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Cover: Honeymoon Pool. Above: Wellington Dam. Photos: DBCA



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The McGowan Government is expanding Wellington National Park. As part of this 2017 election commitment, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) would like to hear your views on the proposed expansion.

The expansion of Wellington National Park will provide the basis to improve tourism and recreation opportunities within the Preston Valley. It will also enhance the protection of biodiversity in a consolidated national park and improve connectivity to adjacent conservation reserves, while limiting the impact on timber harvesting, firewood collection and other extractive uses. A map of the expansion area is on page 4.

An extra 7360 hectares has been proposed for addition to the national park. These additions would increase the overall area of the national park to 25,000 hectares. Importantly, the additional areas provide direct connectivity to other reserves in the vicinity, such that the total combined area reserved in the proposed expanded Wellington National Park, Wellington Discovery Forest, Westralia Conservation Park and Forest Conservation Area would be 26,960 hectares.



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Significant areas of mature jarrah/marri forest are contained within the proposed expansion. The expansion area provides high quality habitat for a range of fauna and will improve the representation of nine vegetation complexes in formal reserves. The proposed areas also include registered Aboriginal heritage places and sites of other Australian cultural heritage.

It is proposed that the expansion along the southern border to the Preston River will provide a focus for recreation and tourism along major access routes. The additional area will expand opportunities for both active and passive recreation, including mountain biking, bushwalking, camping, cultural education and adventure activities. An expansion of these opportunities is consistent with the *Bunbury-Wellington and Boyup Brook Regional Tourism Development Strategy 2015–2019*.

The expansion of the national park and the development of associated tourism and visitor infrastructure also has the potential to deliver positive outcomes for Aboriginal employment through initiatives facilitated by DBCA.

**The State Government invites you to comment on the proposal and submit feedback to [wellingtonexpansion@dbca.wa.gov.au](mailto:wellingtonexpansion@dbca.wa.gov.au) by 13 March 2019 (12 weeks from advertising).**



Top left: Baudin's cockatoo. Top right: The Kiosk at the dam. Above: The Quarry. Photos – DBCA

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