



Speech By
Hon. Andrew Powell

MEMBER FOR GLASS HOUSE

MOTION

Revocation of Protected Areas

 **Hon. AC POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection)
(3.30 pm): I move—

- (1) That this House requests the Governor in Council to revoke by regulation under sections 32 and 70E of the Nature Conservation Act 1992 the dedication of protected area and forest reserves as set out in the proposal tabled by me in the House today viz

Description of areas to be revoked

Nicoll Scrub National Park	Area described as lot 51 on SP261072 and containing an area of 99m ² as illustrated on the attached sketch marked "A".
Tamborine National Park	Area described as lot 1 and the area shown and described on SP149051 as road to be opened, containing an area of 308m ² as illustrated on the attached sketch marked "B".
Eungella National Park	Area described as lots 1 to 3 on SP235546 and lots 7 and 8 on SP249157 and containing an area of 4.119 hectares as illustrated on the attached sketches marked "C" and "D".
Maria Creek National Park	Area described as lot 1 on SP239450 and containing an area of 3.027 hectares as illustrated on the attached sketch marked "E".
Tewantin National Park	Area described as lot 201 on SP255083 and containing an area of 2.1931 hectares as illustrated on the attached sketch marked "F".
Yuroi Forest Reserve	Area described as lot 202 on SP255083 and containing an area of 0.4831 hectares as illustrated on the attached sketch marked "G".
Glastonbury Forest Reserve	Area described as lot 1 on AP19303 and containing an area of about 55.9 hectares as illustrated on the attached sketch marked "H".
Kelvin Forest Reserve	Area described as lot 10 on SP253071 and containing an area of 3.931 hectares as illustrated on the attached sketch marked "I".
Monkhouse Forest Reserve	Area described as lot 14 on SP252498 and containing an area of 900m ² as illustrated on the attached sketch marked "J".

- (2) That Madam Speaker and the Clerk of the Parliament forward a copy of this resolution to the Minister for Environment for submission to the Governor in Council.

With such a large and disperse protected area estate in Queensland, there is the occasional need to revoke the dedication of small areas for practical and valid reasons. The common-sense changes that I will outline today will correct boundary inconsistencies, achieve more effective management boundaries through land exchanges, or allow for the upgrade or expansion of public infrastructure such as roads and railways. Careful consideration has been given to each proposal, and in each instance consultation has occurred with the affected stakeholders and state and local government agencies. Native title matters have also been considered in relation to the above proposals and in each case it has been determined that the action may proceed. I will quickly outline the background for each proposal and the compensation arrangements that have been agreed to for the loss of conservation values where applicable.

In the case of Nicoll Scrub National Park, the proposal is for the revocation of 99 square metres. Nicoll Scrub National Park is located about 14 kilometres south-east of Springbrook. The proposal will resolve an historic boundary incursion and land use issue between the state and a private individual. In exchange, an area of 200 square metres of native vegetation will be made available for addition to Nicoll Scrub National Park.

The proposal for Tamborine National Park, which is about 14 kilometres north-west of Nerang, is for the revocation of 308 square metres. This will correct an erroneous surveying error, which I am led to believe occurred as long ago as 1925 when part of a private individual's land was incorrectly added to the national park. The revocation action will correct a boundary alignment in one area of the national park and open a second area as a public road.

Two revocation proposals, totalling 4.119 hectares, concern Eungella National Park, which is located about 70 kilometres west of Mackay. The first proposal is for the revocation of just over four hectares and will locate the gazetted alignment for part of Dalrymple Road onto its actual physical location and will not require any roadworks to be undertaken. The second proposal is for the revocation of 300 square metres and is for important road safety and alignment upgrades of parts of Crediton Loop Road. In exchange for the two proposals, an area of just under 4½ hectares of undeveloped road reserve will be made available for addition to Eungella National Park.

The Maria Creek National Park proposal is for the revocation of 3.027 hectares from Maria Creek National Park, which is located about three kilometres north-west of Kurrimine Beach. The proposal will resolve a dedication error which occurred when part of a privately owned prawn farm was incorrectly gazetted national park. In exchange, monetary compensation will be provided to offset the loss of conservation values.

Proposals in Tewantin National Park and Yurol Forest Reserve are for the revocation of 2.1931 hectares from Tewantin National Park and 4,831 square metres from Yurol Forest Reserve, both being located about four kilometres north-west of Cooroy. The proposal is for important road safety and alignment upgrades as part of the Bruce Highway at Cooroy Connection Road—Elm Street. In exchange, monetary compensation will be provided to offset the loss of conservation values.

The proposal at Glastonbury Forest Reserve is for the revocation of the whole of Glastonbury Forest Reserve, about 55.9 hectares, which is located about 57 kilometres north-west of Nambour. The proposal will resolve a longstanding land use agreement between the state and a private individual. I understand it goes back to the South East Queensland Forestry Agreement.

In Kelvin Forest Reserve the proposal is for the revocation of 3.931 hectares. Kelvin Forest Reserve is located about 51 kilometres south of Mackay. The proposal is for the partial duplication of the existing Goonyella rail corridor connecting the northern Bowen Basin with the port of Hay Point. In exchange, approximately 26 hectares of largely undeveloped native vegetation will be made available for addition to Kelvin Forest Reserve.

Finally, regarding Monkhouse Forest Reserve, this proposal is for the revocation of the whole of Monkhouse Forest Reserve, equating to some 900 square metres, which is located about 32 kilometres south of Cooktown. The proposal will enable land to be granted to the Jabalbina Yalanji Land Trust in accordance with the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people native title determination. The member for Mulgrave has my apologies for my mispronunciation.

I recommend that the parliament supports the revocation of the protected areas and forest reserves, or parts thereof, specified in the proposals. I commend the motion to the House