

**Question on Notice  
No. 874  
Asked on 18 August 2004**

QUESTION:

MRS PRATT asked the Minister for the Environment (Mr Mickel)—

- (1) What areas/forests are proposed to have their status changed to national park?
- (2) How many national parks were in existence pre the Beattie Government and how many have been declared each year since and will he name them?
- (3) How many areas are under consideration to be classified as national parks by name and including timeframes?

ANSWER:

- (1) The Forest Reserves approved to be converted to National Park, National Park (Recovery), Resources Reserve, Forest Reserve or Conservation Park, are:

South-east Queensland

- Beerburrum Forest Reserve 1 (part), Beerburrum Forest Reserve 2, Beerwah Forest Reserve and Maleny Forest Reserve.
- Blackdown Tableland Forest Reserve.
- Bulburin Forest Reserve, Dan Dan Forest Reserve, Dawes Forest Reserve 1, Dawes Forest Reserve 2 (part), Degalgil Forest Reserve, Kroombit Forest Reserve, Maxwellton Forest Reserve, Polmally Forest Reserve 1, Polmally Forest Reserve 2 and Wietalaba Forest Reserve.
- Cooyar Forest Reserve, Neumgna Forest Reserve (part).
- Bingera Forest Reserve, Cordalba Forest Reserve, Littabella Forest Reserve (part) and Warro Forest Reserve.
- Eurimbula Forest Reserves 1, 2 & 3.
- Boompa Forest Reserves 1 & 2 and Woowoonga Forest Reserve.
- Alford Forest Reserve, Burnett Forest Reserve, Emu Vale Forest Reserve, Gambubal Forest Reserve, Gilbert Forest Reserve, Goomburra Forest Reserve, Mount Mathieson Forest Reserve, Palen

Forest Reserve 1, 2 & 3, Spicer's Gap Forest Reserve and Teviot Forest Reserve.

- Boompa Forest Reserve 3, Gigoomgan Forest Reserve, Glenbar Forest Reserve, Grongah Forest Reserve, Marodian Forest Reserve (part), Miva Forest Reserve and Teebar Forest Reserve 1 & 2.
- Ban Ban Forest Reserve, Beninbi Forest Reserve, Woroon Forest Reserve, Nangur Forest Reserve, Cherbourg Forest Reserve (part), Benarkin Forest Reserve, Yarraman Forest Reserve, Pidna Forest Reserve and Mount Binga Forest Reserve.
- Wongi Forest Reserve and Woocoo Forest Reserve.

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- Abergowrie Forest Reserve.
- Alcock Forest Reserve.
- Basilisk (USL formerly SF).
- Cardwell Forest Reserve.
- Clemant Forest Reserve.
- Curtain Fig Forest Reserve.
- Danbulla Forest Reserve.
- Dinden Forest Reserve.
- Dirran Forest Reserve.
- Gadgarra Forest Reserve.
- Garrawalt Forest Reserve.
- Gillies Highway Forest Reserve.
- Graham Range Forest Reserve.
- Heights of Victory (USL formerly SF).
- Herberton Range Forest Reserve.
- Japoon Forest Reserve.
- Kirrama Forest Reserve.
- Koombooloomba Forest Reserve.
- Kuranda Forest Reserve.
- Lannercost Forest Reserve.
- Little Mulgrave Forest Reserve.
- Macalister Range (USL formerly SF).
- Malbon Thompson Forest Reserve.
- Meunga Forest Reserve.
- Mount Fisher Forest Reserve.
- Mount Fox Forest Reserve.
- Mount Lewis Forest Reserve.
- Mount Mackay Forest Reserve.
- Mount Myrtle Forest Reserve.
- Mount Spurgeon Forest Reserve.
- Mount Windsor Forest Reserve.
- Mowbray Forest Reserve.

- Mt Chalmynia (USL formerly SF).
- Palmerston Forest Reserve.
- Paluma Forest Reserve.
- Riflemead (1) Forest Reserve.
- Riflemead (2) Forest Reserve.
- Rollingstone Forest Reserve.
- Round Mountain / Lyons Lookout (USL formerly SF).
- Tam O'Shanter Forest Reserve.
- Trinity Forest Reserve.
- Tully Falls Forest Reserve.

(2) As at 30 June 1998 there were 212 National Parks and 7 National Park (Scientific). Since then 11 new National Parks have been dedicated, 5 in 1998, 1 in 2000 and 5 in 2003. This includes the first National Park (Recovery). Over the same period, 6 smaller National Parks have been amalgamated, meaning at present there are 215 National Parks, 7 National Park (Scientific) and 1 National Park (Recovery).

The new dedications are:

• Blackbraes National Park	29,800 hectares
• Broad Sound Islands National Park	1,620 hectares
• Cudmore National Park	20,400 hectares
• Finucane Island National Park	7,610 hectares
• June National Park	5,400 hectares
• Kinrara National Park	7,580 hectares
• Nairana National Park	9,520 hectares
• Round Top Island National Park	19 hectares
• Southern Moreton Bay Islands National Park	1,570 hectares
• Three Islands Group National Park	75 hectares
National Park (Recovery)	
• Nairana National Park	9,880 hectares

(3) The Government has an ongoing program to maximise the representation of biodiversity in the National Park Estate, and has allocated \$15 million for purchases over the next three years.

However, other than the conversions of tenure from Forest Reserve to National Park listed above, these dealings are 'Commercial in Confidence' and it is not appropriate for specific details to be provided.