




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR GLASS HOUSE

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MOTION

Revocation of Protected Areas

 **Hon. AC POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection)
(3.57 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 areas and forest reserve as set out in the Proposal tabled by me in the House today viz—

Description of areas to be revoked

Gadgarra Forest Reserve	An area of about 0.1 hectare, described as lot 3 on plan AP14635, as illustrated on the attached sketch marked "A".
Springbrook National Park	An area of 1.181 hectares, described as lot 2 on SP264960, as illustrated on the attached sketch marked "B".
Hays Inlet Conservation Park 2	An area of 0.8550 hectare, described as lot 511 on SP187345, as illustrated on the attached sketch marked "C".

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

With such a large and diverse protected area estate in Queensland, there is the occasional need to revoke the dedication of small areas for very practical and valid reasons. Careful consideration has been given to each proposal and in each instance consultation has occurred with 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 now outline the background briefly on each proposal. Gadgarra Forest Reserve will see a revocation of about 0.1 hectares situated 39 kilometres south of Cairns. The proposal will give effect to the Wooroonooran Indigenous Land Use Agreement between the state and the Dulabed and Malanbarra Yidinji people.

The proposal for Springbrook National Park is for the revocation of 1.181 hectares from Springbrook National Park situated about 20 kilometres south of the Gold Coast. The proposal will correct the erroneous cancellation of an easement that occurred upon dedication of the national park, restoring legal access to land adjoining the national park.

The proposal for the Hays Inlet Conservation Park 2 is for the revocation of about 0.855 hectares from Hays Inlet Conservation Park 2 situated about 27 kilometres north of Brisbane. The proposal is to ratify the duplication of Anzac Avenue at Rothwell and provide for the construction of an intersection from Anzac Avenue to the proposed Moreton Bay Rail Link Rothwell train station. I recommend that the House support the revocation of parts of the protected areas and forest reserve specified in the proposals.