

**Question on Notice
No. 597
Asked on 20 May 2004**

QUESTION:

MR RICKUSS asked the Minister for the Environment (Mr Mickel)—

With reference to national parks in Queensland—

Will he provide details of all national park closures in Queensland over the last three years, including (a) the name of the park, (b) date and duration of closure and (c) reason for closure?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service occasionally restricts public entry to some areas for temporary periods in the interests of visitor safety and park management activities.

Such entry restrictions are invoked for a variety of natural events such as cyclones, flooding, fire danger. Any of these events may lead to safety concerns resulting from limited access and damage to infrastructure. Management activities that may result in closures include the implementation of a feral animal control program and undertaking planned burning.

Those areas dedicated as National Park Scientific are permanently closed to the public so that the park is managed to protect the area's exceptional scientific values consistent with the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

To provide a full list of parks, dates and times of closures would take up too much valuable time of QPWS staff when they could be focusing on park management.