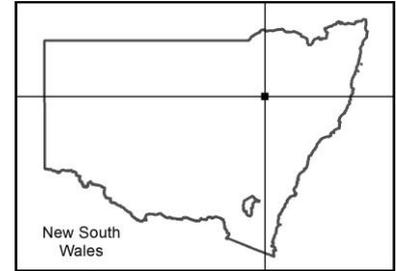


# Statement of Management Intent



## Rocky Glen National Park Community Conservation Area Zone 1

### 1. Introduction

This statement outlines the main values, issues, management directions and priorities of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) for managing Rocky Glen (Community Conservation Area Zone 1) National Park. This statement, together with relevant NPWS policies, will guide the management of the park until a plan of management has been prepared in accordance with the [National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 \(NPW Act\)](#). The NPWS [Managing Parks Prior to Plan of Management Policy](#) states that parks and reserves without a plan of management are to be managed in a manner consistent with the intent of the NPW Act and the ['precautionary principle'](#) (see [Principle 15](#)).

### 2. Management principles

National parks are reserved under the NPW Act to protect and conserve areas containing outstanding or representative ecosystems, natural or cultural features or landscapes or phenomena that provide opportunities for public appreciation, inspiration and sustainable visitor or tourist use and enjoyment. Under the NPW Act ([section 30E](#)), national parks are managed to:

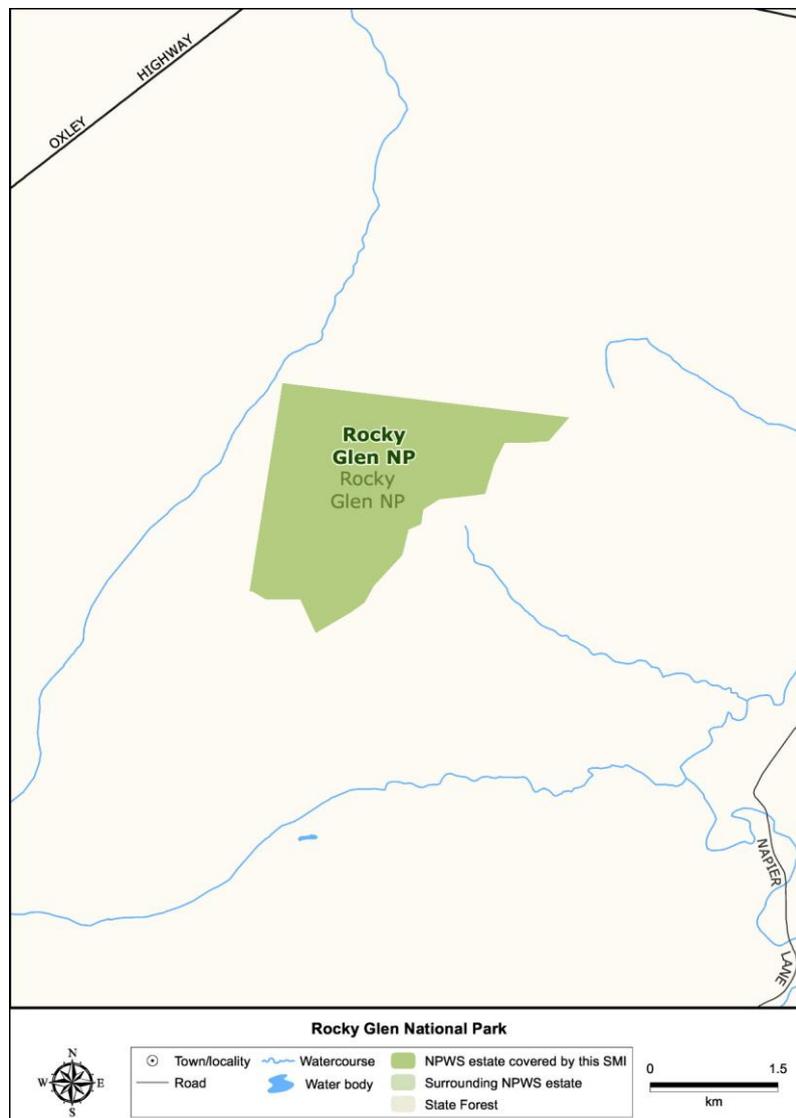
- conserve biodiversity, maintain ecosystem functions, and protect geological and geomorphological features and natural phenomena and maintain natural landscapes
- conserve places, objects, features and landscapes of cultural value
- protect the ecological integrity of one or more ecosystems for present and future generations
- promote public appreciation and understanding of the park's natural and cultural values
- provide for sustainable visitor or tourist use and enjoyment that is compatible with conservation of natural and cultural values
- provide for sustainable use (including adaptive reuse) of any buildings or structures or modified natural areas having regard to conservation of natural and cultural values
- provide for appropriate research and monitoring.

The primary purpose of national parks is to conserve nature and cultural heritage. Opportunities are provided for appropriate visitor use in a manner that does not damage conservation values.

### 3. Context

**Reservation details:** Rocky Glen National Park was reserved on 1 January 2011.

**Size:** 483 hectares.



Rocky Glen National Park is located approximately 34 kilometres north-east of Coonabarabran. It falls within the Brigalow Belt South Bioregion. It also lies within the administrative areas of Warrumbungle Shire Council, Coonabarabran Local Aboriginal Land Council and Central West Local Land Services.

Rocky Glen National Park was known formerly as Rocky Glen State Forest. It was established under the *National Park Estate (South-Western Cypress Reservations) Act 2010* as a Crown-land addition to the existing Brigalow and Nandewar community conservation areas (previously established under the *Brigalow and Nandewar Community Conservation Area Act 2005* [CCA Act]). Under the CCA Act, Rocky Glen was established as a Zone 1 community conservation area which reserves the land as a national park under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

Rocky Glen National Park is located at the southern end of an uncleared vegetation corridor that extends from the south-east corner of Pilliga Nature Reserve. It forms part of the Pilliga Scrub,

adding to the integrity and viability of the area. There is little or no visitation to this park, and there is no visitor infrastructure in the park.

#### 4. Values

- Although no Wildlife Atlas records exist for threatened fauna within Rocky Glen National Park, threatened species that occur in surrounding reserves include the koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*), glossy black-cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus lathami*), turquoise parrot (*Neophema pulchella*), squirrel glider (*Petaurus norfolcensis*) and diamond firetail (*Stagonopleura guttata*). Rocky Glen National Park expands the habitat opportunities for these species, especially fauna moving along the ridge between Borah Creek and Yaminba Creek.
- The park features underlying volcanics and unique geological features. It sustains distinct vegetation communities compared to the surrounding Pilliga Nature Reserve due to the difference in parent rock material. Vegetation includes communities dominated by mugga ironbark (*Eucalyptus sideroxylon*), yellow box (*E. melliodora*), Blakley's red gum (*E. blakleyi*) and kurrajong (*Brachychiton populneus*).

#### 5. Issues

- Pest fauna known to occur within the park include foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*), feral cats (*Felis catus*) and feral pigs (*Sus scrofa*).
- Prickly pear (*Opuntia* spp.) occurs in isolated infestations within the park.
- There is some evidence to suggest there may be historic heritage items within the park associated with early European settlement.

#### 6. Key management directions

- Fire is managed in accordance with the Rocky Glen National Park [Fire Management Strategy](#).
- Pest management programs will be implemented in accordance with the [NPWS Regional Pest Management Strategy](#): Northern Plains Region.
- NPWS will undertake feral pig control activities within the park, as part of group control programs with neighbouring landholders.
- Boundary and regulatory signage will be installed at Rocky Glen National Park.
- All management activities will be preceded by the preparation of an environmental assessment or heritage assessment where this is a requirement of NPWS policy or legislation.
- Environmental repair and threat management programs, such as erosion mitigation measures, pest management, and activities arising from threatened species requirements may be implemented in accordance with NPWS policies and procedures.
- Non-intrusive works may be undertaken where necessary to protect cultural heritage items from further deterioration, to ensure the safety of visitors, to protect wildlife or to prevent damage to park assets.
- A plan of management will be prepared to set out the ongoing management objectives for the park. The plan of management is a statutory document under the NPW Act which will be available for public comment. NPWS will also encourage the community to contribute to the ongoing conservation of the park by promoting and raising public awareness of its special values.

For additional information or enquiries about any aspect of this park or this statement, contact the NPWS Coonabarabran Office at 30 Timor Street, Coonabarabran on 02 6825 4364, or write to PO Box 39, Coonabarabran NSW 2357.

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