

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation
Name of the proposal	Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) (Daintree) Amendment Regulation 2026
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	<p><i>This proposal is machinery in nature and aims to amend and update parts of Schedules 2 and 4 of the Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Regulation 1994.</i></p> <p><i>Implementing the Amendment Regulation will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Change the class of one parcel of Daintree National Park and dedicate this parcel as part of the Daintree National Park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land); and</i> <i>Dedicate ten parcels of Aboriginal land, subject to a condition that the land must become national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land), as part of the Daintree National Park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land).</i> <p><u><i>Objective</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 2007. Since then, the Program has dedicated over 2.66 million hectares of existing national park and other State lands as new NP (CYPAL).</i> <i>Philanthropic organisations like the Gondwana Rainforest Trust purchase undeveloped land from time-to-time in the lowland rainforest areas neighbouring Daintree NP (CYPAL). The organisations raise money from donors and gift the land to the Traditional Owners and the State to have the land transferred to NP (CYPAL). This amendment includes ten parcels of land from Gondwana Rainforest Trust. The Program endeavours to transfer these parcels to integrate them with the previously transferred NP (CYPAL).</i>

- Occasionally small tenure issues occur that can delay a much larger proposal. An example of this is where infrastructure encroachments over the boundary of land proposed for dedication as NP (CYPAL) are identified and only affect a few square metres of land. The State must resolve these matters before dedication can proceed. To avoid delaying a broader land dealing, the State surveys off the encroachment areas so they can be dealt with separately and most of the land can be handed back to the Traditional Owners as NP (CYPAL). Once the issues are resolved the Program endeavours to transfer these small portions to integrate them with the previously transferred NP (CYPAL). This amendment includes one lot where an encroachment has been resolved.
- The State has committed to creating and increasing a comprehensive, adequate and representative protected area estate.

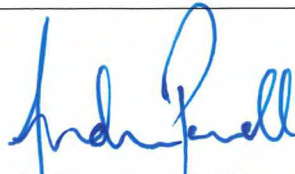
The Proposal

- Includes:
 - Change the class of one parcel of Daintree National Park containing an area of 3.317 hectares and dedicate this land as part of Daintree National Park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land).
 - Dedication of ten parcels of land containing 24.963 hectares as part of Daintree National Park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land).
- The ten parcels within the Eastern Kuku Yalanji (EKY) / Daintree area are supported by the local Aboriginal people through resolutions at the Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (ICN 7002) annual general meeting.
- The remaining one parcel within the EKY area were consented to through an agreed Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) between the State, Wet Tropics Management Authority and the Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (ICN 7002).
- There are no new financial commitments or compensation associated with the proposal.
- The proposal seeks to establish NP (CYPAL) over national park and Aboriginal land deemed unsuitable for other uses but contains high natural and cultural values. Consequently, the proposal is expected to have minimal to no impact on the community.
- The proposal involves lands zoned conservation or environmental management in the Douglas 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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