

## Wet Tropics Management Plan review:

### Proposed changes to Zone Ds

#### *Zone D additions*

To summarise the reasons for proposals to add zone D sites, the majority reflect one or more of the following:

- An existing tourism site before the 1998 Plan was created that, for some reason was not included as a zone D.
- Currently used sites that already have some developed facilities.
- Currently used sites where additional infrastructure may be required to manage increased visitors and, perhaps, mitigate impacts on certain areas.

Zone D name	Reason for addition
Home Rule	Existing private camping site – access to Home Rule Falls.
Wujal Wujal (Bloomfield) Falls	Existing tourism site – potential for upgraded carpark and some developed facilities.
Woobadda River crossing	Riverside stop, often used as day use and camping area – litter and toileting problems.
Roaring Meg	Existing camping area – Traditional Owners have indicated that additional facilities may be required.
Emmagen Creek	Busy site and cars are often parked in and around the creek. Any facilities would be better located south of the creek crossing where some roadside parking exists.
Alexandra Range Lookout	Existing carpark and lookout with significant infrastructure
Hartleys Crocodile Adventures	Existing tourism attraction and visitor information centre.
Wangetti Beach South	Existing carpark area which has been enclosed with fencing, rocks and bollards to prevent beach access to vehicles. Potential for developed facilities. Supported by Douglas Shire Council.
South Mission Beach boat ramp (Jackey Jackey Street)	Existing boat ramp with mooring platform and some signage and picnic table.
Percy Pease Lookout	Existing lookout on Kirrama Range Road
Jourama Falls day use area	Existing day use area in the National Park, in addition to the Jourama Falls camping area.

#### *Zone D removals*

To summarise the reasons for proposed removal of zone D sites nominated in 1998, the majority reflect one or more of the following:

- Little current use.
- No proposal for increased use in future.
- A desire for existing sites to remain low key and mostly natural.
- Use as a walking or cycling site or trailhead.

With the exception, perhaps, of Kaway none of these sites has been recommended for removal by any particular group. Rather the Authority has made the recommendations based on current use and our previous consultation on how these sites should best be managed

Zone D name	Reason for removal
Unnamed site (Lorna Doone)	Very low key roadside stop with a small track down to the creek. No developed infrastructure proposed.
Kaway (Cowie Beach)	Roadside carpark with short walk to the beach. Traditional Owners do not wish Kaway to become a developed visitor site.
Donovan Beach	No current use of the beach site. However it has been suggested that there is potential for a roadside lookout or two on the Donovan Range and little infrastructure would be required.
Emmagen Beach	Visitor facilities better located by the roadside at Emmagen Creek rather than at the beach which is a short walk from the road through the rainforest.
Coconut Beach Resort	Private accommodation resort, now closed down – not a public visitor attraction.
Twin Bridges (East Black Mountain Road)	East Black Mountain Road currently impassable to motor vehicles – proposed to be used for walking and biking.
Rainforest Creek (Black Mountain Road)	Very low key roadside stop. No developed infrastructure proposed.
Kuranda Forest Station (Black Mountain Road)	Forest station remains, but little tourism use and no proposed visitor facilities
Giant Pendas	Currently accessed by a short walk from the Barron Falls Road where a small roadside pullover area suffices.
Lake Placid	Not in the World Heritage Area
Stoney Creek (Kamerunga)	Used as trailhead to Stoney Creek and other walking tracks.
Lookout (Lake Morris Road)	Little used roadside lookout – no developed visitor facilities proposed
Lambs Head Trailhead	Road closed at bridge. Site now used as a trailhead.
Fishery Falls	Road leading to water infrastructure and walking access to falls. Little used and no proposed visitor facilities.
Gadgarra Red Cedar	The red cedar tree fell over in Cyclone Larry, no proposed visitor facilities
Bartle Frere West	Low key carpark and trailhead for Bartle Frere walk – no developed visitor facilities proposed
Old Beatrice River Bridge	No current use – no developed visitor facilities proposed
K Tree	Roadside carpark area which provides access to the Wallicher Falls and Tchupala Falls walks.
Cowley Falls	No current use. Access to falls considered expensive and perhaps dangerous.
Cannabullen Falls Track	Low key carpark and trailhead for Cannabullen Falls walk (Misty Mountain Trails) – no developed visitor facilities proposed
Walters Waterhole (trailhead)	Low key carpark and trailhead for Walters Waterhole walk (Misty Mountain Trails) – no developed visitor facilities proposed
Eyrie Lookout	Long disused lookout which would require significant expense to restore – Tully Falls Lookout nearby
Bluewater Range	Proposed visitor site below Bluewater range gate with access to creek.