

National Parks in the Riverina

Murrumbidgee Landcare

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Why have a national park system?

- **Fundamental cornerstone of conservation effort worldwide**
- **Aust Senate Inquiry finding in 2007 – a very cost effective way of conserving biodiversity**
- **Provides a ‘safe bank’ of natural capital in perpetuity for the benefit of current and future....**
- **NSW reserve system receives more than 34 million visits per year - contributes \$14.6M to economy**

Terrestrial Protected Areas in Australia by Jurisdiction

	Jurisdiction Area (ha)	Number	Protected Area (ha)	Average size (ha)	% of Jurisdiction Protected	Contribution to NRS
ACT	235,813	12	129,525	10794	54.93%	0.13%
TAS	6,840,133	1,039	2,804,767	2699	41.00%	2.85%
SA	98,422,137	1,881	25,679,638	13652	26.09%	26.07%
VIC	22,754,364	2,971	3,927,268	1322	17.26%	3.99%
WA	252,700,808	1,538	36,547,956	23748	14.46%	37.11%
NT	134,778,762	96	12,122,199	126273	8.99%	12.31%
NSW	80,121,268	863	7,083,609	8209	8.75%	7.04%
QLD	172,973,671	958	10,339,235	10793	5.98%	10.50%
Australia	768,826,956	9,340	98,487,117	10544	12.81%	

National Parks & Wildlife Service Estate Areas Summary

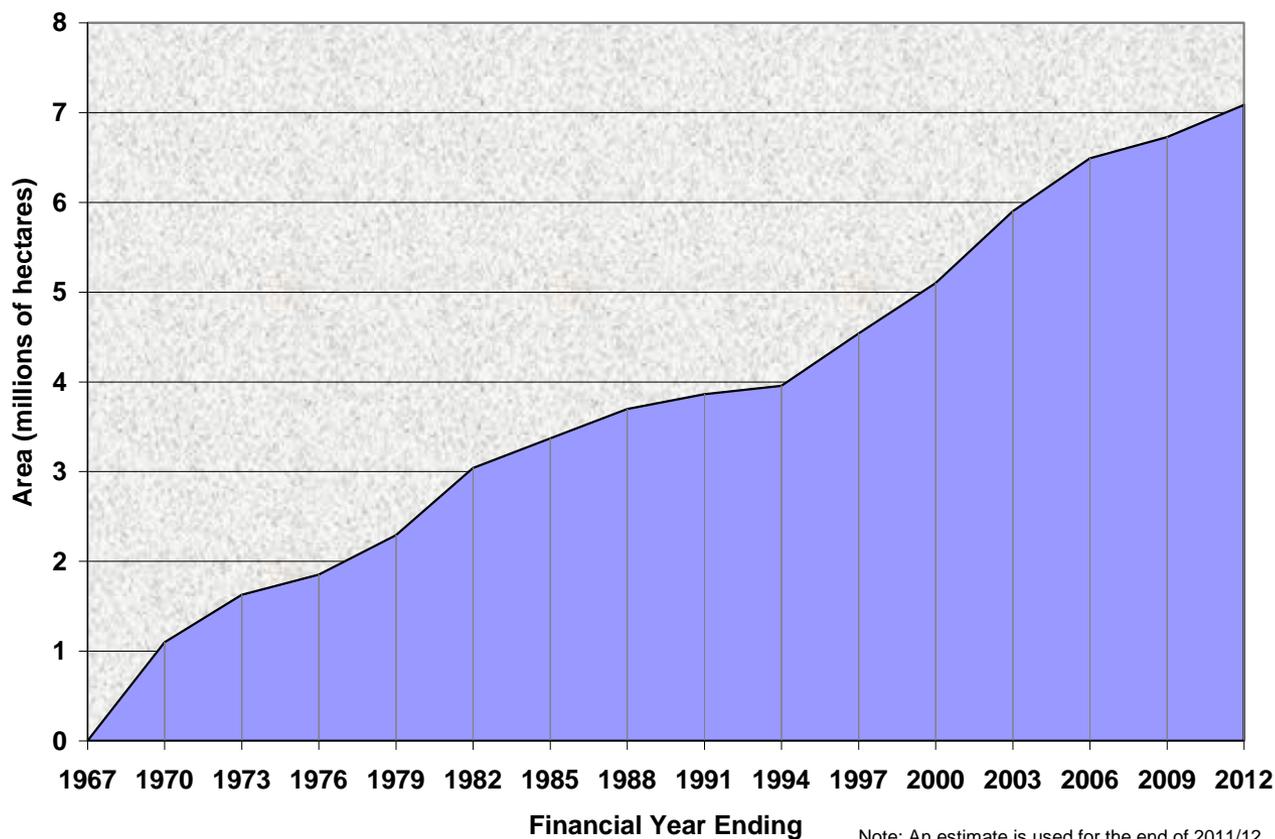
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Reserve Type	Reserves	Last Gazette Date	Area (ha)
Aboriginal Area	19	03.02.2012	14,198
CCA Zone 1 National Park	34	24.02.2012	132,760
CCA Zone 2 Aboriginal Area	5	01.01.2011	21,661
CCA Zone 3 State Conservation Area	23	24.02.2012	196,533
Historic Site	16	17.12.2010	3,023
Karst Conservation Reserve	4	10.07.2009	5,172
National Park	200	30.03.2012	5,195,769
Nature Reserve	418	30.03.2012	943,696
Regional Park	20	30.03.2012	22,825
State Conservation Area	124	26.03.2012	547,972
TOTAL:	863		7,083,609

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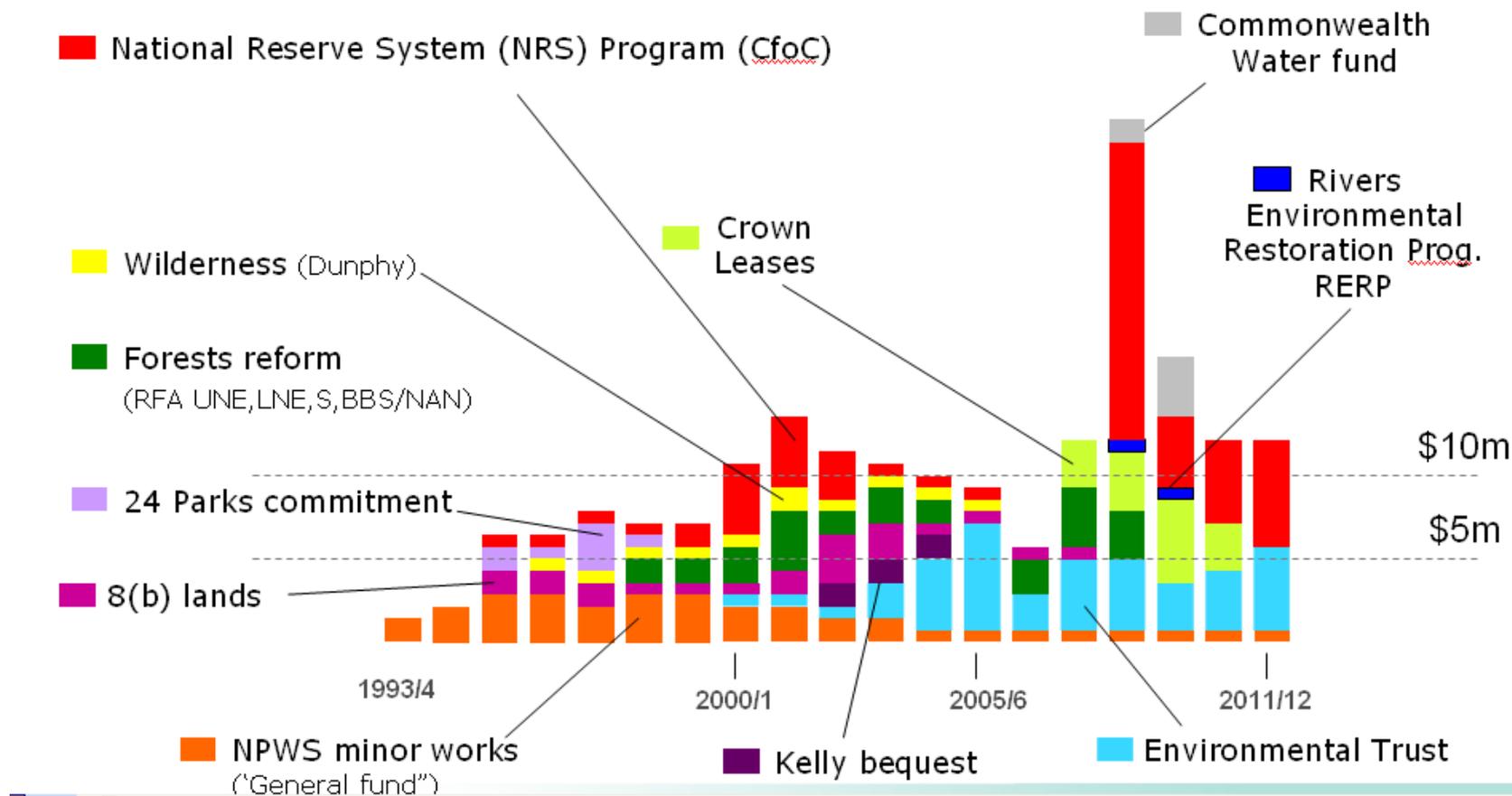
Reserved Lands in NSW 1967-2012

Area reserved under NPW Act



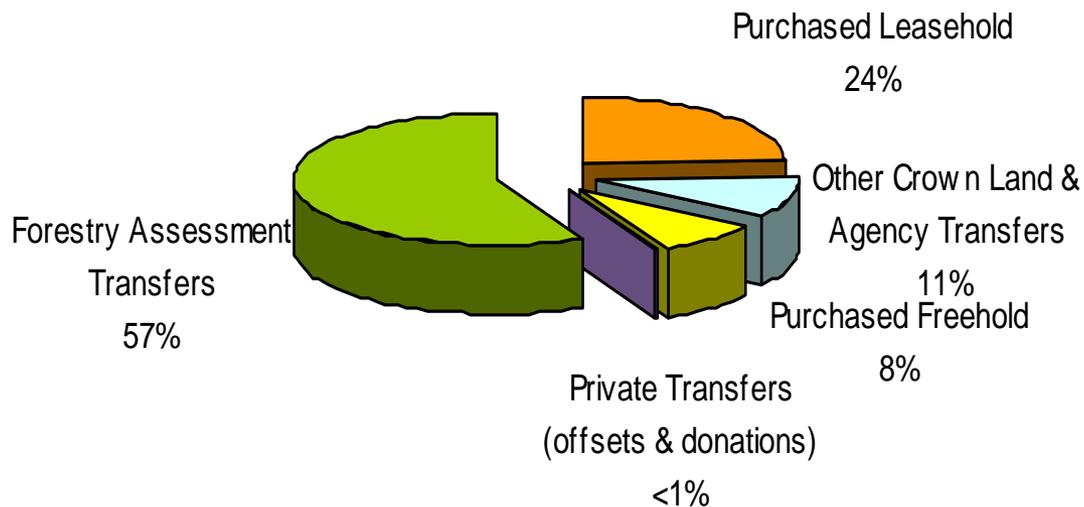
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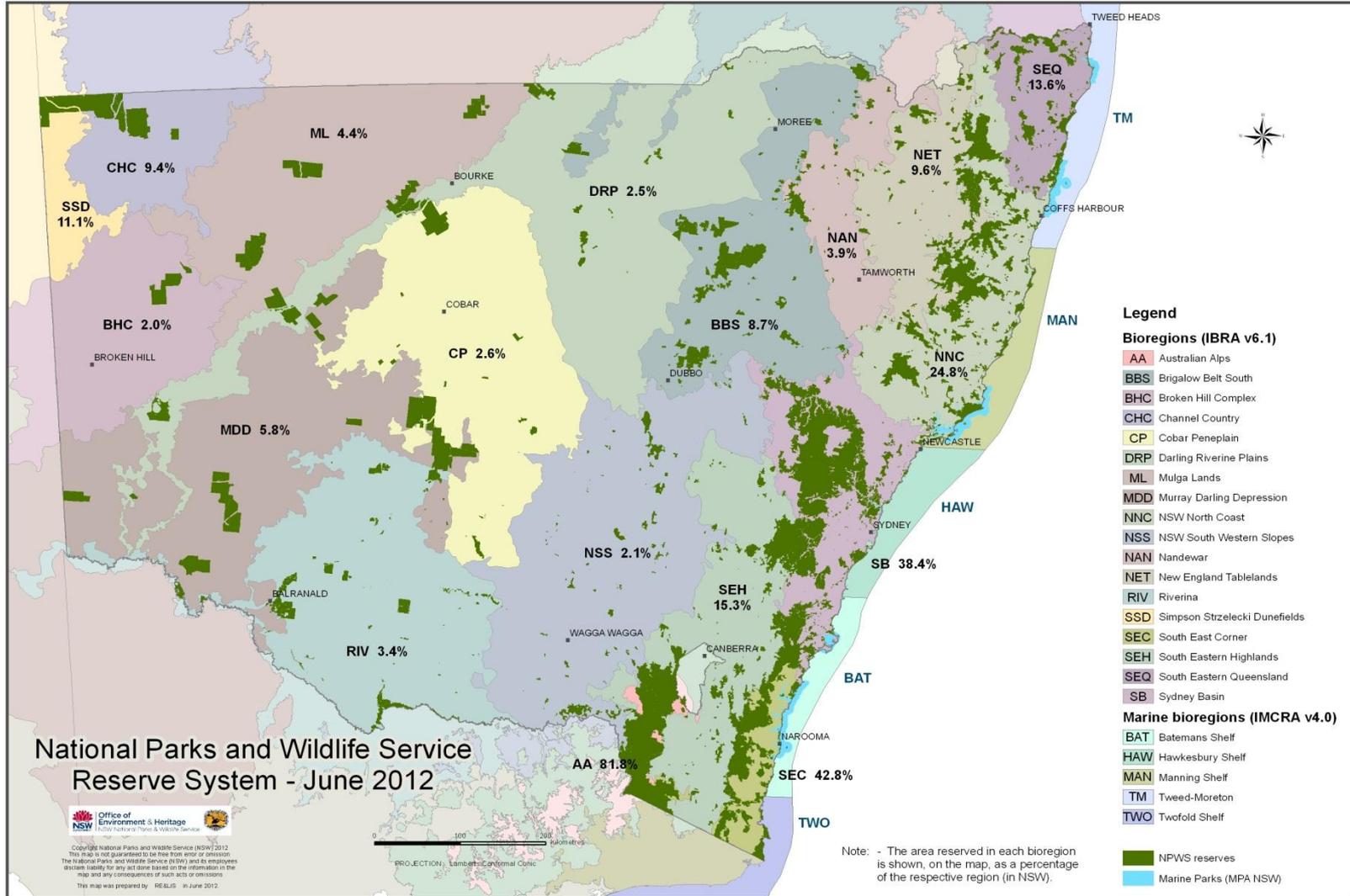
– land purchase program



Freehold acquisitions – 8%

Summary of land reserved since 1995





Bioregional figures in NSW

Bioregion (IBRA v6.1)	%in the national park system
Australian Alps	81.80
Brigalow Belt South	8.70
Broken Hill Complex	2.00
Channel Country	9.40
Cobar Penepplain	2.60
Darling Riverine Plains	2.50
Mulga Lands	4.40
Murray Darling Depression	5.80
Nandewar	4.00
New England Tablelands	9.60
NSW North Coast	24.9
NSW South Western Slopes	2.10
Riverina	3.71
Simpson Strzelecki Dunefields	11.10
South East Corner	42.80
South Eastern Highlands	15.30
South Eastern Queensland	13.60
Sydney Basin	38.50

Reserve Acquisition Process

- **NPWS Reserve Establishment Plan**
 - **New area investigations**
 - **Competitive ranking**
 - **Consultations**
 - **Acquisition**
 - **Reservation**

Riverina Reservation Figures

- **Less than 1% before Oolambeyan**
- **June 2010 - 1.18%**
- **Red Gum – 3.06%**
- **Cypress – 3.18%**
- **Hunthawang and Thelangerin - 3.71%**
- **Total of 260,118 hectares**

NPWS Resourcing

- **2011/12 - NPWS operating budget of \$277m**
- **25% derived from park use fees, licences and grants**
- **1,750 full time staff with 70% outside Sydney**
- **2012/13 Riverina budget of \$8.09M operating and \$5.20M capital**
- **NPWS Riverina employs 71 staff**

NPWS management actions

- **Oolambeyan - stock grazing**
- **Yanga – wetland management / regulators**
- **Red Gum**
 - **Firewood collection**
 - **Ecological thinning**
- **Tourism research**

NPWS management approach

- **Resource knowledge**
- **Management capability**
- **Community engagement**
- **Program development – sustainable, efficient**
- **Adaptive – research and science based**