

Queensland



Subordinate Legislation 1997 No. 36

*Nature Conservation Act 1992*

**NATURE CONSERVATION (PROTECTED  
AREAS) AMENDMENT REGULATION (No. 1)  
1997**

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**Short title**

1. This regulation may be cited as the *Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997*.

**Regulation amended**

2. This regulation amends the *Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Regulation 1994*.

**Amendment of sch 2 (National parks)**

3. Schedule 2, entry for ‘Mount Etna Caves National Park’—  
*omit, insert—*

‘Mount Etna Caves National Park

Lot 117 on plan NPW568 situated  
in the County of Livingstone,  
containing an area of about 478 ha’.

**Amendment of sch 3 (Conservation parks)**

4.(1) Schedule 3, entry for ‘Mouth of Baffle Creek Conservation Park 2’—

*omit, insert—*

‘Mouth of Baffle Creek  
Conservation Park 2

Lot 511 on plan NPW571 situated  
in the County of Flinders,  
containing an area of about 312 ha’.

(2) Schedule 3, entry for ‘Rosins Lookout Conservation Park’—

*omit, insert—*

‘Rosins Lookout Conservation Park

Lot 510 on plan NPW569 situated an area of 61.483 ha’.  
in the County of Ward, containing

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**Amendment of sch 5 (Nature refuges)****5. Schedule 5—**

*insert—*

**‘PART 5—TOPAZ RAINFOREST NATURE REFUGE****‘Name**

**‘21.** Topaz Rainforest Nature Refuge.

**‘Description**

**‘22.** The parts of lot 2 on plan RP747263 and lots 1 and 2 on plan RP742280 situated in the County of Nares, containing an area of about 101 ha, shown hachured on plan PA8.

**‘Significant cultural and natural resources and values**

**‘23.** The nature refuge—

- (a) supports an area of complex mesophyll vine forest; and
- (b) supports 41 identified species of native wildlife prescribed as rare, endangered or vulnerable; and
- (c) supports the habitat for the endangered southern cassowary (*Casaurius casaurius*); and
- (d) includes a forested corridor connecting Topaz Road National Park and Wooroonooran National Park.

**‘Proposed management intent and use**

**‘24.** The nature refuge will be managed, under the conservation agreement between the land-holder and the Minister, to—

- (a) maintain and foster wildlife populations and communities; and
- (b) allow scientific research and monitoring; and
- (c) allow the collection of water for household consumption.

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**‘Duration**

‘25. The duration of the declaration of the nature refuge is the duration of the conservation agreement.

**‘PART 6—MELALEUCA NATURE REFUGE****‘Name**

‘26. Melaleuca Nature Refuge.

**‘Description**

‘27. The part of lot 1 on plan RP739200 situated in the County of Cardwell, containing an area of about 1.54 ha, shown hachured on plan PA9.

**‘Significant cultural and natural resources and values**

‘28. The nature refuge—

- (a) supports a diverse array of endemic flora and fauna; and
- (b) supports the habitat for the endangered southern cassowary (*Casaurius casaurius*); and
- (c) supports a suitable habitat for the endangered mahogany glider (*Petaurus gracilis*); and
- (d) serves as a buffer for adjacent Edmund Kennedy National Park.

**‘Proposed management intent and use**

‘29. The nature refuge will be managed, under the conservation agreement between the land-holder and the Minister, to—

- (a) prevent any commercial activity in the nature refuge that would significantly affect the integrity of the forested area; and

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- (b) protect the natural resources of the nature refuge, by supporting the land-holder's management of the nature refuge.

### **'Duration**

**'30.** The duration of the declaration of the nature refuge is the duration of the conservation agreement.'

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### ENDNOTES

1. Made by the Governor in Council on 27 February 1997.
2. Notified in the gazette on 28 February 1997.
3. Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
4. The administering agency is the Department of Environment.