

LCC Mallee Study Area Review- comment on 1988 Proposed Recommendations

Hamilton Field Naturalists Club
P.O. Box 591, Hamilton, 3300
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Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Hamilton Field Naturalists Club, I would like to offer you our congratulations for the excellent work your council has done in forming the Mallee Area Review - Proposed Recommendations.

We support virtually all the recommendations. However, we have concerns in a few areas. They are as follows:

1. Broombush cutting should be phased out by 1991.
2. Grazing should be phased out by 1991.
3. Gypsum mining should be phased out by 1991.
4. More research is needed into the effects of fire on Mallee vegetation and wildlife. (This applies to virtually all types of bushland. Managers of these areas are following fire strategies with little scientific basis for their beliefs).
5. Funding and staffing of new parks must be adequate. Existing parks in the Mallee are inadequately staffed at present.
6. Several important areas have not been included in your proposals. These include Bronzewing and King's Billabong Reserves and the Anuello and Paradise Blocks. The Birdcage and Chinaman's Flat areas should be incorporated into a National Park.
7. Military training exercises should be banned from National and State parks and from Wilderness Areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Recommendations.

Yours sincerely

(Secretary)