of 336.7696 hectares to nature refuges.
Nature Conservation Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024 (SL No. 27)	29/03/2024	29/03/2024	The Amendment Regulation provided for a decrease of about 1,500.75 hectares in the area of forest reserves, an increase of about 3627.3412 hectares in the area of national parks; an increase of about 53.5 hectares in the area of conservation parks; and a net increase of about 299.2454 hectares in the area of nature refuges.
Nature Conservation Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2024 (SL No. 122)	28/06/2024	28/06/2024	The Amendment Regulation provided for a decrease of about 3,711 hectares in the area of forest reserves; an increase of about 59,500.749 hectares in the area of national parks; an increase of about 295.1399 hectares in the area of conservation parks; and an increase of about 308,961.7 hectares in the area of nature refuges.

Nature Conservation (Koala) Conservation Plan 2017

The Nature Conservation (Koala) Conservation Plan 2017 provides for the management and use of koalas to ensure the protection of koalas and their habitat.

The Plan was not amended in 2023–24.

Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017

The Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017 manages the taking, keeping and use of macropods to ensure these activities are ecologically sustainable.

The Plan was amended in 2023–24 as follows:

Amending legislation	Notified / Assent	Commenced	Amendment details
Land and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024 (Act No. 12)	26/04/2024	26/04/2024	Consequential amendment to the definition of a 'public place' consistent with the *Land Act 1994*.
Agriculture and Fisheries and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024 (Act No. 17)	26/04/2024	01/09/2024	Consequential amendment to update reference to 'restricted invasive animal'.

Nature Conservation (Plants) Regulation 2020

The Nature Conservation (Plants) Regulation 2020 is the single point of reference for all management and use of protected plants under the NC Act.

The Regulation was amended in 2023–24 as follows:

Amending legislation	Notified / Assent	Commenced	Amendment details
Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2023 (SL No. 186)	08/12/2023	08/12/2023	Amends the conservation status of 31 flora species and updates taxonomy to reflect contemporary scientific knowledge.
Land and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024 (Act No. 12)	26/04/2024	26/04/2024	Consequential amendment to the definition of a 'public place' consistent with the *Land Act 1994*.
Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024 (Act No. 22)	09/05/2024	01/07/2024	Consequential amendments to update references under the *Fires Services Act 1990*.

Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017

The Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017 provides for the management and use of Queensland's protected area estate.

The Regulation was amended in 2023–24 as follows:

Amending legislation	Notified	Commenced	Amendment details
Stock Route Management Regulation 2023[1] (SL No. 33)	28/04/2023	Part 5 commenced on 01/07/2023	Amendments align permit fees for travelling stock under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* with fees under the *Stock Route Management Act 2002*.
Tobacco and Other Smoking Products and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2023 (SL No. 82)	07/07/2023	Schedule 1 commenced 07/07/2023 and Part 3, division 3 commenced 01/09/2023	Consequential amendments to reflect changes to the location of the definition of 'smoking product' and subsequent renumbering in the *Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998.*
Local Government (Moreton Bay City Council) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2023 (SL No. 91)	28/07/2023	28/07/2023	Consequential amendments to reflect the change to the classification of Moreton Bay Regional Council to Moreton Bay City Council where the council is listed as a Trustee of a conservation park in Schedule 1.

[1] This amendment was omitted in error from Report on administration of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (reporting period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023) and has been included in this reporting period.

Amending legislation	Notified	Commenced	Amendment details
State Penalties Enforcement and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2023 (SL No. 131)	08/09/2023	15/09/2023	Amendments associated with improving deterrence of transport offences on Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) managed areas through better consistency with transport legislation - restructured existing provisions so that the cross references to sections 83 and 84 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* are in separate paragraphs to allow clearer prescription of the associated Penalty Infringement Notice penalties in the State Penalties Enforcement Regulation 2014.
Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (K'gari) Amendment Regulation 2023 (SL No. 147)	20/10/2023	20/10/2023	Consequential amendments to reflect the renaming of Fraser Island to K'gari.
Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) (Apiary Areas) Amendment Regulation 2023 (SL No. 148)	20/10/2023	22/10/2023	Amendments to support commencement and implementation of part 4, division 3 of the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022* by prescribing apiary areas where beekeeping may continue on national parks until 31 December 2044, requirements with which the chief executive must comply when granting apiary permits and other requirements about apiary sites in apiary areas.
Nature Conservation (Fee Waivers) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024 (SL No. 20)	22/03/2024	22/03/2024	Amendments to temporarily waive, from 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024, certain daily fees that apply to commercial activity permits held by tourism businesses operating in protected areas where disaster recovery funding arrangements were activated for Tropical Cyclone Jasper.
Nature Conservation Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2024 (SL No. 110)	28/06/2024	28/06/2024	Amendments provide for the continuation of recreational fishing and mud crabbing in areas that were added to Eurimbula National Park.

Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Regulation 1994

The Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Regulation 1994 contains schedules listing the names, former descriptions and current descriptions of State and private land declared as a protected area under the NC Act.

The Regulation was amended in 2023–24 as follows:

Amending legislation	Notified	Commenced	Amendment details
Forestry (State Forests) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2023 (SL No. 122)	25/08/2023	25/08/2023	The Amendment Regulation provided for a decrease of about 4.9536 hectares in the area of State forests, a net increase of about 328.7379 hectares to national parks, a net increase of about 29.2687 hectares in the area of conservation parks, and a net increase of 336.7696 hectares to nature refuges.
Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Amendment Regulation 2023 (SL No. 172)	01/12/2023	01/12/2023	The Amendment Regulation provided for an increase of about 1123.2716 hectares in the area of national parks; an increase of about 17.3907 hectares in the area of conservation parks; and a net increase of about 389.6023 hectares in the area of nature refuges.

Amending legislation	Notified	Commenced	Amendment details
Forestry and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2023 (SL No. 187)	08/12/2023	08/12/2023	The Amendment Regulation provided for a decrease of about 198 hectares in the area of timber reserves; a net decrease of about 2,574.7948 hectares in the area of State forests, a net increase of about 8.3344 in the area of national parks and a net increase of about 2,532.5339 in the area of conservation parks.
Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) (Omission of Lawn Hill (Creek) Resources Reserve) Amendment Regulation 2024 (SL No. 7)	23/02/2024	23/02/2024	The Amendment Regulation provided for the omission of the whole of Lawn Hill (Creek) Resources Reserve.
Nature Conservation Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024 (SL No. 27)	29/03/2024	29/03/2024	The Amendment Regulation provided for a decrease of about 1,500.75 hectares in the area of forest reserves, an increase of about 3627.3412 hectares in the area of national parks; an increase of about 53.5 hectares in the area of conservation parks; and a net increase of about 299.2454 hectares in the area of nature refuges.
Nature Conservation Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2024 (SL No. 110)	28/06/2024	28/06/2024	The Amendment Regulation provided for a decrease of about 3,711 hectares in the area of forest reserves; an increase of about 59,500.749 hectares in the area of national parks; an increase of about 295.1399 hectares in the area of conservation parks; and an increase of about 308,961.7 hectares in the area of nature refuges.

Protected areas

The protected area classes, as stated in section 14 of the NC Act, are:

- national parks (scientific)
- national parks
- national parks (Aboriginal land)
- national parks (Torres Strait Islander land)
- national parks (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land (CYPAL))
- conservation parks
- resources reserves
- special wildlife reserves
- nature refuges
- coordinated conservation areas.

All classes of national parks are areas with outstanding natural and cultural values and represent the highest level of protection under the NC Act. National parks (scientific) also contain exceptional scientific values and are managed to ensure the processes of nature continue unaffected in these areas and protect the areas' biological diversity to the greatest possible extent while allowing controlled scientific study and some manipulation of habitat to manage threatened wildlife and control threatening processes. National parks are managed to permanently preserve and protect their natural and cultural values and provide educational and recreational opportunities, while ensuring that any uses are nature-based and ecologically sustainable. There are currently no national parks (Torres Strait Islander land), but these areas are intended to represent areas that should also be managed in accordance with Island custom or activities in the area. National parks (Aboriginal land) and National parks (CYPAL) are also to be managed in accordance with any Aboriginal tradition or activities relating to the area.

Conservation parks are generally smaller than national parks and their conservation values may not be as significant. Conservation parks are managed to permanently conserve and present the area's natural and cultural values to the greatest possible extent, as well as to provide educational, recreational, and commercial opportunities in a way that is consistent with these values and is sustainable.

Resources reserves allow for the controlled use of the area's natural and cultural values such as mining and quarrying but must be managed to ensure the area is maintained predominantly in its natural condition.

Special wildlife reserves are a voluntary, binding, and perpetual class of protected area, for application on privately owned land that contains exceptional natural and cultural resources and values. They can apply to freehold, leasehold, and reserve tenures, with ownership and management responsibilities remaining unaffected. Special wildlife reserves are afforded protections from incompatible land uses like those afforded to national parks.

Nature refuges are areas of high conservation significance generally owned by private individuals and companies, which are predominantly negotiated through a legally binding, perpetual agreement between the landholder and the State. They are managed to conserve the area's significant natural and cultural resources and to provide for its controlled use as well as the interests of the landholder.

There are two coordinated conservation areas that overlay multiple tenure types, which are managed in a coordinated manner by the various landholders. They are managed to conserve the area's natural and cultural values and to provide for the interests of the landholders.

Table A details the status of classes of protected areas, including changes during 2023–24.

Special management areas (SMAs) controlled action

Under the NC Act, SMAs (controlled action) can be declared under section 42A by the chief executive over a national park or part of a national park to allow special management actions to occur.

A SMA (controlled action) allows for either the manipulation of an area's natural and cultural resources to protect or restore the area's natural or cultural values, or, the continuation of a lawful existing use, where the use is consistent with maintaining the area's natural and cultural values. A SMA (controlled action) is designed to facilitate activities that would otherwise be inconsistent with the management principles on national parks.

As at 30 June 2024, the total area of national parks subject to SMAs (controlled action) was approximately 51,745 hectares. No new SMAs (controlled action) were declared in 2023–24.

In the 2023–24 reporting period, existing SMAs (controlled action) were active in:

- D'Aguilar, Mapleton and Conway National Parks to allow continuation of a lawful existing use in foliage harvesting until 2024.
- Mooloolah River National Park to allow continuation of a lawful existing use in beekeeping until 2024.
- Mazeppa and Nairana National Parks to allow controlled stock grazing to manage high fuel loads associated with buffel grass to reduce threats to endangered fire sensitive communities.
- Mount Coolum National Park to allow controlled vegetation management, including targeted removal of native Melaleuca quinquenervia may be allowed in this area to restore ground parrot habitat (heathland), subject to ongoing monitoring.

Protected area authorities

Sections 34–38, 42AD–42AEA, 42AN–42AP and 43F–43H of the NC Act deal with the granting of authorities for the use of national parks, national parks (CYPAL), Indigenous joint management areas, conservation parks, resources reserves and special wildlife reserves. Sections 37 and 38 include provision for leases issued under the *Land Act 1994* and continuing authorities under the repealed *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1975*.

Under these provisions, leases and authorities can, in specific circumstances, be issued for purposes that include but are not limited to ecotourism, communications, electricity infrastructure, water extraction and grazing.

The Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017 provides for activities to be undertaken on protected areas by permit, authority or agreement (approvals) and outlines the administrative matters relating to the grant, amendment, suspension, cancellation, surrender and replacement of the relevant approvals. The Regulation outlines additional requirements and restrictions that apply to certain activities and approvals on protected areas.

Nine authorities under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, 536 authorities under the Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017, 28 commercial activity agreements, plus 193,400 protected area camping permits were issued during the reporting period. A summary of information relating to protected area authorities during 2023–24 is provided in Table B.

There were 6 internal reviews of decisions and 4 appeals to the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal made during 2023–24. A summary of the internal reviews and appeals of protected area authority decisions during 2023–24 is provided in Table C.

Additional information relating to the administration of selected camping permits, and commercial activity agreements and permits in 2023–24 is provided in Table D.

Under section 54 of the NC Act the chief executive may, before the interest is created, require a person seeking an interest in land in a protected area to give the chief executive an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the use, or a stated use, of the land under the interest. No EISs were required or considered under this provision during 2023–24.

Under section 174A of the NC Act the chief executive may, by gazette notice, approve or make codes of practice for protected areas or forest reserves. No codes of practice under the NC Act for protected areas and forest reserves were current during 2023–24.

Trustees

Section 31 of the NC Act provides that a conservation park or resources reserve may be placed under the management of trustees. Trustees are listed in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 of the Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017. There were no new trustees appointed during 2023–24.

Commercial activity agreements

The Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017 provides for authorised activities to be allowed on protected areas. Part 8 of the Regulation outlines the process for consideration of commercial activity agreements on protected areas. The 97 commercial activity agreements in force during 2023–24 are listed in Table E. Of these 97 agreements, 90 were current as at 30 June 2024.

Conservation agreements for private protected areas (nature refuges and special wildlife reserves)

Sections 43B and 45 of the NC Act, under certain circumstances, requires the Minister, for the State, to enter into conservation agreements with private landholders to assist in the conservation of land and wildlife. Sections 43E and 48 of the NC Act allows the Minister, for the State, and the landholders bound by a conservation agreement to amend, vary or replace an existing conservation agreement. The 18 conservation agreements (for private protected areas) executed during 2023–24 are listed in Table F.

Forest reserves

The NC Act provides for the continued management of lands dedicated as forest reserves prior to their intended transfer to protected area. Changes to the status of forest reserves during 2023–24 are detailed in Table G.

Management statements and management plans

Sections 111–119B of the NC Act outline the process for preparing management statements and management plans for protected areas. A management statement is generally required for all protected areas. However, a management plan may be prepared instead of a management statement, or to replace an existing management statement, if the Minister is satisfied it is appropriate in the circumstances.

As at 30 June 2024, there were 81 management plans covering 122 protected areas, as listed in Table H—including four national parks (scientific), 65 national parks, two national parks (CYPAL), one national park (Aboriginal Land), 36 conservation parks and 14 resources reserves. During 2023–24 one protected area management plan for Narrien Range National Park underwent an administrative review and extension.

As at 30 June 2024, there are 375 protected area management statements covering 447 protected areas, as listed in Table I—including 4 national parks (scientific), 206 national parks, 20 national parks (CYPAL), 191 conservation parks and 26 resources reserves. During 2023–24, 1 new protected area management statement covering 5 protected areas (Bolger Bay Conservation Park, Horseshoe Bay Lagoon Conservation Park, Magnetic Island Conservation Park 1, Magnetic Island Conservation Park 2 and Magnetic Island National Park) was approved (Magnetic Island (Yunbenun) Management Statement 2023), and 189 management statements covering 241 protected areas underwent an administrative review and extension.

As at 30 June 2024, 97.9% (279 of 285) of national parks—including national parks (scientific), 94.6% (227 of 240) of conservation parks and 91% (40 of 44) of resources reserves had a management instrument (management statement or management plan) in place (excluding joint management areas). This enables improved management, including ecosystem health, fire, pest and visitor management, and provided direction on emerging and contemporary matters.

Wildlife and habitat conservation

Classes of wildlife

Part 5 of the NC Act, the Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020 and the Nature Conservation (Plants) Regulation 2020 detail the requirements to protect native wildlife. Protected wildlife may be prescribed as ‘extinct’, ‘extinct in the wild’, ‘critically endangered’, ‘endangered’, ‘vulnerable’, ‘near threatened’ or ‘least concern’. In addition, wildlife may be prescribed as ‘international’ or ‘prohibited’. There were no changes to the classes of wildlife in 2023–24. A summary of numbers of prescribed wildlife, as at 30 June 2024, is provided in Table J.

Wildlife licences, permits and other authorities

Under the NC Act, licences, permits or other authorities are required for the ‘take’, ‘keep’ and ‘use’ of protected wildlife, to ensure that use is ecologically sustainable and wild populations are protected. Summaries of information relating to wildlife licences and wildlife permits are provided in Table K and Table L.

Under section 174A of the NC Act, the chief executive may, by gazette notice, approve or make codes of practice for protected wildlife. A summary of the 15 wildlife codes of practice and guidelines in effect under the NC Act during 2023–24 is provided in Table M.

Under section 100B of the NC Act, the Minister may enter into a captive breeding agreement for protected wildlife. A summary of the 4 captive breeding agreements in effect during 2023–24 is provided in Table N.

Critical habitats and areas of major interest

Under section 175 (2) of the NC Act, the Governor in Council may make regulations with respect to the use or development of land, and activities, in an area identified as, or including, a critical habitat or an area of major interest. No critical habitats or areas of major interest were determined during 2023–24.

Declarations

Chapter 6, Part 2 of the Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020 provides for special management declarations for marine mammals. No special management declarations were made during 2023–24.

Interim conservation orders

Part 6 of the NC Act allows for interim conservation orders to be made for the conservation, protection or management of threatened or near threatened wildlife, a critical habitat, an area of major interest, or a protected area. No interim conservation orders were issued during 2023–24.

Administration

Conservation officers

Under section 127 of the NC Act, the responsible Minister may appoint an employee of the department, an officer of the public service, a police officer, or another appropriately qualified person to be a conservation officer. Conservation officers possess a range of investigation, compliance and enforcement powers supporting the implementation of the objectives of the NC Act. Departmental records indicate 35 conservation officers were newly appointed or reappointed under the NC Act during 2023–24. Twenty-four Indigenous Land and Sea Rangers (non-public service employees) were newly authorised to exercise powers under section 151 of the NC Act (Conservation officer may require name and address).

Offences and prosecutions

Enforcement of the NC Act is a major activity for DESI to ensure the protection and conservation of Queensland's natural environment.

DESI's Litigation Unit finalised three prosecutions in 2023–24 with convictions by a court, resulting in $154,200 of fines and other orders and $6,659.28 of costs. Additional information on enforcement activities for protected area and wildlife matters is provided in Table O.

Tables

Table A—Status of classes of protected areas, including changes during 2023–24

Class	Date	Action	Affected area (ha)	Total area (ha) (rounded)
National parks (scientific)				
All of class at period start	**01/07/2023**	**-**	-	**53,192**
All of class at period end	**30/06/2024**	**-**	-	**53,192**
National parks				
All of class at period start	**01/07/2023**	-	-	**6,725,575**
Barnard Island Group National Park	25/08/2023	Addition	0.615	
Castle Tower National Park	25/08/2023	Redescription	231.6122	
Family Islands National Park	25/08/2023	Addition	1.471	
Frankland Group National Park	25/08/2023	Addition	2.36	
Goold Island National Park	25/08/2023	Addition	21.2	
Lindeman Islands National Park	25/08/2023	Addition	19.7549	
Molle Islands National Park	25/08/2023	Addition	4.186	
Mount Archer National Park	25/08/2023	Addition	4.3728	
Whitsunday Islands National Park	25/08/2023	Addition	43.166	
Bowling Green Bay National Park	01/12/2023	Addition	2.685	
Brampton Islands National Park	01/12/2023	Addition	4.011	
Broad Sound Islands National Park	01/12/2023	Addition	322.687	
Eurimbula National Park	01/12/2023	Addition	15.22	
Gloucester Island National Park	01/12/2023	Addition	16.375	
Goodedulla National Park	01/12/2023	Addition	357.7	
Main Range National Park	01/12/2023	Addition	19.5296	
Northumberland Islands National Park	01/12/2023	Addition	231.129	
Repulse Islands National Park	01/12/2023	Addition	5.99	
Smith Islands National Park	01/12/2023	Addition	16.996	
South Cumberland Islands National Park	01/12/2023	Addition	130.949	
D'Aguilar National Park	8/12/2023	Addition	16.9031	
Daintree National Park	8/12/2023	Revocation	-8.5687	
Barron Gorge National Park	29/03/2024	Addition	176.34	
Broad Sound Islands National Park	29/03/2024	Addition	6.86	
Curtis Island National Park	29/03/2024	Addition	66.417	
Dryander National Park	29/03/2024	Addition	25.92	
Ella Bay National Park	29/03/2024	Addition	629.2	
Eubenangee Swamp National Park	29/03/2024	Addition	544.6794	

Class	Date	Action	Affected area (ha)	Total area (ha) (rounded)
Eungella National Park	29/03/2024	Redescription	1.355	
Gloucester Island National Park	29/03/2024	Addition	1.38	
Kelvin National Park	29/03/2024	Addition	1,191	
Keppel Bay Islands National Park	29/03/2024	Addition	17.44	
Kuranda National Park	29/03/2024	Addition	55.74	
Macalister Range National Park	29/03/2024	Addition	47.7509	
Northumberland Islands National Park	29/03/2024	Addition	3.4	
Percy Isles National Park	29/03/2024	Addition	193	
Russell River National Park	29/03/2024	Addition	453.6292	
South Cumberland Islands National Park	29/03/2024	Addition	139.83	
Wild Cattle Island National Park	29/03/2024	Addition	69.4	
Wrattens National Park	29/03/2024	Addition	4	
Eurimbula National Park	28/06/2024	Addition	6,090.9704	
Girringun National Park	28/06/2024	Addition	36.041	
Gulngay National Park	28/06/2024	Addition	60.14	
Homevale National Park	28/06/2024	Addition	4,530	
Hull River National Park	28/06/2024	Addition	0.1337	
Japoon National Park	28/06/2024	Addition	25.7112	
Kuranda National Park	28/06/2024	Addition	3,711.23	
Tagalaka National Park	28/06/2024	Rename[2]	N/A	
Lockyer National Park	28/06/2024	Addition	500.3938	
Macalister Range National Park	28/06/2024	Addition	17.503	
Magnetic Island National Park	28/06/2024	Addition	2.155	
Malbon Thompson Range National Park	28/06/2024	New	620.0846	
Mount Coolum National Park	28/06/2024	Addition	1.997	
Paluma Range National Park	28/06/2024	Addition	67.18	
Pioneer Peaks National Park	28/06/2024	Addition	64.7497	
Russell River National Park	28/06/2024	Addition	11.82	
The Lakes National Park	28/06/2024	New	43,260	
Tully Gorge National Park	28/06/2024	Addition	246.0105	
Venman Bushland National Park	28/06/2024	Addition	8.436	
Wooroonooran National Park	28/06/2024	Addition	246.6931	

[2] Littleton National Park was renamed as Tagalaka National Park.

Class	Date	Action	Affected area (ha)	Total area (ha) (rounded)
All of class at period end	**30/06/2024**	-	**64,588.9344**	**6,790,163**
National parks (Aboriginal land)				
All of class at period start	**01/07/2023**	-	-	**79,707**
All of class at period end	**30/06/2024**	-	-	**79,707**
National parks (Torres Strait Islander land)				
All of class at period start	**01/07/2023**	-	-	**0**
All of class at period end	**30/06/2024**	-	-	**0**
National parks (CYPAL)				
All of class at period start	**01/07/2023**	-	-	**2,651,261**
All of class at period end	**30/06/2024**	-	-	**2,651,261**
Conservation parks				
All of class at period start	**01/07/2023**	-	-	**88,568**
Glass House Mountains Conservation Park	25/08/2023	Addition / Redescription	29.2684	
Main Range Conservation Park	01/12/2023	Addition	17.3907	
Deer Reserve Conservation Park	08/12/2023	New	994.9696	
Glass House Mountains Conservation Park	08/12/2023	Addition	61.4536	
Kamerunga Conservation Park	08/12/2023	Revocation / Redescription	-0.8057	
Mooloolah River Conservation Park	08/12/2023	New	129	
Plunkett Conservation Park	08/12/2023	Addition	198	
Tallebudgera Creek Conservation Park	08/12/2023	Revocation / Redescription	-0.0493	
West Cooroy Conservation Park	08/12/2023	New	1,150	
Broad Sound Islands Conservation Park	29/03/2024	Addition	50.3	
Middle Percy Island Conservation Park	29/03/2024	Addition	3.2	
Daisy Hill Conservation Park	28/06/2024	Addition	213.2	
Mouth of Baffle Creek Conservation Park 2	28/06/2024	Addition	81.9399	
All of class at period end	**30/06/2024**	-	**2,927.8672**	**91,495**
Resources reserves				
All of class at period start	**01/07/2023**	-	-	**223,846**
Lawn Hill (Creek) Resources Reserve	23/02/2024	Omission	-160	
All of class at period end	**30/06/2024**	-	**-160**	**223,686**
Special wildlife reserves				
All of class at period start	**01/07/2023**	-	-	**56,392**
All of class at period end	**30/06/2024**	-	-	**56,392**

Class	Date	Action	Affected area (ha)	Total area (ha) (rounded)
Nature refuges				
All of class at period start	**01/07/2023**	-	-	**4,626,388**
Cootharaba Nature Refuge	25/08/2023	New	87.25	
Egerton Nature Refuge	25/08/2023	Redescription	-0.04	
Glen Idle Nature Refuge	25/08/2023	Revocation	-63.7	
Kangaby Nature Refuge	25/08/2023	New	198.648	
Koolewong Nature Refuge	25/08/2023	Redescription	-0.0682	
Long Grass Nature Refuge	25/08/2023	Redescription	-0.0002	
Messmate Nature Refuge	25/08/2023	Revocation / Addition / Redescription	33.85	
Mount Murchison Nature Refuge	25/08/2023	Revocation / Redescription	-1.99	
Saxum Floribunda Nature Refuge	25/08/2023	New	18.9	
Scotney Nature Refuge	25/08/2023	Redescription	N/A	
The Limberlost Nature Refuge	25/08/2023	New	53.92	
Coopooroo Creek Nature Refuge	01/12/2023	New	64.62	
Dundas Nature Refuge	01/12/2023	New	39.7196	
Gyetvay Park Nature Refuge	01/12/2023	Revocation / Redescription	-19.96	
Helios Hills Nature Refuge	01/12/2023	Redescription	0.58	
Milky Pine Nature Refuge	01/12/2023	Addition / Redescription	14.349	
Rangemoore Nature Refuge	01/12/2023	New	215.81	
Turangawaewae Nature Refuge	01/12/2023	New	42.21	
Wonarro Creek Nature Refuge	01/12/2023	New	32.2737	
Bimboola Nature Refuge	29/03/2024	New	39.14	
Maraverde Nature Refuge	29/03/2024	New	64.6354	
Under Milkweed Nature Refuge	29/03/2024	New	132.22	
Wyangan Springs Nature Refuge	29/03/2024	New	63.25	
Abingdon Downs North Nature Refuge	28/06/2024	New	244,647.07	
Crystalvale Nature Refuge	28/06/2024	Addition / Redescription	64,314.23	
Emerald Rifle Range Nature Refuge	28/06/2024	Rename / Redescription	0.4	
All of class at period end	**30/06/2024**	-	**309,977.3173**	**4,936,365**
Coordinated conservation areas				
All of class at period start	**01/07/2023**	-	-	**2,121**
All of class at period end	**30/06/2024**	-	-	**2,121**

Table B—Summary of information relating to protected area authorities during 2023–24

Category	Number current at 30/06/2024	Number granted	Number refused	Number suspended, expired, surrendered or cancelled
Authorities under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*				
Section 34—lease, agreement, licence, permit or other authority over protected area	124	4	0	1
Section 35—lease, agreement, licence, permit or other authority in national park				
service facility[3]	149	3	0	3
ecotourism facility[4]	3	0	0	0
Section 35A—lease, agreement, licence, permit or other authority for pre-existing service facility in national park	24	0	0	0
Section 36—previous use authority in new national park[5]	5	2	0	1
Section 37—renew existing authority for national park	0	0	0	0
Section 38—lease under the *Land Act 1994* in a protected area as if the land were reserved or set apart under that Act for public purposes	0	0	0	0
Section 42AD—lease, agreement, licence, permit or other authority in national park (CYPAL)	0	0	0	0
Section 42AE—lease, agreement, licence, permit or other authority in national park (CYPAL)	0	0	0	0
Section 42AEA—lease, agreement, licence, permit or other authority for pre-existing service facility in national park (CYPAL)	0	0	0	0
Section 42AN—lease, agreement, licence, permit or other authority over land in Indigenous joint management area	2	0	0	0
Section 42AO—lease, agreement, licence, permit or other authority in national park in Indigenous joint management area	0	0	0	0
Section 42AOA—lease, agreement, licence, permit or other authority for pre-existing service facility in national park in Indigenous joint management area	0	0	0	0

[3] Service facilities include communications towers or cables, aircraft or vessel navigation devices, transmission grids or electricity supply networks, pipelines for oil or gas, and pipelines and facilities for water supply or sewerage treatment.

[4] Ecotourism facilities include facilities designed and managed to facilitate the presentation, appreciation and conservation of the land's natural condition and cultural resources and values.

[5] Previous use authorities include permits for occupation, stock grazing, apiary and sales permits issued under the *Forestry Act 1959* and leases issued under the *Land Act 1994*, for approved uses occurring on the land immediately prior to its dedication as national park.

Category	Number current at 30/06/2024	Number granted	Number refused	Number suspended, expired, surrendered or cancelled
Section 42AP—previous use authority in new national park in Indigenous joint management area	0	0	0	0
Section 43F—lease, agreement, licence, permit or other authority over land in special wildlife reserve	0	0	0	0
Section 43G—lease, agreement, licence, permit or other authority for new service facility over land in special wildlife reserve	0	0	0	0
Section 43H—previous use authority in special wildlife reserve	0	0	0	0
Authorities under the Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017				
Section 18B(1)—permit to take, use, keep or interfere with cultural or natural resources				
resources permit (scientific purposes)	226	94	3	206
resources permit (educational purposes)	2	0	0	3
other purposes[6]	7	6	0	3
apiary permit	262	136	0	145
Aboriginal tradition authority	0	0	0	0
Island custom authority	0	0	0	0
Section 56—camping permit[7]	193,400	193,400	0	0
Section 65—commercial activity permit[8]	420	181	2	283
Section 69—organised event permit[9]	22	81	2	68
Section 64—permit to enter national park (scientific)	15	6	0	5

[6] Other purposes include resources permits associated with the take of quarry material or foliage harvesting from a conservation park or resources reserve.

[7] These figures include permits issued under the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006* (RAM Act) for activities in Great Sandy National Park in the Fraser Island (K'gari) and Cooloola recreation areas, and Bribie Island recreation areas. The camping figures do not include numbers for Moreton Island National Park or Naree Budjong Djara National Park in the Minjerribah Recreation Area which are managed by the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation. The camping figures also do not include permits and agreements granted solely under the *Forestry Act 1959* or recreation areas that do not include a protected area (e.g. Inskip Peninsula).

[8] These figures include permits issued under the RAM Act for activities in Green Island National Park in the Green Island Recreation Area, Great Sandy National Park in the Fraser Island (K'gari) and Cooloola Recreation Areas, Moreton Island National Park in the Moreton Island Recreation Area, Bribie Island National Park in the Bribie Island Recreation Area and Naree Budjong Djara National Park in the Minjerribah Recreation Area. They do not include permits and agreements granted solely under the *Forestry Act 1959* or recreation areas that do not include protected area (e.g. Inskip Peninsula).

[9] These figures include permits issued under the RAM Act for activities in Green Island National Park in the Green Island Recreation Area, Great Sandy National Park in the Fraser Island (K'gari) and Cooloola Recreation Areas, Moreton Island National Park in the Moreton Island Recreation Area, Bribie Island National Park in the Bribie Island Recreation Area and Naree Budjong Djara National Park in the Minjerribah Recreation Area. They do not include permits and agreements granted solely under the *Forestry Act 1959* or recreation areas that do not include protected area (e.g. Inskip Peninsula).

Category	Number current at 30/06/2024	Number granted	Number refused	Number suspended, expired, surrendered or cancelled
Section 68—permit to solicit donations or information	1	1	0	0
Section 70—permit to use recreational craft	2	2	0	1
Section 57—restricted access area permit	0	1	0	1
Section 71—special activity permit	2	4	0	4
Section 58—stock grazing permit	13	1	0	0
Section 60—stock mustering permit	5	23	0	14
Section 62—travelling stock permit	0	0	0	0
Section 71CO—commercial activity agreement[10]	90	28	1	32

Table C—Summary of internal reviews and appeals of protected area authority decisions during 2023–24

Category	Number of internal reviews/appeals	Number of decisions confirmed	Number of decisions amended	Number of decisions pending at 30/06/2024
Internal reviews	6	5	1	0
Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal appeals	4	0	0	4

Table D—Details of selected protected area authorities granted during 2023–24

Camping information[11]	
Camping permits	193,400
Average group size[12]	2.4
Number of people camping	488,128
Average stay (nights)	2.02
Camper nights	1,009,746

[10] These figures include commercial activity agreements entered into under the NC Act, and commercial activity agreements entered into under the RAM Act which may encompass activities in protected areas. The table does not include commercial activity agreements entered into under the *Forestry Act 1959* or the *Marine Parks Act 2004*, unless such agreement forms part of a joint commercial activity agreement also issued under the NC Act or RAM Act.

[11] These camping figures are estimates. They include permits and authorities issued under the RAM Act for activities in national parks in the Fraser Island (K'gari), Cooloola and Bribie Island Recreation Areas. The camping figures do not include numbers for Moreton Island or numbers for Naree Budjong Djara National Park in the Minjerribah Recreation Area as these camping areas are managed by the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation.

[12] Camping estimates exclude children aged less than five years.

Commercial activity agreements[13]	**Number current at 30/06/2024**	**Number granted**
Filming	4	3
Competitive sporting and community events	15	8
Tourism and recreation (e.g. guided tours, tag along, scenic flights)	58	2
Corporate events and functions	0	0
Transport (e.g. barge operations, passenger transport)	6	4
Vending (e.g. food, recreation equipment)	5	0
Other	2	0
Commercial activity permits[14]	**Number current at 30/06/2024**	**Number granted**
Commercial tourism	409	127
Commercial film/photography	2	0
Commercial (other)[15]	9	5

Table E—Commercial activity agreements (CAAs) in force during 2023–24[16]

No.	Legal entity	Act	Section(s)/Location(s)	Activity	Expiry date (at 30/06/2024)
1	Adventure Medics Australia Pty Ltd	NC Act	D'Aguilar National Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	13/07/2025
2	Adventurethon Australia Pty Ltd	NC Act[17]	Cape Pallarenda Conservation Park / Horseshoe Bay Lagoon Conservation Park / Magnetic Island National Park / Townsville Town Common Conservation Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	23/08/2025
3	Alders Trading Pty Ltd	NC Act	Gheebulum Kunungai (Moreton Island) National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	21/11/2024
4	Aldesta Heron Island Pty Ltd	NC Act	Capricornia Cays National Park – Heron Island	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	04/01/2032
5	Amity Trader Pty Ltd	RAM Act	Moreton Island Recreation Area	Transport (Barge/ passenger transfer)	30/06/2026
6	AP Vessel Management Pty Ltd	NC Act	Dryander National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	19/11/2024

[13] These figures include commercial activity agreements entered into under the NC Act, and commercial activity agreements entered into under the RAM Act which may encompass activities in protected areas. The table does not include commercial activity agreements entered into under the *Forestry Act 1959* or the *Marine Parks Act 2004*, unless such agreement forms part of a joint commercial activity agreement also issued under the NC Act or RAM Act.

[14] These figures do not include permits and agreements granted solely under the *Forestry Act 1959*.

[15] Other includes competitive sporting and community events.

[16] Details include commercial activity agreements entered into under the NC Act, and commercial activity agreements entered into under the RAM Act which may encompass activities in protected areas. The table does not include commercial activity agreements entered into under the *Forestry Act 1959* or the *Marine Parks Act 2004*, unless such agreement forms part of a joint commercial activity agreement also issued under the NC Act or RAM Act.

[17] These commercial activity agreements are issued under the *Marine Parks Act 2004* in addition to the NC Act or RAM Act.

No.	Legal entity	Act	Section(s)/Location(s)	Activity	Expiry date (at 30/06/2024)
7	Auscycling Limited	NC Act	Smithfield Conservation Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	03/10/2027
8	Australian Adventure Group Holdings Pty Ltd (CAA19-001694-1)	NC Act / RAM Act	Fraser Island Recreation Area / K'Gari	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/05/2029
9	Australian Adventure Group Holdings Pty Ltd (CAA2015/148-2)	NC Act / RAM Act	Fraser Island Recreation Area / K'Gari	Tag-a-long Tours Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/12/2029
10	Auswiz Pty Ltd	NC Act	Eungella National Park	Vending	31/12/2024
11	Badgigal Pty Ltd as trustee for Welch White Trust	NC Act[16]	Hinchinbrook Island National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	10/07/2024 (under assessment)
12	Battaglia, Paul	NC Act	Whitsunday Islands National Park / Molle Islands National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	08/10/2023 (surrendered)
13	Biopixel Pty Ltd	NC Act / RAM Act[16]	Barnard Island Group National Park / Brampton Islands National Park / Broad Sound Islands National Park / Capricornia Cays National Park / Family Islands National Park / Fitzroy Island National Park / Frankland Group National Park / Gloucester Island National Park / Goold Island National Park / Green Island Recreation Area / Hinchinbrook Island National Park / Hope Islands National Park / Keppel Bay Islands National Park / Lindeman Islands National Park / Lizard Island National Park / Magnetic Island National Park / Molle Islands National Park / Newry Islands National Park / Orpheus Island National Park / Raine Island National Park (Scientific) / Smith Islands National Park / South Cumberland Islands National Park / Three Islands Group National Park / Turtle Group National Park / Whitsunday Islands National Park / Wild Cattle Island National Park	Filming / Photography	30/09/2028
14	Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation	NC Act / RAM Act	Fraser Island / K'Gari (Fraser Island) Great Sandy National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided tours etc.)	28/04/2027
15	Boundy, Ray and Sue	NC Act	Bowling Green Bay Conservation Park / Bowling Green Bay National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/07/2025
16	Burns, Malcolm	NC Act / RAM Act	K'gari (Fraser Island) Great Sandy National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/05/2029

No.	Legal entity	Act	Section(s)/Location(s)	Activity	Expiry date (at 30/06/2024)
17	Cairns Mountain Bike Club Inc	NC Act	Kuranda National Park / Smithfield Conservation Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	25/03/2029
18	Clark, Daina Nicole	NC Act	Horseshoe Bay Lagoon Conservation Park / Magnetic Island National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	15/09/2024
19	Coastal Events Holdings Pty Ltd	NC Act	Lamington National Park / Springbrook National Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	07/04/2025
20	Codford Pty Ltd	NC Act / RAM Act	K'gari (Fraser Island) Great Sandy National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	30/06/2029
21	Coradini, Diogo	NC Act / RAM Act	Great Sandy National Park (Cooloola Section)	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	28/04/2025
22	Cruise Whitsundays Pty Ltd	NC Act	Whitsunday Islands National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/07/2026
23	Dagoliath Pty Ltd	NC Act	Barnard Island Group National Park / Barron Gorge National Park / Dinden National Park / Tully Gorge National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	30/11/2035
24	Dagoliath Pty Ltd	NC Act	Barron Gorge National Park / Danbulla National Park / Dinden National Park / Girringun National Park / Tully Gorgge National Park / Wooroonooran National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	30/11/2035
25	Dino Wars Pty Ltd	NC Act	Fort Lytton National Park	Filming / Photography	15/08/2024
26	Discovery Holiday Parks (P-CAA-100179164)	NC Act	Undara Volcanic National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	11/06/2035
27	Discovery Holiday Parks (P-CAA-100179164)	NC Act	Undara Volcanic National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	17/03/2035
28	DWR Holdings Pty Ltd	RAM Act	Fraser Island (K'gari) Recreation Area / Great Sandy National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/05/2029
29	Eco Barge Clean Seas	NC Act	Conway National Park / Dryander National Park / Gloucester Island National Park / Lindeman Islands National Park / Molle Islands National Park / Repulse Islands National Park / Whitsunday Islands National Park	Other	01/09/2031
30	Eco Camp Pty Ltd	RAM Act	Cooloola Recreation Area / Great Sandy National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	30/06/2025
31	Elite Executive Events Pty Ltd	NC Act	D'Aguilar National Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	13/07/2025

No.	Legal entity	Act	Section(s)/Location(s)	Activity	Expiry date (at 30/06/2024)
32	Fish D'Vine Pty Ltd	NC Act[18]	Whitsunday Islands National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	01/10/2025
33	Frampton, Craig	RAM Act	Minjerribah Recreation Area	Vending	23/12/2025
34	Fraser Coast Tourism & Events Ltd	NC Act / RAM Act[19]	All Protected Areas and Recreation Areas excluding the following: National Parks (Scientific), National Parks (Aboriginal Land), National Parks (Torres Strait Islander Land), National Parks (CYPAL), Indigenous Joint Management Areas, Daintree National Park and Restricted Access Areas.	Filming / Photography	31/12/2026
35	Fraser Dingo 4WD Hire Pty Ltd	RAM Act	Fraser Island (K'gari) Recreation Area	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/12/2029
36	Fraser Island Barge Transport Pty	RAM Act	Fraser Island (K'gari) Recreation Area	Transport (Barge/passenger transfer)	30/06/2026
37	Geltch Enterprises Pty Ltd	NC Act / RAM Act	Fraser Island (K'gari) Recreation Area	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	23/08/2026
38	Girringun Aboriginal Corporation ICN 2769	NC Act	Girramay National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	30/01/2025
39	Gladstone MTB Inc	NC Act	Curtis Island National Park, Curtis Island Conservation Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	30/05/2029
40	Gladstone Road Runners Inc	NC Act	Curtis Island National Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	25/08/2028
41	Great Barrier Reef Holdings Pty	NC Act	Eurimbula National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/08/2024
42	GTR Events Pty Ltd	NC Act	Smithfield Conservation Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	10/05/2024 (transferred to Auscycling)
43	Gurree Pty Ltd	RAM Act	Fraser Island (K'gari) Recreation Area	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/12/2029
44	Hamilton Island Enterprises Ltd	NC Act[20]	Whitsunday Islands National Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	12/06/2029
45	Hart Corporation Pty Ltd	NC Act	Ex-HMAS Brisbane Conservation Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	13/03/2028

[18] These commercial activity agreements are issued under the *Marine Parks Act 2004* in addition to the NC Act or RAM Act.

[19] These commercial activity agreements are issued under the *Forestry Act 1959* in addition to the NC Act or RAM Act.

[20] These commercial activity agreements are issued under the *Marine Parks Act 2004* in addition to the NC Act or RAM Act.

No.	Legal entity	Act	Section(s)/Location(s)	Activity	Expiry date (at 30/06/2024)
46	Kabi Kabi Peoples Aboriginal Corporation	NC Act	Noosa National Parl	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/08/2024
47	Kalwun Development Corporation	NC Act	Burleigh Head National Park	Vending	12/07/2027
48	K'Gari Educational and Culture Centre Inc	RAM Act	Fraser Island (K'gari) Recreation Area	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	30/06/2029
49	Kokoda Youth Foundation Inc	NC Act	D'Aguilar National Park / Nerang Conservation Park / Nerang National Park / Springbrook Conservation Park / Springbrook National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/07/2026
50	Lejaille, Jean-Luc	NC Act / RAM Act	Cooloola Recreation Area / Great Sandy National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	04/07/2025
51	Li, Ling	NC Act	Cooloola Recreation Area / Great Sandy National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	13/02/2025
52	Lion Club of Cooroy Pomona Inc	NC Act	Tuchekoi National Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	28/09/2023
53	Mandingalbay Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation	NC Act	Grey Peaks National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/01/2030
54	Moreton Island Adventures Pty Ltd	RAM Act	Moreton Island Recreation Area	Transport (Barge/ passenger transfer)	30/06/2026
55	Mulpha Hotel Pty Ltd (CAA19-002139)	NC Act	Whitsunday Islands National Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	06/02/2025
56	Mulpha Hotel Pty Ltd (P-CAA-100149145)	NC Act	Whitsunday Islands National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours stc.)	06/02/2025
57	Neill M Kennedy & Hayley A Wilson	NC Act	Whitsunday Islands National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	10/08/2026
58	NKM Holdings Pty Ltd	NC Act	Eurimbula National Park / Eurimbula Resources Reserve	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	13/11/2025
59	Nomads Noosa Pty Ltd	RAM Act	Fraser Island (K'gari) Recreation Area	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/12/2029
60	Noosa Beach Classic Car Club Inc	NC Act	Tewantin National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	23/04/2026
61	Noosa Parks Association Inc.	NC Act / RAM Act	Cooloola Recreation Area / Noosa National Park	Other	19/01/2024
62	Ocean Dynamics Pty Ltd	NC Act	Whitsunday Island National Park / Langford Island National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	11/11/2025
63	Orange Adventures Pty Ltd	RAM Act	Fraser Island (K'gari) Recreation Area	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/12/2029

No.	Legal entity	Act	Section(s)/Location(s)	Activity	Expiry date (at 30/06/2024)
64	Outer Limits Adventure Fitness Pty Ltd	NC Act[21]	Bowling Green Bay National Park / Cape Pallarenda Conservation Park / Magnetic Island National Park / Paluma Range National Park / Paluma State Forest / Townsville Town Common Conservation Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	30/05/2028
65	Paradise Resources Pty Ltd	NC Act[19]	Whitsunday Islands National Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	16/01/2024
66	Perry, Kevin and Vanessa	RAM Act	Minjerribah Recreation Area	Vending	11/05/2026
67	Pippies Beach House Pty Ltd	RAM Act	Fraser Island (K'gari) Recreation Area	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/12/2029
68	Port Curtis Cania Callide Tourism Pty Ltd	NC Act	Broadwater Conservation Park / Deepwater National Park / Eurimbula National Park / Joseph Banks (Round Hill Head) Conservation Park / Mouth of Baffle Creek Conservation Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.) & Vending	31/12/2025
69	Pro Racing Sunshine Coast Pty Ltd	NC Act	Woondum National Park, Tewantin National Park, Tuchekoi National Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	31/07/2023
70	Queensland Japanese Services Pty Ltd	NC Act	Springbrook National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/12/2026
71	Queensland Living History Federation Inc	NC Act	Fort Lytton National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	30/06/2025
72	Queensland Military Historical Society Inc.	NC Act	Fort Lytton National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	28/04/2025
73	R3 Property Pty Ltd	NC Act	Lindeman Islands National Park / Molle Islands National Park / Whitsunday Islands National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	18/09/2024
74	Ride Fundamentals	NC Act	Smithfiled Conservation Park / Kuranda National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Cycling.)	10/02/2037
75	River to Bay Pty Ltd	RAM Act	Mulgumpin (Moreton Island) Recreation Area	Transport (Barge/passenger transfer)	09/06/2025
76	Run Queensland Pty Ltd	NC Act[22]	Cooloola Recreation Area / Kondalilla National Park / Mapleton Falls National Park / Mapleton National Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	15/11/2024

[21] These commercial activity agreements are issued under the *Marine Parks Act 2004* in addition to the NC Act or RAM Act.

[22] These commercial activity agreements are issued under the *Forestry Act 1959* in addition to the NC Act or RAM Act.

No.	Legal entity	Act	Section(s)/Location(s)	Activity	Expiry date (at 30/06/2024)
77	Schmidt, Graham John	NC Act	Hinchinbrook Island National Park	Transport (Barge/ passenger transfer)	14/12/2026
78	Sealink Fraser Island Pty Ltd	RAM Act	Fraser Island (K'gari) Recreation Area	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/05/2029
79	See Moreton Pty Ltd	RAM Act	Mulgumpin (Moreton Island) Recreation Area	Transport (Barge/passenger transfer)	30/06/2026
80	Servo Productions 09 Pty Ltd	RAM Act	Minjerribah Recreation Area	Filming / Photography	09/08/2024
81	1770 Castaway Survivor Pty Ltd	NC Act	Bustard Heads Conservation Park / Eurimbula National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	19/12/2024
82	Sunline Coaches Pty Ltd	NC Act	Kuranda Forest Reserve / Smithfield Conservation Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	12/06/2029
83	Sunrover Expeditions Pty Ltd	RAM Act	Fraser Island (K'gari) Recreation Area	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	30/06/2029
84	Sunshine Coast Diving Centre Pty Ltd	NC Act	Ex-HMAS Brisbane Conservation Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	05/03/2028
85	Sunshine Coast Hang Gliding Pty Ltd	NC Act / RAM Act	Cooloola Recreation Area / Great Sandy National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/12/2024
86	Surfrider Foundation Limited	RAM Act	Cooloola Recreation Area	Other	29/06/2026
87	Tasman Venture Pty Ltd	RAM Act	Fraser Island (K'gari) Recreation Area	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	30/09/2029
88	The National Tour Company Pty Limited	NC Act	Springbrook National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/12/2026
89	Those Guy's Events Pty Ltd	NC Act	Lamington National Park / Springbrook National Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	31/12/2026
90	THRL Pty Ltd (formerly Spicers Retreats, Hotels and Lodges Pty Ltd)	NC Act	Main Range National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	01/05/2035
91	Tour Gold Coast Pty Ltd	NC Act	Springbrook National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	31/12/2026
92	Tourism and Events Queensland	NC Act	Lamington National Park	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	06/03/2027
93	Trail Run Australia Pty Ltd	NC Act	D'Aguilar National Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	31/05/2027
94	Ultimate Camping Group Pty Ltd	NC Act / RAM Act	Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area	Tourism and Recreation (Guided Tours etc.)	28/04/2025

No.	Legal entity	Act	Section(s)/Location(s)	Activity	Expiry date (at 30/06/2024)
95	Watergum Community Inc	NC Act	Springbrook National Park	Competitive Sporting and Community Events	11/02/2024
96	Woodfordia Inc	NC Act	Bellthorpe Conservation Park	Music Event (Competitive Sporting and Community Event)	31/01/2024
97	Zephyer Holdings Group Pty Ltd	RAM Act	Cooloola Recreation Area / Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area	Vending	12/02/2026

Table F—Conservation agreements for new and existing private protected areas entered into during 2023–24[23]

No.	Nature refuge	Execution date	Total area under agreement (ha)	Local government (council)
1	Abingdon Downs North Nature Refuge	22/04/2024	244647.07	Mareeba Shire
2	Alford's Gully Nature Refuge	29/05/2024	19.4	Scenic Rim Regional
3	Bimboola Nature Refuge	17/09/2023	39.14	Scenic Rim Regional
4	Crystalvale Nature Refuge	1/02/2024	90286.23	Cook Shire
5	Edgbaston Special Wildlife Reserve	16/05/2024	8015.22	Barcaldine Region
6	Emerald Rifle Range Nature Refuge	16/05/2024	8015.22	Barcaldine Regional
7	Glenham Nature Refuge	22/11/2023	79.4	Central Highlands Regional
8	Maraverde Nature Refuge	29/05/2024	25.71	Hinchinbrook Shire
9	Moonbeams Nature Refuge	17/09/2023	64.6354	Douglas Shire
10	Parrattamow Nature Refuge	11/06/2024	84.89	Tablelands Regional
11	Rosser Rainforest Nature Refuge	12/06/2024	1372.4914	Murweh Shire
12	Rowlands Nature Refuge	29/05/2024	94.69	Mackay Regional
13	Shipwreck Bay Nature Refuge	29/05/2024	21.44	Gympie Regional
14	The Douglas Hockly Nature Refuge	27/05/2024	8.265	Douglas Shire
15	Toomba Nature Refuge	21/03/2024	22.69	Toowoomba Regional
16	Under Milkweed Nature Refuge	27/05/2024	47359.55	Charters Towers Regional
17	Wyangan Springs Nature Refuge	18/09/2023	132.22	Lockyer Valley Regional
18	Zoomers Nature Refuge	18/09/2023	63.25	Gold Coast City

[23] Conservation agreements are signed by the Minister or delegate. Declaration in, or amendment of, the Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Regulation 1994, if required, may not occur in the same financial year as the agreement is executed.

Table G—Changes to the status of forest reserves during 2023–24

Forest reserve	Date	Action	Affected area (ha)	Total number	Total area (ha) (rounded)
All of class at period start	**01/07/2023**	-	-	**30**	**50,281**
Beerwah Forest Reserve	25/08/2023	Revocation	-37.4651		
Barron Gorge Forest Reserve	29/03/2024	Revocation	-176.34		
Dryander Forest Reserve	29/03/2024	Revocation	-25.92		
Kelvin Forest Reserve	29/03/2024	Revocation	-1,191		
Kuranda Forest Reserve	29/03/2024	Revocation	-55.74		
Macalister Range Forest Reserve	29/03/2024	Revocation	-47.75		
Yabba Forest Reserve 2	29/03/2024	Revocation	-4		
Kuranda West Forest Reserve	28/06/2024	Revocation[24]	-3,711		
All of class at period end	**30/06/2024**	-	**-5,249.2151**	**23**	**45,032**

Table H—Approved protected area management plans as at 30 June 2024

No.	Protected area management plan
1	Auburn River National Park Management Plan
2	Bakers Creek Conservation Park Management Plan
3	Barnard Island Group National Park Management Plan
4	Blackwood National Park Management Plan
5	Boodjamulla National Park Management Plan
6	Bowling Green Bay National Park Management Plan
7	Brook Islands National Park and Goold Island National Park Management Plan
8	Buckleys Hole Conservation Park Management Plan
9	Bullock Creek Conservation Park Management Plan
10	Burleigh Head National Park Management Plan
11	Byfield Area Management Plan[25]
12	Cape Hillsborough, Pioneer Peaks, Mount Ossa, Mount Martin and Reliance Creek National Parks and adjoining State Waters Management Plan
13	Capricorn Coast National Park Management Plan

[24] The revocation only applies to part of Kuranda West Forest Reserve therefore does not reduce the total number of forest reserves.

[25] The Byfield Area Management Plan includes Byfield National Park, Byfield Conservation Park, Byfield State Forest managed by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, the departmental and official purposes reserve at Stockyard Point, Corio Bay and beaches of the Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park (State), adjacent to these areas.

No.	Protected area management plan
14	Capricornia Cays National Park and adjoining State Waters Management Plan[26]
15	Carbrook Wetlands Conservation Park and Serpentine Creek Conservation Park Management Plan
16	Carnarvon National Park Management Plan
17	Coalstoun Lakes National Park Management Plan
18	Cressbrook Conservation Park Management Plan
19	Culgoa Floodplain National Park Management Plan
20	Currawinya National Park Management Plan
21	Daintree National Park Management Plan
22	Dalrymple National Park Management Plan
23	Dipperu National Park (Scientific) Management Plan
24	Djilgarin and Jalum Conservation Parks Management Plan
25	Dwyers Scrub Conservation Park Management Plan
26	Epping Forest National Park (Scientific) Management Plan
27	Family Islands National Park Management Plan
28	Fitzroy Island National Park and Marine Management Area Management Plan
29	Forest Den National Park Management Plan
30	Frankland Group National Park Management Plan
31	Girraween National Park Management Plan
32	Great Sandy Conservation Park Management Plan
33	Great Sandy Region Management Plan[27]
34	Green Island Recreation Area incorporating Green Island National Park, part of the Cairns Marine Park (State) and part of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Commonwealth) and Green Island National Park Management Plans
35	Hinchinbrook Island National Park Management Plan
36	Holbourne Island National Park and adjoining State Waters Management Plan
37	Hope Islands National Park Management Plan
38	Horseshoe Lagoon Conservation Park Management Plan
39	Idalia National Park Management Plan
40	Indooroopilly Island Conservation Park Management Plan
41	King Island Conservation Park Management Plan
42	Kondalilla National Park Management Plan

[26] The Capricornia Cays National Park and adjoining State Waters Management Plan includes Capricornia Cays National Park, Capricornia Cays National Park (Scientific) and the Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park (State) areas adjoining the above protected areas and extending to the drying reef edge.

[27] The Great Sandy Region Management Plan includes Great Sandy National Park, Cooloola (Noosa River) Resources Reserve, Double Island Point Conservation Park, Fraser Island State Forest, Goat Island (Noosa River) Conservation Park, Great Sandy Resources Reserve, Mon Repos Conservation Park, Sandy Cape Conservation Park and Sheep Island Conservation Park.

No.	Protected area management plan
43	Lamington National Park Management Plan
44	Littabella National Park Management Plan
45	Lochern National Park Management Plan
46	Mariala National Park Management Plan
47	Maroochy River Conservation Park Management Plan[28]
48	Mazeppa National Park Management Plan
49	Michaelmas and Upolu Cays National Park Management Plan
50	Minerva Hills National Park Management Plan
51	Mooloolah River National Park Management Plan
52	Moorrinya National Park Management Plan
53	Moreton Island National Park, Cape Moreton Conservation Park and Moreton Island Recreation Area Management Plan
54	Mount Aberdeen National Park Management Plan
55	Mount Bauple National Park (Scientific) Management Plan
56	Mount Blarney Conservation Park Management Plan
57	Mount Coolum National Park Management Plan
58	Mount Hector Conservation Park Management Plan
59	Mount Scoria Conservation Park Management Plan
60	Naree Budjong Djara National Park Management Plan[29]
61	Narrien Range National Park Management Plan
62	Nicoll Scrub National Park Management Plan
63	Noosa Area Management Plan
64	Orpheus Island National Park Management Plan
65	Pipeclay National Park Management Plan
66	Poona National Park Management Plan
67	Porcupine Gorge National Park Management Plan
68	Protected areas in the Agnes Water/1770 area Management Plan[30]
69	Rundle Range National Park and Rundle Range Resources Reserve Management Plan
70	Sheep Station Creek Conservation Park Management Plan
71	Southwood National Park Management Plan

[28] The Maroochy River Conservation Park Management Plan includes Maroochy River Conservation Park and Goat Island Conservation Park.

[29] The Protected Areas in the Naree Budjong Djara National Park Management Plan include Main Beach Conservation Park, Myora Conservation Park, Naree Budjong Djara (North Stradbroke Island) Conservation Park, Naree Budjong Djara (North Stradbroke Island) National Park.

[30] The Protected areas in the Agnes Water / 1770 area Management Plan includes Eurimbula National Park, Deepwater National Park, Eurimbula Resources Reserve, Joseph Banks (Round Hill Head) Conservation Park, Broadwater Conservation Park and Mouth of Baffle Creek Conservation Park 2.

No.	Protected area management plan
72	Tarong National Park Management Plan
73	Taunton National Park (Scientific) Management Plan
74	Three Islands Group National Park Management Plan
75	Tregole National Park Management Plan
76	Triunia National Park Management Plan
77	Turtle Group National Park Management Plan
78	Venman Bushland National Park Management Plan
79	Welford National Park Management Plan
80	White Blow Conservation Park Management Plan
81	Wondul Range National Park Management Plan

Table I—Protected areas with approved management statements as at 30 June 2024

No.	National parks (scientific)
1	Keppel Bay Islands National Park (Scientific)
2	Mount Abbot National Park (Scientific)
3	Palmgrove National Park (Scientific)
4	Raine Island National Park (Scientific)

No.	National parks
1	Albinia National Park
2	Alton National Park
3	Amamoor National Park
4	Annan River (Yuku Baja-Muliku) National Park
5	Astrebla Downs National Park
6	Baga National Park
7	Ban Ban National Park
8	Bania National Park
9	Barron Gorge National Park
10	Basilisk Range National Park
11	Beeron National Park
12	Bellthorpe National Park
13	Benarkin National Park
14	Bendidee National Park
15	Beninbi National Park
16	Bingera National Park
17	Binya National Park
18	Black Mountain National Park

No.	National parks
19	Blackbraes National Park
20	Blackdown Tableland National Park
21	Bladensburg National Park
22	Bluff Hill National Park
23	Brampton Islands National Park
24	Bribie Island National Park
25	Broad Sound Islands National Park
26	Bulburin National Park
27	Bulleringa National Park
28	Bunya Mountains National Park
29	Burrum Coast National Park
30	Cania Gorge National Park
31	Cape Palmerston National Park
32	Cape Upstart National Park
33	Castle Tower National Park
34	Cherbourg National Park
35	Chesterton Range National Park
36	Chillagoe-Mungana Caves National Park
37	Claremont Isles National Park
38	Clump Mountain National Park
39	Conondale National Park
40	Conway National Park
41	Cordalba National Park
42	Crater Lakes National Park

No.	National parks
43	Crows Nest National Park
44	Cudmore (Limited Depth) National Park
45	Curtain Fig National Park
46	Curtis Island National Park
47	D'Aguilar National Park
48	Dan Dan National Park
49	Danbulla National Park
50	Davies Creek National Park
51	Dawes National Park
52	Deer Reserve National Park
53	Diamantina National Park
54	Dinden National Park
55	Djiru National Park
56	Dryander National Park
57	Dularcha National Park
58	Ella Bay National Park
59	Endeavour River National Park
60	Erringibba National Park
61	Esk National Park
62	Eubenangee Swamp National Park
63	Eudlo Creek National Park
64	Eungella National Park
65	Expedition (Limited Depth) National Park
66	Expedition National Park
67	Fairlies Knob National Park
68	Ferntree Creek National Park
69	Finucane Island National Park
70	Fort Lytton National Park
71	Forty Mile Scrub National Park
72	Freshwater National Park
73	Gadgarra National Park
74	Gatton National Park
75	Geham National Park
76	Girramay National Park
77	Girringun National Park
78	Glass House Mountains National Park
79	Glastonbury National Park

No.	National parks
80	Glenbar National Park
81	Gloucester Islands National Park
82	Goneaway National Park
83	Good Night Scrub National Park
84	Goodedulla National Park
85	Goomboorian National Park
86	Great Basalt Wall National Park
87	Grey Peaks National Park
88	Grongah National Park
89	Gympie National Park
90	Halifax Bay Wetlands National Park
91	Hampton National Park
92	Hann Tableland National Park
93	Hasties Swamp National Park
94	Hell Hole Gorge National Park
95	Herberton Range National Park
96	Homevale National Park
97	Hull River National Park
98	Humboldt National Park
99	Isla Gorge National Park
100	Japoon National Park
101	Jardine River National Park
102	Junee National Park
103	Kelvin National Park
104	Keppel Bay Islands National Park
105	Kinrara National Park
106	Kirrama National Park
107	Koombooloomba National Park
108	Kroombit Tops National Park
109	Kuranda National Park
110	Kurrimine Beach National Park
111	Lake Bindegolly National Park
112	Lindeman Islands National Park
113	Little Mulgrave National Park
114	Lizard Island National Park
115	Lockyer National Park
116	Maalan National Park

No.	National parks
117	Macalister Range National Park
118	Magnetic Island National Park
119	Main Range National Park
120	Maleny National Park
121	Mapleton Falls National Park
122	Mapleton National Park
123	Maria Creek National Park
124	Millstream Falls National Park
125	Molle Islands National Park
126	Moogerah Peaks National Park
127	Moresby Range National Park
128	Mount Archer National Park
129	Mount Barney National Park
130	Mount Binga National Park
131	Mount Chinghee National Park
132	Mount Colosseum National Park
133	Mount Cook National Park
134	Mount Etna Caves National Park
135	Mount Hypipamee National Park
136	Mount Lewis National Park
137	Mount Mackay National Park
138	Mount O'Connell National Park
139	Mount Pinbarren National Park
140	Mount Spurgeon National Park
141	Mount Walsh National Park
142	Mount Windsor National Park
143	Mowbray National Park
144	Mudlo National Park
145	Munga-Thirri National Park
146	Nairana National Park
147	Nangur National Park
148	Narkoola National Park
149	Nerang National Park
150	Newry Islands National Park
151	Ngalba Bulal National Park
152	Northumberland Islands National Park
153	Nour Nour National Park

No.	National parks
154	Nuga Nuga National Park
155	Oakview National Park
156	Palmerston Rocks National Park
157	Paluma Range National Park
158	Peak Range National Park
159	Percy Isles National Park
160	Pidna National Park
161	Pinnacles National Park
162	Possession Island National Park
163	Precipice National Park
164	Pumicestone National Park
165	Ravensbourne National Park
166	Repulse Islands National Park
167	Rungulla National Park
168	Russell River National Park
169	Sandbanks National Park
170	Sarabah National Park
171	Smith Islands National Park
172	Snake Range National Park
173	South Cumberland Islands National Park
174	Southern Moreton Bay Islands National Park
175	Springbrook National Park
176	St Helena Island National Park
177	Staaten River National Park
178	Sundown National Park
179	Swain Reefs National Park
180	Tagalaka National Park (Littleton)
181	Tamborine National Park
182	Tewantin National Park
183	The Palms National Park
184	Thrushton National Park
185	Topaz Road National Park
186	Tuchekoi National Park
187	Tully Falls National Park
188	Tully Gorge National Park
189	Undara Volcanic National Park
190	Warro National Park

No.	National parks
191	West Hill National Park
192	White Mountains National Park
193	Whitsunday Islands National Park
194	Wickham National Park
195	Wietalaba National Park
196	Wild Cattle Island National Park
197	Wiliyan-ngurru National Park
198	Wongi National Park
199	Woocoo National Park
200	Woondum National Park
201	Wooroonooran National Park
202	Woowoonga National Park
203	Woroon National Park
204	Wrattens National Park
205	Yungaburra National Park
206	Yuwi Paree-Toolkoon National Park

No.	National parks (CYPAL)
1	Alwal National Park (CYPAL)
2	Apudthama National Park (CYPAL)
3	Batavia National Park (CYPAL)
4	Cape Melville National Park (CYPAL)
5	Daarrba National Park (CYPAL)
6	Flinders Group National Park (CYPAL)
7	Howick Group National Park (CYPAL)
8	Juunju Daarrba Nhirrpan National Park (CYPAL)
9	KULLA (McIlwraith Range) National Park (CYPAL)
10	Kutini-Payamu (Iron Range) National Park (CYPAL)
11	Lama Lama National Park (CYPAL)
12	Melsonby (Gaarraay) National Park (CYPAL)
13	Muundhi (Jack River) National Park (CYPAL)
14	Ngalba-bulal National Park (CYPAL)
15	Oyala Thumotang National Park (CYPAL)
16	Piper Islands National Park (CYPAL)
17	Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park (CYPAL)

No.	National parks (CYPAL)
18	Wuthathi (Saunders Islands) National Park (CYPAL)
19	Wuthathi (Sir Charles Hardy Group) National Park (CYPAL)
20	Yamarrinh Wachangan Islands (Denham Group) National Park (CYPAL)

No.	Conservation parks
1	Abbott Bay Conservation Park
2	Albinia Conservation Park
3	Anderson Street Conservation Park
4	Andromache Conservation Park
5	Baddow Island Conservation Park
6	Baffle Creek Conservation Park
7	Bare Hill Conservation Park
8	Barubbra Island Conservation Park
9	Bayview Conservation Park
10	Baywulla Creek Conservation Park
11	Beachmere Conservation Park
12	Beelbi Creek Conservation Park
13	Bell Creek Conservation Park
14	Bellthorpe Conservation Park
15	Bingera Conservation Park 1
16	Bingera Conservation Park 2
17	Blackwater Conservation Park
18	Bloomfield River Conservation Park
19	Bloomsbury Conservation Park
20	Boat Mountain Conservation Park 1
21	Boat Mountain Conservation Park 2
22	Bolger Bay Conservation Park
23	Bottle Creek Conservation Park
24	Bouldercombe Gorge Conservation Park
25	Bowling Green Bay Conservation Park
26	Boyne Island Conservation Park
27	Buccan Conservation Park
28	Bukkulla Conservation Park
29	Bullyard Conservation Park
30	Bunya Mountains Conservation Park

No.	Conservation parks
31	Bunyaville Conservation Park
32	Burleigh Knoll Conservation Park
33	Bustard Head Conservation Park
34	Byron Creek Conservation Park
35	Cabbage Tree Point Conservation Park
36	Calliope Conservation Park
37	Caloundra Conservation Park
38	Canungra Conservation Park
39	Cape Capricorn Conservation Park
40	Cape Pallarenda Conservation Park
41	Carello Palm Swamp Conservation Park
42	Carraba Conservation Park
43	Causeway Lake Conservation Park
44	Charon Point Conservation Park
45	Cherbourg Conservation Park
46	Clear Mountain Conservation Park
47	Combo Conservation Park 1
48	Combo Conservation Park 2
49	Conondale Conservation Park
50	Conway Conservation Park
51	Conway West Conservation Park
52	Coolmunda Conservation Park
53	Cooloothin Conservation Park
54	Coolum Creek Conservation Park
55	Coombabah Lake Conservation Park
56	Crohamhurst Conservation Park
57	Currimundi Lake (Kathleen McArthur) Conservation Park
58	Currumbin Hill Conservation Park
59	Curtis Island Conservation Park
60	Daisy Hill Conservation Park
61	David Fleay Conservation Park
62	Dawson River Conservation Park
63	Deception Bay Conservation Park
64	Denmark Hill Conservation Park
65	Duggan Conservation Park
66	Elizabeth Springs Conservation Park

No.	Conservation parks
67	Etty Bay Road Conservation Park
68	Eudlo Creek Conservation Park
69	Eumundi Conservation Park
70	Evelyn Creek Conservation Park
71	Ex-HMAS Brisbane Conservation Park
72	Flagstone Creek Conservation Park
73	Flinders Peak Conservation Park
74	Futter Creek Conservation Park
75	Garden Island Conservation Park
76	Ghungalu Conservation Park
77	Glass House Mountains Conservation Park
78	Granville Conservation Park
79	Gurgeena Conservation Park
80	Hallorans Hill Conservation Park
81	Harry Spring Conservation Park
82	Hays Inlet Conservation Park 1
83	Hays Inlet Conservation Park 2
84	Herberton Range Conservation Park
85	Highworth Bend Conservation Park
86	Homevale Conservation Park
87	Horseshoe Bay Lagoon Conservation Park
88	Ipswich Pteropus Conservation Park
89	Irongate Conservation Park
90	Jack Smith Scrub Conservation Park
91	Jumrum Creek Conservation Park
92	Kamerunga Conservation Park
93	Keatings Lagoon Conservation Park
94	Keppel Sands Conservation Park
95	King Conservation Park
96	Knapp Creek Conservation Park
97	Koombooloomba Conservation Park
98	Kurrimine Beach Conservation Park
99	Lake Broadwater Conservation Park
100	Lake Murphy Conservation Park
101	Lark Quarry Conservation Park
102	Limestone Creek Conservation Park
103	Littabella Conservation Park

No.	Conservation parks
104	Long Island Bend Conservation Park
105	MacKenzie Island Conservation Park
106	Magnetic Island Conservation Park 1
107	Magnetic Island Conservation Park 2
108	Malanda Falls Conservation Park
109	Malbon Thompson Conservation Park
110	Mapleton Conservation Park
111	Maroochy Wetlands Conservation Park
112	Meingan Creek Conservation Park
113	Meridan Plains Conservation Park
114	Middle Percy Island Conservation Park
115	Millstream Conservation Park
116	Moggill Conservation Park
117	Mooloolah (Marie Higgs) Conservation Park
118	Morgan Park Conservation Park
119	Morven Conservation Park
120	Mount Beau Brummell Conservation Park
121	Mount Blandy Conservation Park
122	Mount Cooroy Conservation Park
123	Mount Dumaresq Conservation Park
124	Mount Eerwah Conservation Park
125	Mount Hopeful Conservation Park
126	Mount Kinchant Conservation Park
127	Mount Leura Conservation Park
128	Mount Perry Conservation Park
129	Mount Peter Conservation Park
130	Mount Whitfield Conservation Park
131	Mouth of Baffle Creek Conservation Park 1
132	Mouth of Kolan River Conservation Park
133	Mowbray Conservation Park
134	Mud Island Conservation Park
135	Mutton Hole Wetlands Conservation Park
136	Nerang Conservation Park
137	Neurum Creek Conservation Park
138	Newport Conservation Park
139	Ningi Creek Conservation Park
140	North Pointer Conservation Park

No.	Conservation parks
141	O'Regan Creek Conservation Park
142	Palmview Conservation Park
143	Parklands Conservation Park
144	Pimpama Conservation Park
145	Pine Ridge Conservation Park
146	Plunkett Conservation Park
147	Police Paddock Conservation Park
148	Princhester Conservation Park
149	Reinke Scrub Conservation Park
150	Rosins Lookout Conservation Park
151	Round Island Conservation Park
152	Roundstone Conservation Park
153	Saltwater Creek Conservation Park
154	Samford Conservation Park
155	Sandringham Bay Conservation Park
156	Shoalwater Bay Conservation Park
157	Six Mile Creek Conservation Park
158	Skull Knob Conservation Park
159	Smithfield Conservation Park
160	South Stradbroke Island Conservation Park
161	Southend Conservation Park
162	Speewah Conservation Park
163	Spicers Gap Road Conservation Park
164	Springbrook Conservation Park
165	Springwood Conservation Park
166	St Helens Gap Conservation Park (Mackay Highlands)
167	Tallebudgera Creek Conservation Park
168	Tenthill Conservation Park
169	Tinana Creek Conservation Park
170	Tinana Island Conservation Park
171	Tingalpa Creek Conservation Park
172	Tolderodden Conservation Park
173	Tomewin Conservation Park
174	Toohey Forest Conservation Park
175	Tooloombah Creek Conservation Park
176	Toorbul Conservation Park

No.	Conservation parks
177	Townsville Town Common Conservation Park
178	Tuchekoi Conservation Park
179	Vandyke Creek Conservation Park
180	Vernon Conservation Park
181	Walter Hill Range Conservation Park
182	Wararba Creek Conservation Park
183	Warrina Conservation Park
184	Warrubullen Conservation Park
185	White Rock Conservation Park
186	Wilandspey Conservation Park
187	Wongaloo Conservation Park
188	Woondum Conservation Park
189	Woongoolba Conservation Park
190	Wrattens Conservation Park
191	Zamia Creek Conservation Park

No.	Resources reserves
1	Albinia Resources Reserve
2	Bouldercombe Gorge Resources Reserve
3	Canyon Resources Reserve
4	Conondale Resources Reserve
5	Cudmore Resources Reserve

No.	Resources reserves
6	Endeavour River Resources Reserve
7	Expedition Resources Reserve
8	Flat Top Range Resources Reserve
9	Homevale Resources Reserve
10	Kennedy Road Gravel Resources Reserve
11	KULLA (McIlwraith Range) Resources Reserve
12	Lake Broadwater Resources Reserve
13	Littleton Resources Reserve
14	Lockyer Resources Reserve
15	Moonstone Hill Resources Reserve
16	Moresby Range Resources Reserve
17	Mount Perry Resources Reserve
18	Mount Rosey Resources Reserve
19	Palmer Goldfield Resources Reserve
20	Rinyirru (Lakefield) Resources Reserve
21	Rungulla Resources Reserve
22	Stones Country Resources Reserve
23	Sundown Resources Reserve
24	White Mountains Resources Reserve
25	Womalah Resources Reserve
26	Wrattens Resources Reserve

Table J—Summary[31] of numbers of prescribed wildlife as at 30 June 2024

Group	Extinct	Extinct in the wild	Critically endangered	Endangered	Vulnerable	Near threatened	International
Amphibians	1	3	11	7	15	3	0
Birds	0	1	7	25	37	5	1
Fish	0	0	2	8	3	1	0
Invertebrates	0	0	6	10	6	0	0
Mammals	5	5	2	22	24	6	0
Reptiles	0	0	15	19	22	16	2
Plants	0	17	103	218	460	242[32]	0

[31] Least concern species have been excluded from this summary. For most classes, least concern wildlife is not specifically prescribed by regulation. All species native to Australia, other than fish and invertebrates, are least concern, unless otherwise prescribed.

[32] In the Report on administration of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (reporting period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023), the number of near threatened plants is listed as 2,398. This is a clerical error, and the figure should be read as 239.

Table K—Summary of information relating to wildlife licences during 2023–24

Category	Current at 30/06/2024	Issued	Suspended	Cancelled	Refused	Withdrawn	Surrendered	Invalid
Advanced	409	138	0	2	0	7	4	0
Commercial wildlife	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harvesting licence (non-macropod)	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
Dealers licence	9	12	0	0	0	0	1	0
Dealers licence (macropods)	83	64	0	1	0	2	0	0
Harvester licence (macropods)	973	629	0	5	1	9	0	0
Interaction licence	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protected plant growing	10	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Protected plant harvesting	29	8	0	0	0	1	0	0
Recreational wildlife	7038	0	0	8	0	0	70	0
Farming licence	17	11	0	0	0	0	0	1
Standard	26,065	6401	0	4	0	18	27	23
Specialised	1,400	382	0	2	0	0	5	1
Total	**36,041**	**7,655**	**0**	**22**	**1**	**41**	**107**	**25**

Table L—Summary of information relating to wildlife permits during 2023–24

Category	Current at 30/06/2024	Issued	Suspended	Cancelled	Refused	Withdrawn	Surrendered	Invalid
Dead animal collection authority	2	1	0	0	0	4	0	0
Damage mitigation	1012	495	0	1	0	23	27	17
Educational purposes	131	29	0	1	0	15	2	1
Flying-fox roost	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

Category	Current at 30/06/2024	Issued	Suspended	Cancelled	Refused	Withdrawn	Surrendered	Invalid
management								
Permit to keep	17	0	0	0	1	6	0	0
Least concern animal collection authority	4	13	0	0	0	9	0	0
Protected plant clearing	139	58	0	0	0	7	0	0
Protected plant clearing permit exemption and Variation of Flora Survey Guideline	486	270	0	8	0	0	1	4
Rehabilitation	568	182	0	1	0	16	7	6
Research (split from scientific purposes)	287	54	0	2	0	16	0	0
Movement	8	54	0	0	0	30	0	1
Total	**2,669**	**1,159**	**0**	**13**	**1**	**126**	**37**	**29**

Table M—Wildlife codes of practice and guidelines under the NC Act during 2023–24

No.	Title	Date endorsed
1	Code of Practice for Rehabilitation of Sick, Injured, or Orphaned Koalas in Queensland	30/06/2023
2	Code of Practice—Commercial crocodile viewing	22/08/2020
3	Code of Practice—Aviculture	22/08/2020
4	Code of Practice—Captive reptile and amphibian husbandry	22/08/2020
5	Code of Practice—Crocodile farming (repealed) 44	20/12/2012
6	Code of Practice—Taking, handling and transportation of crocodiles (repealed)44	20/12/2012
7	Code of Practice—Care of Sick, Injured or Orphaned Protected Animals in Queensland	22/08/2020
8	Code of Practice—Low impact activities affecting flying-fox roosts	22/08/2020
9	Code of Practice—Ecologically sustainable lethal take of flying-foxes for crop protection	26/05/2023
10	Code of Practice—For the harvest and use of protected plants under an authority	22/08/2020
11	Code of Practice—For the take and use of protected plants under an exemption	22/08/2020
12	Code of Practice—Ecologically sustainable management of flying-fox roosts	22/08/2020
13	Protected Plants Assessment Guideline	05/02/2021
14	Code of Practice—Emu farming	22/08/2020
15	Flora survey guidelines—Protected Plants	22/08/2020

Table N—Captive breeding agreements under the NC Act during 2023–24

No.	Title	Date endorsed	Expiry date
1	Captive breeding agreement with Dreamworld for Greater bilby (*Macrotis lagotis*) and Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)	15/11/2016	15/11/2026
2	Captive breeding agreement with Dreamworld for Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)	19/12/2018	19/12/2028
3	Captive breeding agreement with Save the Bilby Fund for Greater bilby (*Macrotis lagotis*)	22/02/2017	22/11/2026
4	Captive Breeding Agreement with Bush Heritage Australia for Red-finned blue-eye (*Scaturiginichthys vermeilipinni*), Edgbaston goby (*Chlamydogobius squamigenus*)	02/06/2021	30/07/2030

Table O—Enforcement actions taken under the NC Act and related subordinate legislation during 2023–24

Category		Number
Penalty infringement notices	Number issued	740
	Number withdrawn	58
	Number of court elects	14
	Number of reviews	22
Formal investigations	Number completed	3
Prosecutions	Number of matters finalised with a conviction	3

Finalised prosecutions with convictions by a court				
Court date	**Statute**	**Brief description**	**Penalty**	**Costs**
05/10/2023	*Nature Conservation Act 1992* Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017	Two charges of taking and/or using a natural resource of a protected area contrary to section 62(1) of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992.* One charge of keeping an unauthorised structure in a protected area contrary to section 114 of the Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017.	$14,000 fine No conviction recorded	Nil
14/02/2024	Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017	One offence of camping in a protected area without a permit, contrary to section 89(1) of the Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017.	$200 fine No conviction recorded	$1,601.40
06/03/2024	Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017 *Nature Conservation Act 1992*	One offence of carrying out assessable development without the necessary development permits (tidal works) contrary to section 163(1) of the *Planning Act 2016*. One offence of carrying out unauthorised works in a protected area contrary to section 144 of the Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017. One offence of taking a natural resource of a protected area contrary to section 62 of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992.* One offence of wilfully and unlawfully causing serious environmental harm contrary to section 437(1) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994.*	$20,000 fine $120,000 public benefit order No conviction recorded	$5,057.88
Total			**$154,200.00**	**$6,659.28**