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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Background to the inquiry

In October 1998, the Tasmanian Government gave a reference to the Resource Planning and Development Commission to conduct an inquiry into the future use of unallocated Crown land in Flinders Island.

The inquiry was to investigate the environmental, economic, social and cultural resources of the land, including any adjacent land set aside under s.8 of the *Crown Lands Act 1976* and make recommendations for its future tenure, use and management. The Commission may make recommendations to retain the land as unallocated, to reserve it or to sell it.

The complete terms of reference are contained in Appendix 1.

1.2 The inquiry process

The inquiry process involves three formal stages of public consultation:

- public comment on the inquiry Terms of Reference;
- public comment on a Background Report; and
- public comment on a Proposed Recommendations Report.

In September 1998 Commission staff visited Flinders Island to meet with the Flinders Island Council and members of the community to explain the purpose and process of the inquiry.

Subsequently, all households on Flinders Island were sent an invitation to meet to discuss the inquiry. In December 1998 staff spent three days on the island holding discussions with people who responded to the invitation. Their comments on access, management, conservation and other issues were recorded.

A background report was released in July 1999 and, in addition, a copy was forwarded to every householder on the Island. The report contains descriptions of the environmental, cultural, social and economic resources of Flinders Island. Twenty-three submissions to the report were received in response to the background report (see Appendix 2, table 1). The Commission considered those submissions and prepared and released a draft proposed recommendations report. Nineteen submissions were received in response to that draft report (see Appendix 2, table 2).



2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Introduction

The Commission has considered all the submissions and formulated proposals for the tenure of the unallocated Crown land. The proposals refer to the land classification system adopted by the Tasmanian Government in December 1998.

The reserve categories that comprise this system are contained in the tables in Appendix 3 of this report.

The general view given by the residents of Flinders Island and others that made submissions throughout the process, was that the unallocated crown land has significant natural and recreational values and that access to all areas should be maintained. It was also evident that there was a strong view that none of the land should be sold.

Some did not want any change in the status to the majority of the unallocated land, fearing that their access would be curtailed. However, the Commission considers that leaving any of the land on the Island as unallocated is a rather tenuous way of maintaining access. Any land without specific classification could be sold, with the resultant loss to public access or the opportunity to properly manage and conserve the natural values that are, in many instances, unique to Flinders Island.

The submissions received in response to the draft recommendations report reaffirmed the general views expressed in earlier rounds of consultation. Where there was contrary opinion expressed it generally concerned management issues rather than the classification of the land in question. Therefore, the recommendations in this report generally reflect the draft. Any changes are dealt with under the regional headings.

3.0 Recommendations

The Commission has recommended that all the unallocated land on the Island be retained in public ownership, with varying classifications.

For the purposes of assessment the Commission divided Flinders Island into five regions based on differences in natural features and land uses (see Map 1). These five regions are:

- Region 1 Mt Killiecrankie and Mt Tanner;
- Region 2 North-East wetlands;
- Region 3 South-East wetlands;
- Region 4 Darling Range; and
- Region 5 Mt Strzelecki.

3.1 Region 1 – Mt Killiecrankie and Mt Tanner

There was general agreement with the classifications as recommended. There were varying comments as to the merits of one classification over another and some comments that touched on management issues. The Commission has considered all the matters raised and concluded that the proposed recommendations are generally appropriate. However there were some submissions concerning the area at Deep Bight that warranted further consideration. It was suggested that this particular area should be classified as a conservation area rather than a nature recreation area.

The land around Deep Bight is the largest area of unallocated Crown land comprising calcareous soils on the west coast of Flinders Island. This area is a nesting site for seabirds and accessible only by foot or boat. Several species of sea birds nest in the area and are largely undisturbed because of its relative inaccessibility. There are several communities of vegetation in the area which have been classified as threatened and four rare plant species are recorded (Underwood 1998a).

The Commission has reassessed this area and considers that the change in classification from nature recreation area to conservation area for this particular area is appropriate. The values of a conservation reserve category more accurately reflect the area and the purpose of reservation and is more appropriate than a nature recreation classification. Other than this change the recommendations remain the same as shown in the draft proposal report.

Recommended reserve classifications:

Conservation Areas:

- Jacksons Cove area;
- Deep Bight area; and
- All S.8 reserves contiguous with these areas.



Nature Recreation Areas:

- Mt Killiecrankie area;
- Killiecrankie Bay area;
- Mt Tanner area;
- Palana Beach area; and
- All S.8 reserves contiguous with these areas.

3.2 Region 2 – North-East Wetlands

All the submissions concerning this area generally reaffirmed the draft proposals and reiterated the view that none of the land should be sold. There were a number of submissions received concerning one particular area in this region, the land adjacent to the Wingaroo Nature Reserve. This area was considered as particularly valuable given it is the key to an east-west vegetation and wildlife corridor across the island and for threatened vegetation communities it contains.

There was a submission that the classification of this area be changed to conservation area specifically to provide for hunting. However, the Commission considers that it is a key area and that it should have the same classification as the adjoining Reserve, that is it should be a nature reserve. However it was also suggested that there be a slight alteration to its eastern boundary, between it and the adjoining area proposed as a conservation area. It was argued, and accepted, that the Five Mile Road made a more practical boundary. Using the road as the boundary between the two different reserve classifications would ensure there was no doubt, given that there was hunting in the area, an activity not permitted in a nature reserve.

Recommended reserve classifications:

Nature Reserve:

- The land adjoining the south-eastern boundary of the to the Five Mile Road; and
- Block AAV90 adjoining the eastern boundary of Wingaroo Nature Reserve.

Conservation Area:

- All other unallocated Crown areas in the region; and
- All S.8 reserves contiguous with these areas.

3.3 Region 3 – South-East Wetlands

The submissions that referred to this region reiterated the flora, fauna and wetland values, as well as the recreational pursuits that take place there. The proposed recommendations were generally considered appropriate. There were submissions that specific areas should be given differing



classifications, depending on the specific interests of those concerned. However on balance, it is considered that the recommendations should remain as proposed.

Recommended reserve classifications:

Conservation Area:

- The Patriarchs area;
- The area north of Logans Lagoon Conservation Area;
- The areas to the west of Logans Lagoon;
- The Shag Lagoon area; and
- All S.8 reserves contiguous with any of these areas.

Game Reserve:

- The Sellars Lagoon area; and
- All S.8 reserves contiguous with this area.

3.4 Region 4 – Darling Range

Those submissions that touched on the various areas in this region were generally in support of the proposed recommendations. One submission questioned the category of the Dutchman and the Darling Range area. The concern was that some of the management objectives of 'Conservation Area' were not appropriate.

However the Commission is satisfied that the reserve category is appropriate, given the values and purposes expressed. The management objectives provide for a range of uses, but any specific activity must be measured against the values and purposes and the other management objectives.

Recommended reserve classifications:

Nature Recreation area:

- The area around Port Davies.

Conservation Area:

- The Dutchman;
- The Darling Range area;
- The areas to the north-east and the north-west of the Brougham Sugarloaf Conservation Area; and
- Mulligans Hill and the Pickford Creek recreation Area.



Public Reserve:

- The smaller isolated blocks south and west of the Brougham Sugarloaf Conservation Area.

3.5 *Region 5 – Mt Strzelecki*

All the submissions concerning this area agreed that the unallocated land should form part of the National Park. There were some submissions that were concerned with management issues. It was suggested that there were potential conflicts at the boundary of the Park and private land concerning fire and game management issues. The matter of the feral pig population in and around the Park was raised. However these are not matters that relate directly to any particular reserve classification.

Recommended reserve classifications:

National Park:

- All the areas that are contiguous to the Strzelecki National Park.

Public Reserve:

- The block north of the Wallanippi Road; and
- The block along the Samphire River.

Appendix 1

Inquiry Terms of Reference

A reference for an inquiry into the future land use of unallocated Crown land on Flinders Island.

The Resource Planning and Development Commission is to conduct an inquiry into the determination of the appropriate land use for the unallocated Crown lands of Flinders Island.

1. A description of the land

The land to be the subject of this inquiry is the unallocated Crown land on Flinders Island, and any adjoining area to that land reserved under section 8 of the *Crown Lands Act 1976* but not including any unallocated Crown land that has been identified for reservation under the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement.

2. Scope of the inquiry

2.1 The inquiry is to evaluate the best use of the lands based on an evaluation of the potential of the lands to fulfil social, economic and/or environmental needs.

2.2 Inquiry recommendations are to:

- i. make recommendations for the classification and boundaries of lands described in paragraph 1 according to the system of reserve categories described in Attachment 7 of the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement;
- ii. make recommendations, if and where it is deemed appropriate, for the sale of any of the lands described in paragraph 1;
- iii. make recommendations, if and where appropriate, for the retention of any of the lands described in paragraph 1 as unallocated Crown lands.

3. Date for submission of final recommendations

Final recommendations will be given by 30 June 2001.



Appendix 2

List of Submitters

Table 1: Submissions received to the Background Report

Submission No.	Name
1	H Haines
2 a, b, c, d	J Whinray
3	D Lovegrove
4	JA McMillan
5	L Connors
6	R Brereton
7	K Ziegler
8	M Lynch
9	D Drielsma
10	RP Ham
11	S Underwood
12	P Cullen
13	J Boyes
14	M Kitchell
15	PW Warren
16 a, b	JA Liddell
17	PA Liddell
18	P McIntosh
19	B Stackhouse
20	A Tiller, D Tiller & J Connolly
21	A & R Stewart
22	K Dogshun
23	J Clark



**Table 2 Submissions received to the
Draft Proposed Recommendations Report**

Submission No.	Name
1	Mr G Humphries
2	Mr Todd Dudley
3	Mr K Worsley
4	Mr GT Luke
5	Mr P Blundstone
6	Ms D Lovegrove
7	Mr J Whinray
8	Flinders Island Council
9	Mr/Ms SA Cunningham
10	Mr L Pitchford
11	Ms J Reed & Mr S Kacir
12	Mr ST Butler Furneaux Shellfish
13	Furneaux Field & Game Association Inc
14	Mr K Dodgshun
15	Forestry Tasmania
16	Mr J Boyes
17	M & D Campbell
18	Mr/Ms MA Arlton
19	Dept. Primary Industries Water and the Environment



Appendix 3

Reserve Categories

Reserve category	Values and purposes	Management objectives
National Park <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1970</i>	<p>Values of land</p> <p>A large natural area of land containing a representative or outstanding sample of major natural regions, features or scenery.</p> <p>Purposes of reservation</p> <p>The protection and maintenance of the natural and cultural values of the area of land while providing for ecologically sustainable recreation consistent with conserving those values.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to conserve natural biological diversity; (b) to conserve geological diversity; (c) to preserve the quality of water and protection of catchments; (d) to conserve sites or areas of cultural significance; (e) to encourage education based on the purpose of reservation and the natural and cultural values of the national park, or both; (f) to encourage research, particularly that which furthers the purpose of reservation; (g) to protect the national park against, and rehabilitate the national park following, adverse impacts such as those of fire, introduced species, diseases and soil erosion on the national park's natural and cultural values and on assets within and adjacent to the reserve; (h) to encourage and provide for tourism, recreational use and enjoyment consistent with the conservation of the national park's natural cultural values; (i) to encourage cooperative management programs with Aboriginal people in areas of significance to them in a manner consistent with the purpose of reservation and the other reserve management objectives; (j) to preserve the natural, primitive and remote character of wilderness areas.



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Reserve category	Values and purposes	Management objectives
State Reserve	Values of land	(a) To conserve natural biological diversity;
<i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1970</i>	An area of land containing any of the following:	(b) to conserve geological diversity;
	(a) significant natural landscapes;	(c) to preserve the quality of water and protect catchments;
	(b) natural features;	(d) to conserve sites or areas of cultural significance;
	(c) sites, objects or places of significance to Aboriginal people.	(e) to encourage cooperative management programs with Aboriginal people in areas of significance to them in a manner consistent with the purposes of reservation and the other management objectives;
	Purposes of reservation	(f) to encourage education based on the purposes of reservation and the natural and cultural values of the State reserve, or both;
	The protection and maintenance of any one or more of the following:	(g) to encourage research, particularly that which furthers the purposes of reservation;
	(a) the natural and cultural values of the area of land;	(h) to protect the State reserve against, and rehabilitate the State reserve following, adverse impacts such as those of fire, introduced species, diseases and soil erosion on the State reserve's natural and cultural values and on assets within and adjacent to the State reserve;
	(b) sites, objects or places of significance to Aboriginal people contained in that area of land;	(i) to encourage tourism, recreational use and enjoyment consistent with the conservation of the State reserve's natural and cultural values.
	(c) use of the area of land by Aboriginal people:	
	while providing for ecologically sustainable recreation consistent with conserving any of the things referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) as applicable.	



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Nature Reserve <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1970</i>	<p>Values of land</p> <p>An area of land that contains natural values that:</p> <p>(a) contribute to biological diversity or geological diversity of the land, or both; and</p> <p>(b) are unique, important or have representative value.</p> <p>Purposes of reservation</p> <p>The conservation of the natural biological diversity or geological diversity of the area of land, or both, and the conservation of the natural values of that land that are unique, important or have representative value.</p>	<p>(a) to conserve natural biological diversity;</p> <p>(b) to conserve geodiversity;</p> <p>(c) to preserve the quality of water and protect catchments;</p> <p>(d) to conserve sites or areas of cultural significance;</p> <p>(e) to encourage education based on the purpose of reservation and the natural or cultural values of the nature reserve, or both;</p> <p>(f) to encourage research, particularly that which furthers the purposes of reservation;</p> <p>(g) to protect the nature reserve against, and rehabilitate the nature reserve following, adverse impacts such as those of fire, introduced species, diseases and soil erosion on the nature reserve’s natural and cultural values and on assets within and adjacent to the nature reserve; and</p> <p>(h) to encourage cooperative management programs with Aboriginal people in areas of significance to them in a manner consistent with the purposes of reservation and the other management objectives.</p>



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Reserve category	Values and purposes	Management objectives
<p>Game Reserve <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1970</i></p>	<p>Values of land An area of land containing natural values that are unique, important or have representative value particularly with respect to game species.</p> <p>Purposes of reservation The conservation of the natural values that are unique, important or have representative value particularly with respect to game species.</p>	<p>(a) to conserve natural biological diversity;</p> <p>(b) to conserve geological diversity;</p> <p>(c) to preserve the quality of water and protect catchments;</p> <p>(d) to conserve sites or areas of cultural significance;</p> <p>(e) to provide for the taking, on an ecologically sustainable basis, of designated game species for commercial or private purposes, or both;</p> <p>(f) to encourage appropriate tourism, recreational use and enjoyment, particularly sustainable recreational hunting;</p> <p>(g) to encourage education based on the purposes of reservation and the natural and cultural values of the game reserve, or both;</p> <p>(h) to encourage research, particularly that which furthers the purposes of reservation;</p> <p>(i) to protect the game reserve against, and rehabilitate the game reserve following, adverse impacts such as those of fire, introduced species, diseases and soil erosion on the game reserve's natural and cultural values and on assets within and adjacent to the game reserve;</p> <p>(j) to encourage cooperative management programs with Aboriginal people in areas of significance to them in a manner consistent with the purposes of reservation and the other management objectives.</p>



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Reserve category	Values and purposes	Management objectives
Conservation Area <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1970</i>	<p>Values of land</p> <p>An area of land predominantly in a natural state.</p> <p>Purposes of reservation</p> <p>The protection and maintenance of the natural and cultural values of the area of land and the sustainable use of the natural resources of that area of land.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) To conserve natural biological diversity; (b) to conserve geological diversity; (c) to preserve the quality of water and protect catchments; (d) to conserve sites or areas of cultural significance; (e) to provide for the controlled use of natural resources; (f) to provide for exploration activities and utilisation of mineral resources subject to appropriate controls; (g) to provide for the taking, on an ecologically sustainable basis, of designated game species for commercial or private purposes, or both; (h) to provide, in special circumstances, for other small-scale commercial or industrial uses (i) to encourage education based on the purposes of reservation and the natural and cultural values of the conservation area, or both; (j) to encourage research, particularly that which furthers the purposes of reservation; (k) to protect the conservation area against, and rehabilitate the conservation area following, adverse impacts such as those of fire, introduced species, diseases and soil erosion on the conservation area’s natural and cultural values and on assets within and adjacent to the conservation area; (l) to encourage appropriate tourism, recreational use and enjoyment consistent with the conservation area’s natural and cultural values; (m) to encourage cooperative management programs with Aboriginal people in areas of significance to them in a manner consistent with the purposes of reservation and the other management objectives.



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Nature Recreation Area <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1970</i>	<p>Values of land</p> <p>An area of land:</p> <p>(a) predominantly in a natural state; or</p> <p>(b) containing sensitive natural sites of significance for recreation.</p> <p>Purpose of reservation</p> <p>Public recreation and education consistent with conserving the natural and cultural values of the area of land.</p>	<p>(a) To conserve natural biological diversity;</p> <p>(b) to conserve geological diversity;</p> <p>(c) to preserve the quality of water and protect catchments;</p> <p>(d) to conserve sites or areas of cultural significance;</p> <p>(e) to encourage tourism, recreational use and enjoyment consistent with the conservation of the nature recreation area's natural and cultural values;</p> <p>(f) to encourage education based on the purpose of reservation and the natural or cultural values of the nature recreation area, or both;</p> <p>(g) to encourage research, particularly that which furthers the purpose of reservation;</p> <p>(h) to protect the nature recreation area against, and rehabilitate the nature recreation area following, adverse impacts such as those of fire, introduced species, diseases and soil erosion on the nature recreation area's natural and cultural values and on assets within and adjacent to the nature recreation area;</p> <p>(i) to encourage cooperative management programs with Aboriginal people in areas of significance to them in a manner consistent with the purpose of reservation and the other management objectives;</p> <p>(j) to provide for exploration activities and utilisation of mineral resources subject to appropriate controls.</p>



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Reserve category	Values and purposes	Management objectives
Regional Reserve <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1970</i>	<p>Values of land</p> <p>An area of land:</p> <p>(a) with high mineral potential or prospectivity; and</p> <p>(b) predominantly in a natural state.</p> <p>Purposes of reservation</p> <p>Mineral exploration and the development of mineral deposits in the area of land, and small-scale use of other natural resources of that area of land, while protecting and maintaining the natural and cultural values of that area of land.</p>	<p>(a) to provide for mineral exploration activities and utilisation of mineral resources;</p> <p>(b) to provide for the controlled use of other natural resources on a small scale;</p> <p>(c) conserve natural biological diversity;</p> <p>(d) to conserve geological diversity;</p> <p>(e) to preserve the quality of water and protect catchments;</p> <p>(f) to conserve sites or areas of cultural significance;</p> <p>(g) to encourage education based on the purposes of reservation and the natural and cultural values of the regional reserve, or both;</p> <p>(h) to encourage research, particularly that which furthers the purposes of reservation;</p> <p>(i) to protect the regional reserve against, and rehabilitate the regional reserve following adverse impacts such as those of fire, introduced species, diseases and soil erosion on the regional reserve's natural and cultural values and on assets within and adjacent to the regional reserve;</p> <p>(j) to encourage tourism, recreational use and enjoyment consistent with the conservation of the regional reserve's natural and cultural values;</p> <p>(k) to encourage cooperative management programs with Aboriginal people in areas of significance to them in a manner consistent with the purposes of reservation and the other management objectives;</p> <p>(l) to provide for the taking, on an ecologically sustainable basis, of designated game species for commercial or private purposes, or both.</p>



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Reserve category	Values and purposes	Management objectives
Historic Site <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1970</i>	<p>Values of land</p> <p>An area of land of significance for historic cultural heritage.</p> <p>Purposes of reservation</p> <p>The conservation of the historic features of the area of land and presentation of those features for public appreciation and education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to conserve sites or areas of historic cultural significance; (b) to conserve natural biological diversity; (c) to conserve geological diversity; (d) to preserve the quality of water and protect catchments; (e) to encourage education based on the purposes of reservation and the natural and cultural values of the historic site, or both; (f) to encourage research, particularly that which furthers the purposes of reservation; (g) to protect the historic site against, and rehabilitate the historic site following adverse impacts such as those of fire, introduced species, diseases and soil erosion on the historic site's natural and cultural values and on assets within and adjacent to the historic site; (h) to encourage tourism, recreational use and enjoyment consistent with the conservation of the historic site's natural and cultural values; and (i) to encourage cooperative management programs with Aboriginal people in areas of significance to them in a manner consistent with the purposes of reservation and the other management objectives.

Reserve category	Values and purposes	Management objectives
Private sanctuary <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1970</i>	<p>Values of land</p> <p>An area of land that has significant natural or cultural values, or both.</p> <p>Purposes of reservation</p> <p>The protection and maintenance of the natural or cultural values of the area of land, or both, while permitting the carrying out of agricultural or other activities on that land consistent with conserving those values.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to conserve natural biological diversity; (b) to conserve geological diversity; (c) to preserve the quality of water and protect catchments; (d) to conserve sites or areas of cultural significance; (e) to encourage research, particularly that which furthers the purpose of reservation; (f) to protect the private sanctuary against, and rehabilitate the private sanctuary following, adverse impacts such as those of fire, introduced species, diseases and soil erosion on the private sanctuary's natural and cultural values and on assets within and adjacent to the private sanctuary.



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<p>Private nature reserve</p> <p><i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1970</i></p>	<p>Values of land</p> <p>An area of land that contains natural values that:</p> <p>(a) contribute to the natural biological diversity or geological diversity of the area of land, or both; and</p> <p>(b) are unique, important or have representative value.</p> <p>Purposes of reservation</p> <p>The conservation of the natural biological diversity or geological diversity of the area of land, or both, and the conservation of the natural values of that area of land that are unique, important or have representative value.</p>	<p>(a) to conserve natural biological diversity, particularly in relation to identified species, communities or habitats;</p> <p>(b) to conserve geological diversity;</p> <p>(c) to preserve the quality of water and protect catchments;</p> <p>(d) to conserve sites or areas of cultural significance;</p> <p>(e) to encourage research, particularly that which furthers the purposes of reservation;</p> <p>(f) to protect the private nature reserve against, and rehabilitate the private nature reserve following, adverse impacts such as those of fire, introduced species, diseases and soil erosion on the private nature reserve's natural and cultural values and on assets within and adjacent to the private nature reserve.</p>



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Reserve category	Values and purposes	Management objectives
Forest Reserve <i>Forestry Act 1920</i>	Purposes of reservation For one or more of the following purposes: (i) public recreational use; (ii) the preservation or protection of features of the land of aesthetic, scientific or other value; (iii) the preservation or protection of a species of flora or fauna.	(a) to conserve natural biological diversity, particularly in relation to identified species, communities or habitats; (b) to conserve geological diversity; (c) to preserve the quality of water and protect catchments; (d) to conserve sites or areas of cultural significance; (e) to encourage education based on the reserve’s purpose and significance; (f) to encourage research, particularly that which furthers the purposes of reservation; (g) to protect the reserve against, and rehabilitate the reserve following, adverse impacts such as those of fire, introduced species, diseases and soil erosion on the reserve’s natural and cultural values and on assets within and adjacent to the reserve; (h) to encourage appropriate tourism, recreational use and enjoyment; (i) to encourage cooperative management programs with Aboriginal people in areas of significance to them in a manner consistent with the purposes of reservation and the other management objectives; (j) to provide for the controlled use of natural resources; (k) to provide for exploration activities and utilisation of mineral resources; (l) to provide for the taking on an ecologically sustainable basis of designated game species for commercial and private purposes.



Reserve category	Values and purposes	Management objectives
Public Reserve <i>Crown Lands Act 1976</i>	<p>Values of land</p> <p>An area of Crown land that contains biophysical, natural, cultural or economic values.</p> <p>Purposes of reservation</p> <p>The protection and maintenance of any natural, cultural or economic values of the area of land.</p> <p>The conservation of the natural biological diversity or geological diversity of the area or land, or both.</p> <p>Public recreation, education, scientific research and tourism consistent with conserving the values of the area of land.</p> <p>The sustainable development and use of the natural resources of that area of land while protecting and maintaining the values of that area of land.</p> <p>The creation and use of public roads or streets, or other internal communications, whether by land or water.</p>	<p>(a) to conserve natural biological diversity;</p> <p>(b) to conserve geological diversity;</p> <p>(c) to preserve the quality of water and protect catchments;</p> <p>(d) to conserve sites or areas of cultural significance;</p> <p>(e) to encourage education based on the purposes of reservation and the significance of the public reserve;</p> <p>(f) to encourage research, particularly that which furthers the purposes of reservation;</p> <p>(g) to protect the public reserve against, and rehabilitate the public reserve following, adverse impacts such as those of fire, introduced species, diseases and soil erosion on the public reserve's natural and cultural values and on assets within and adjacent to the public reserve;</p> <p>(h) to encourage tourism, recreational use and enjoyment consistent with the conservation of the area's natural and cultural values;</p> <p>(i) to encourage cooperative management programs with Aboriginal people in areas of significance to them in a manner consistent with the purposes of reservation and other management objectives;</p> <p>(j) to provide for the taking, on an ecologically sustainable basis, of designated game species for commercial or private purposes, or both;</p> <p>(k) to provide for the controlled use of natural resources;</p> <p>(l) to provide for exploration activities and utilisation of mineral resources;</p> <p>(m) to allow for private, commercial or industrial uses.</p>

Appendix 4

Estimate of Inquiry Costs

In accordance with section 30 of the *Public Land (Administration and Forests) Act 1991*, the estimate of inquiry costs is \$11,500.00.