




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR GLASS HOUSE

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MOTION

Revocation of State Forest Areas

 **Hon. AC POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection) (12.02 pm): I move—

- (1) That this House requests the Governor in Council to revoke by regulation under section 70E of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* the dedication of forest reserve as set out in the Proposal tabled by me in the House today, viz

Description of area to be revoked

Baldy Mountain Forest Reserve	An area of 0.6923 hectares, described as lot 10 on SP254827, as illustrated on the attached sketch marked "A".
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- (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 dispersed protected area of state, there is occasional need to revoke the dedication of small areas to correct boundary inconsistencies or achieve more effective management boundaries through land exchanges or to allow for the upgrade or expansion of public infrastructure such as roads and railways. The proposed amendment demonstrates this principle and represents the most appropriate course of action to resolve an outstanding issue.

Roads are not a prescribed purpose of forest reserves under the Nature Conservation Act 1992 and, as such, the road needs to be revoked from the forest reserve. The proposed revocation from Baldy Mountain Forest Reserve will allow for the alignment of the gazetted boundary of Carrington Road with the physical boundary of the road. This will improve the accuracy of the gazetted road records, enable local council to take ownership of this road in whole and will also remove a non-prescribed activity from the forest area.

The proposal is for the revocation of an area of approximately 0.692 hectares from Baldy Mountain Forest Reserve. This will allow for the gazetted Carrington Road boundary to be ratified with the physical location of Carrington Road, about seven kilometres west of Atherton. I recommend that the House support the revocation of part of the protected area and forest reserve specified in the proposal.