



Department of
**National Parks, Recreation,
Sport and Racing**

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Mr Trevor Ruthenberg MP
Chair
Health and Community Services Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Ruthenberg

Thank you for the opportunity for the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing to present at the recent public hearing on the Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2013 (NCOLA Bill). In reviewing the transcript of the public hearing, it has come to my attention that two comments made to the Committee requires further clarification.

Text from transcript (page 28)

Dr Young - Under the bill, a special management area over a national park is proposed to be declared by the chief executive through a gazette notice.

Point of clarification

For clarity, I would like to confirm that the proposed amendments under clause 139 of the NCOLA Bill provide that the chief executive may, **by notice**, declare a prescribed national park, or part of a prescribed national park as a special management area. Following the display of the notice in accordance with the provisions of the Bill, the chief executive is also required to publish:

- a copy of the notice on the **department's website**; and
- a **notice in the gazette** about the declaration of the special management area.

Text from transcript (page 29)

Dr Young - A resource use area is very much about defining and containing a particular use, but allowing us still to create a national park into the future.

Point of clarification

I would like to clarify that under the provisions of the NCOLA Bill, a resource use area can only be declared over a **regional park, or part of a regional park**. A resource use area cannot be declared over land that is dedicated under the national park tenure.

I hope that this information is of assistance for the Committee. Please do not hesitate to contact me on telephone (07) 3330 5180 or via email liz.young@nprsr.qld.gov.au should you require any further clarification on the above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Young', followed by a period.

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