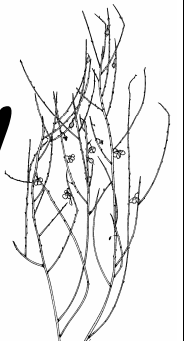


Northern Yilgarn (Mt Manning Range Nature Reserve, Mt Elvire and Jaurdi)
Conservation Reserves Management Plan

MANAGEMENT PLAN NEWSLETTER



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Progress to date

Information about the preparation of the Northern Yilgarn (Mt Manning, Mt Elvire and Jaurdi) Conservation Reserves Management Plan and the associated issues paper has been available since April 2008.

The issues paper and/or management plan newsletter was sent to all stakeholders including government agencies, mining tenement holders, conservation organisations, surrounding pastoral lease holders, tourism organisations and companies, Indigenous groups and native title claimants, recreation users and commercial lease holders.

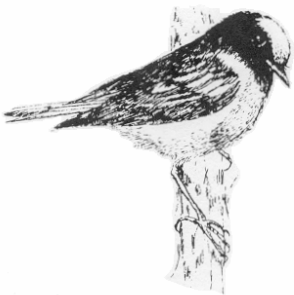
The information is also available to the public on the DEC www.naturebase.net website, www.exploreeoz.com website; articles were published in the Kalgoorlie Miner, DEC newsletter and aired on ABC radio, Goldfields Esperance.

Areas of concern highlighted from written and informal feedback include:

- Ensure continuation of apiary activities;
- Impacts on timber harvesting and commercial operations;
- The need for preservation of threatened flora, restricted vegetation communities and entire ecosystems;
- Indigenous site protection and the possibility of joint management;
- Impacts of mining on remoteness and landscape values;
- Ensuring access for 4WD touring and camping;
- Continuing access for mining and exploration;
- Fire management strategies for wildfire management and asset protection;
- Balance between pastoral, conservation, mining and tourism.

Community Involvement - a parallel process

Feedback is welcome on the issues paper and can be provided until the release of the draft management plan. People can email feedback to the planning officer kym.pearce@dec.wa.gov.au or contact 90805555. DEC staff will also be talking directly to interested parties as requested.



Redcapped Robin

A second avenue which allows people to discuss the management plan and contribute specific strategies is to attend the public displays that will be held at Kalgoorlie and Southern Cross. The location and dates for these are:

- Yilgarn Agriculture Show - 30th August 2008 at Southern Cross oval.
- Goldfields Caravan and Camping Show - 30th - 31st August 2008 at the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Racing Club.

A third process that is occurring relates to industry stakeholder consultation by DoIR and DEC regarding the creation of the class A nature reserve or national park as required under the 2007 Government decision on the banded iron ranges.

Banded Ironstone Formation Review

The 2007 Government decision followed the EPA Bulletin 1256 and the State Government's 'Strategic Review of the Conservation and Resource Values of the Banded Iron Formation of the Yilgarn Craton' last year. The review provided guidance for a balanced approach to mineral resources development and conservation in the banded ironstone formations of the region. The review can be found on www.naturebase.net.

Land Tenure for the conservation reserves

Under the CALM Act national parks, conservation parks, nature reserves, State forest and timber reserves that DEC manage are vested in the Conservation Commission of Western Australia.



Ranges

National parks are areas that have national significance for scenic, cultural or biological values and are managed to conserve wildlife and the landscape, for scientific study and to preserve features of archaeological, historical or scientific interest. Recreation is allowed that does not adversely affect ecosystems or landscapes. The sale of cut timber is allowed only in the limited circumstances specified under the CALM Act; for example, if the trees are exotic. The picking of wildflowers is excluded. Under the current state government policy, mining in national parks is not permitted.

Conservation parks are managed much the same as national park. They mostly have regional or local, rather than national significance. Mining and exploration activities are permitted under specific circumstances.



Windarling monolith

Nature reserves have high conservation value, either because they represent natural ecosystems or because they contain or provide habitat for particular species of plant or animal. They are managed so as to maintain and restore the natural environment, and to protect, care for and promote the study of indigenous flora and fauna. Recreation that does little harm to the environment, such as bushwalking, is allowed. The picking of wildflowers and harvesting of timber is excluded. Under the current state government policies mining in 'A class' Nature Reserves is not permitted.

The security of land depends of whether the land is classified 'A class' or 'other than A class'. If the land tenure is classed as 'A' class reserve, then any changes to the land tenure or purpose need approval by both Houses of Parliament. If the land is classified 'other than A class' then changes to the land tenure is only required at a Ministerial level.