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# **AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR TWEED CALDERA NATIONAL PARKS AND NATURE RESERVES**

## **(RELEVANT TO NIGHTCAP NATIONAL PARK)**

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**INTRODUCTION**

The plan of management for the *Tweed Caldera National Parks and Natures Reserves* (the plan) which was adopted in 2004, includes Nightcap, Mount Warning, Border Ranges, Mebbin, Mt Jerusalem, and Goonengerry National Parks and Limpinwood, Numinbah and Snows Gully Nature Reserves.

These amendments affect Nightcap National Park (NP) only and have been prepared cognisant of the need for complementary and integrated management of Nightcap NP with the adjacent, more recently reserved, Whian Whian State Conservation Area (SCA).

The amendments consist of four sections: **Amendment A:** changes the designation of some management trails in the park; **Amendment B:** changes and clarifies the trails available for horse riding; **Amendment C:** updates the plan to recognise closure of an informal hiking track to the top of Tuntable Falls and **Amendment D:** includes changes to reflect the gazettal of the adjoining Whian Whian SCA, preparation of a separate plan of management for the SCA and other minor editorials.

**Amendment A:**

**1. Section 3.1.10 Fire Management: GUIDELINES & ACTIONS Management Trails** (pg 47)

Amend second dot point to read “Install locked gates at management trail entrances where necessary to reduce the incidence of arson, *unauthorised vehicular use* and assist in maintaining trails in a trafficable condition.”

**2. Section 3.2.1 Public Vehicle Access:** last paragraph before Table 2. (pg 51)  
Delete the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence: “*Due to the addition of Whian Whian State Forest into the NPWS estate in 2003, SFNSW may no longer require access through Nightcap National Park.*”

**3. Section 3.2.1 Public Vehicle Access, Table 2 Ministerial Roads in the planning area.**

Delete *Baldwins Road and North Rocks Road* from the table.

**4. 3.2.1 Public Vehicle Access GUIDELINES & ACTIONS Park Roads** (pg 52)

Delete under 3<sup>rd</sup> dot point, 2<sup>nd</sup> dash – “*North Rocks Road, Nightcap NP; and*”

**5. Map 3** (pg115)

Include the following new management trails on the map: *Baldwins, Boulders, Condong, Quirk’s, Quandong, Minyon Fire Break, Perlite, North Rocks Road, Eastern Boundary and Nixons Management Trails* and label existing *Fosters Spur Management Trail* (**see attached map**).

Delete the following management trails from the map: *Old Fire Break Management Trail, southern end of Eastern Fire Break Management Trail and Unnamed trail from Nightcap Range Road across to the east linking Telephone Road MT* (**see attached map**).

**Amendment B:**

1. **Map 3 pg 115** show the section of trail north of the Gibbergunyah Range Road - Tungun Road intersection linking to the Historic Nightcap Walking Track then east to the junction of Peates Mountain, North Rocks and Tungun Roads as a management trail (**see attached map**).
2. **Map 3 pg 115** delete the southern end of the Eastern Fire Break Management Trail and its designation for horse riding from the map. Add on the map Perlite Management Trail and show as designated for horse riding (**see attached map**).
3. **Map 3 pg 115** amend the map to show Baldwins Road Management Trail as designated for horse riding (**see attached map**).

**Amendment C:**

**Map 3 pg 115.** Delete the C4 classified hiking track to Tuntable Falls (**see attached map**).

**Amendment D:** (new words are shown in *italics*)

1. **Section 3.1.7 Biodiversity pg 36. 4<sup>th</sup> Paragraph** replace “Whian Whian SF” with “Whian Whian SCA”.
2. **Section 3.2.1. Public Vehicle Access pg 49. Last point.**
  - Delete “Fox Roads and Upper Coopers Creek Roads and insert “*Minyon Drive*” before the words “linking to Nightcap NP; and”
  - pg. 50 1<sup>st</sup> dash point, before the words “linking to Nightcap NP” insert the words “*and Minyon Drive*”.
  - pg 50 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph last sentence pg 50. Delete the words “and will be considered in a subsequent amendment to this plan of management “ and replace with “and will be considered in a *separate plan of management*”.
3. **Section 3.2.2. Day Use Areas.**
  - Pg. 54 paragraph 5, 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence delete the words “day use and” delete the words “Whian Whian SF managed by SFNSW” and insert the words “Whian Whian SCA”.
  - Pg 56 *GUIDELINES & ACTIONS* dot point – reword the 1<sup>st</sup> dot point: “Prepare a *separate plan of management* to address recreation management issues in Whian Whian SCA”.
4. **Section 3.2.3 Camping.**
  - Pg.58 8<sup>th</sup> paragraph first sentence replace the words “Many off-park camp grounds are available.....” With: “*Other* off-park camp grounds are available....”.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> paragraph last dash point :  
Replace the first sentence “-SFNSW camp grounds adjoining the east of Nightcap NP at Rummery Park and Telegraph Road in Whian Whian State Forest.” with: “*-Rummery Park Camping Area in Whian Whian SCA*”.

## 5. Section 3.2.5. Horse Riding

- Pg 64. First paragraph 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence. Delete the words “Whian Whian State Forest” and insert the words “Whian Whian SCA”.
- Pg 65 *GUIDELINES & ACTIONS* Horse Riding, first dot point delete the words “Figure 1” and insert the words “Maps 1-3”.

## 6. Section 3.2.6. Cycling

- Pg 66 end of first paragraph delete the words “Whian Whian SF” and insert the words “Whian Whian SCA”.
- Pg 67 *GUIDELINES & ACTIONS* Cycling Opportunities, first dot point delete the words “Figure 1” and insert the words “Maps 1-3”.

## 7. Section 3.2.9 Commercial Tourism Pg 71 last paragraph delete the words “Whian Whian SF” and insert the words “Whian Whian SCA”.

## 8. Section 3.4.4 Water Supply

- Pg 86 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph end of first sentence. Delete the words “Whian Whian SF” and insert the words “Whian Whian SCA”.
- Pg 86 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, delete the last sentence: “There is also an existing policy agreement between the County Council and SFNSW regarding appropriate activities in the catchment” and replace with:  

“There is also a *Memorandum of Understanding between Rous Water and NPWS* regarding appropriate activities in the catchment.”

## 9. Section 4.1 Plan Implementation Table 5

- pg 91 Section 3.1.10 Fire Management, 2<sup>nd</sup> key activity, delete the words “Figure 1” and replace with the words “Maps 1-3”.
- Pg 92 Section 3.2.2 Day Use Areas. Key activity no. 6 delete the words “Prepare an amendment to this plan to address recreation management issues in Whian Whian SCA” and replace with the words “Prepare a *separate* plan of management to address recreation management issues in Whian Whian SCA”.

### Planning area

**Reserves**  
 Whian Whian SCA  
 Other NPWS reserves

**Access**  
 Sealed Road - Off Park  
 Unsealed Road - Off Park  
 Unsealed Road - On Park  
 Management Trail  
 Road or trail designated for horse riding  
 Walking track: Class 3 (C3)  
 River or creek

**Features**  
 Camping Area  
 Day Use Area  
 Day Use Area - off park  
 Viewing Platform  
 Gate (locked)  
 Gate (not locked)

**Regional location**

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Kilometres

