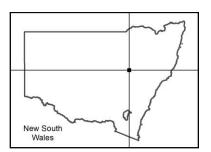




# Statement of Management Intent



# Adelyne State Conservation Area Community Conservation Area Zone 3

# 1. Introduction

This statement outlines the main values, issues, management directions and priorities of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) for managing Adelyne Community Conservation Area Zone 3 State Conservation Area (Adelyne SCA). This statement, together with relevant NPWS policies, will guide the management of the SCA until a plan of management has been prepared in accordance with the <u>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NPW Act)</u>. The NPWS <u>Managing Parks</u> <u>Prior to Plan of Management Policy</u> states that parks and reserves without a plan of management are to be managed in a manner consistent with the intent of the NPW Act and the <u>'precautionary principle' (see Principle 15)</u>.

## 2. Management principles

Zone 3 community conservation areas are reserved as state conservation areas under the NPW Act to protect and conserve areas that:

- contain significant or representative ecosystems, landforms or natural phenomena or places of cultural significance
- are capable of providing opportunities for sustainable visitor or tourist use and enjoyment, the sustainable use of buildings and structures, or research, and
- are capable of providing opportunities for uses permitted under other provisions of the NPW Act.

Under the NPW Act (section 30G), Zone 3 community conservation areas are managed to:

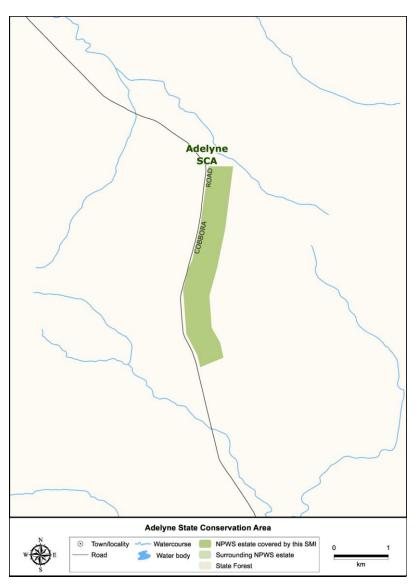
- conserve biodiversity, maintain ecosystem functions, protect natural phenomena and maintain natural landscapes
- conserve places, objects and features of cultural value
- provide for the undertaking of uses permitted under other provisions of the NPW Act (including uses permitted under section 47J such as mineral exploration and mining), having regard to the conservation of the natural and cultural values of the state conservation area
- provide for sustainable visitor or tourist use and enjoyment that is compatible with conservation of the area's natural and cultural values and with uses permitted in the area
- provide for sustainable use (including adaptive reuse) of any buildings or structures or modified natural areas having regard to conservation of the area's natural and cultural values and with other uses permitted in the area, and

• provide for appropriate research and monitoring.

Land is reserved as a state conservation area where mineral values do not allow for reservation under another category. The NPW Act requires a review of the classification of state conservation areas every five years in consultation with the Minister administering the *Mining Act 1992*.

#### 3. Context

**Reservation details:** Adelyne State Conservation Area was reserved on 1 January 2011. **Size:** 147 hectares.



Adelyne SCA is located 20 kilometres south-east of Mendooran and 15 kilometres north-west of Dunedoo. It falls within the Pilliga Subregion of the Brigalow Belt South Bioregion and within the administrative areas of Warrumbungle Shire Council, Central West Local Land Services and Gilgandra Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Crown tenure lies opposite the western boundary of the reserve along Cobbora Road while private land surrounds the remainder of the reserve. Adelyne SCA and surrounding reserves, including Cobbora, Goonoo and Goodiman state conservation areas, Tuckland State Forest, Dapper Nature Reserve and Yarrobil National Park form a fragmented corridor in the southern section of the Brigalow Belt South Bioregion.

## 4. Values

- Broad vegetation communities within Adelyne SCA include cypress pine (*Callitris* spp.) and grassy box woodlands as well as ridge woodlands and shrublands.
- Nearby Cobbora SCA provides habitat for a variety of threatened flora and fauna species, including the barking owl (*Ninox connivens*) and glossy black-cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus lathami*).
- Adelyne SCA provides potential habitat for fauna species moving through the southern landscape corridor of the Brigalow Belt South Bioregion.

#### 5. Issues

- Weed species recorded within the SCA include St John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*) and prickly pear (*Opuntia* spp.).
- There is potential for pest animals to occur including foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*), feral cats (*Felis catus*) and rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*).

#### 6. Key management directions

- Fire will be managed in accordance with the Adelyne State Conservation Area Fire Management Strategy.
- Pest management programs will be implemented in accordance with the <u>NPWS Regional</u> <u>Pest Management Strategy</u>: Northern Plains Region. Current priorities for the SCA include controlling St John's wort.
- All management activities will be preceded by the preparation of an environmental assessment or heritage assessment where this is a requirement of NPWS policy or legislation.
- Environmental repair and threat management programs, such as erosion mitigation measures, pest management, and activities arising from threatened species requirements may be implemented in accordance with NPWS policies and procedures.
- Non-intrusive works may be undertaken where necessary to protect cultural heritage items from further deterioration, to ensure the safety of visitors and wildlife or to prevent damage to park assets.
- A plan of management will be prepared to set out the ongoing management objectives for the SCA. The plan of management is a statutory document under the NPW Act which will be available for public comment. NPWS will also encourage the community to contribute to the ongoing conservation of the SCA by promoting and raising public awareness of its special values.

For additional information or enquiries about any aspect of this SCA or this statement, contact the NPWS Dubbo Operations Centre on 02 6841 7100 or write to PO Box 580, Dubbo NSW 2380.

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