

Appendix 2.49.2

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Part 2 - Resource management overview

2.5 Resource management issues and objectives

2.5.1 Introduction

This part of the Plan sets out the broad high-level issues and resulting objectives for the islands as a whole. [Part 3 - Strategic management areas](#) sets out issues and objectives and policies for particular islands or groups of islands. Other parts of the Plan have more specific issues, objectives, policies and rules relating to particular topics (such as heritage, natural hazards, hazardous facilities and contaminated land) or areas (such as a particular land unit or settlement area).

All the issues, objectives, policies and rules set out in the Plan are targeted at achieving sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

2.5.3 Environment

Issues

The significant resource management issues which need to be addressed in the Plan are:

1. How to encourage sustainable management of natural and physical resources so as to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on the natural environment.
2. How to ensure that the development pressures do not result in adverse effects on the natural environment. This includes adverse effects on:
 - indigenous vegetation and fauna habitat
 - coastal areas
 - wetlands
 - the margins of lakes and rivers
 - water resources
 - the natural character of the landscape
 - areas of high ecological value
 - geological features.
 - biodiversity
 - historic heritage.
3. How to prevent the loss and degradation of the ecological value of significant ecological features and ecosystems. This can result from:
 - removal of indigenous vegetation
 - sediment runoff from vegetation removal, earthworks and erosion
 - reduced water quality, or changes in the quantity or flow of water
 - pest and weed encroachment

- stock.
- 4. How to address conflicts between the use and preservation of the natural environment.
- 5. How to address the potential for mining, and its associated adverse effects on the natural environment.

Objectives

1. To protect the significant elements of the natural environment.
2. To protect and preserve areas of significant ecological value.
3. To prohibit, throughout the islands, the introduction, keeping or farming of new organisms, and identified plant and animal pest species.
4. To prohibit mining throughout the islands.

Part 4 General Rules

4.4 Prohibited activities

Certain activities are expressly prohibited within the islands. No application can be made for a prohibited activity.

The following are prohibited activities throughout the islands:

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1. The introduction, ~~keeping, propagation, distribution~~ or farming of:
 - a. Any new organism ~~(including genetically modified organisms)~~.
 - b. Any plant pest species listed in [appendix 14 - Plant and animal pests](#).
 - c. The following animal pest species: possums, feral goats, wallaby, feral deer and mustelids (ferrets, stoats, and weasels).
2. Mining of any mineral irrespective of whether the activity is authorised under the Crown Minerals Act 1991, other than any quarrying, prospecting, or exploration activity (as defined in [part 14 - Definitions](#)) authorised in accordance with the Plan.
3. The disposal of waste products resulting from the use of radioactive materials, and any package or container that has contained radioactive material where the radioactive material exceeds the level that is specified as an exempt activity in part 2 of the Radiation Protection Regulations 1982.

Note: There are also some other prohibited activities identified in other parts of the Plan, such as in [part 7 - Heritage](#).

Explanation

These activities have been defined as prohibited in recognition of the potential adverse effects that may arise within the environment of the islands. All of these activities are considered incompatible with the outstanding conservation and heritage values of the islands, and to provide for such activities to establish would severely compromise those values. These activities should never occur within any part of the islands in any circumstances.