

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

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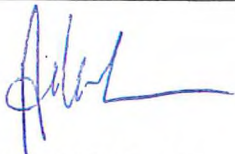
Lead department	Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation
Name of the proposal	Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) (Wuthathi) Amendment Regulation 2025
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i> <i>Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Regulation 1994</i>
Date of issue	17 March 2025

Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	<i>This proposal is minor and machinery in nature and aims to amend and update parts of Schedule 4 of the Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Regulation 1994.</i> <i>Implementing the Amendment Regulation will:</i> • <i>Dedicate two parcels of State land as the Wuthathi (Captain Billy Landing) National Park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land).</i> <u>Objective</u> • <i>In 2007 the Queensland Government passed the Cape York Peninsula Heritage Bill. The resulting legislation allowed in part for the creation of a new type of national park. The new park type, national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land) (NP (CYPAL)) is managed collaboratively between the State and the Traditional Custodians with an interest in the land. The Cape York Peninsula Tenure Resolution Program (the Program) dedicated the first NP (CYPAL) in 2008. Since then, the Program has dedicated over 2.65 million hectares of existing national park and other State lands as new NP (CYPAL).</i> • <i>This amendment relates to lands south of Bamaga at Captain Billy Landing. The State purchased the head lease from Comalco in 1986 and since this time has maintained the land for conservation and similar purposes. In 2022, the majority of the parent lot was granted as Aboriginal land and partly dedicated as NP (CYPAL). It is part of the remaining land which is proposed for dedication as the new Wuthathi (Captain Billy Landing) NP (CYPAL).</i> • <i>The State has committed to creating and increasing the protected area estate.</i>

The Proposal

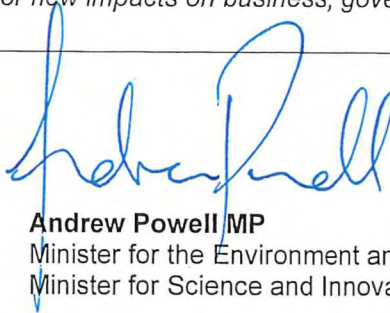
- Includes:
 - Dedicating two parcels of land containing 10,560.88 hectares as the Wuthathi (Captain Billy Landing) NP (CYPAL).
- The Wuthathi dedications are supported by the local Aboriginal people through the Wuthathi Captain Billy Landing Land Transfer Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Wuthathi ILUA).
- All financial commitments related to Wuthathi (Captain Billy Landing) NP (CYPAL) dedication were addressed during the negotiations of the Wuthathi ILUA.
- The proposal seeks to establish NP (CYPAL) over State land which is suitable for conservation purposes. Consequently, the proposal is expected to have minimal to no impact on the community. The pre-existing access to camping, the foreshore and to launch watercraft remains available to the public and visitors.
- Involves lands zoned conservation in the Cook Shire Council.

This proposal will update schedules in the Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Regulation 1994 and does not result in a substantive change to regulatory policy or new impacts on business, government, or the community.



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