

# Natural Resource Management Strategy for South East Queensland

## Have Your Say

This booklet of Feedback Forms accompanies the Natural Resource Management Strategy Discussion Paper. The Forms summarise the key regional issues which have been identified so far and the Discussion Paper gives brief background information about those issues.

The issues have been presented under the following themes:

- Understanding and involvement
- Caring for biodiversity
- Caring for our water resource
- Caring for our land
- Caring for our coast and seas
- Sustainable natural resource management

### How to have your say:

The next step is to gather **your input** to the Strategy. We are particularly interested in **issues that you are aware of that have not been covered in the Discussion Paper**.

- Read through the issues listed on the Feedback Forms; if you want to know more about the issues, go to the Discussion Paper and read some background information.
- On the Feedback Forms overleaf, under the six column headings, please fill in any information you would like to add. Some information has been filled in; please add **your** thoughts. Directions are given below: **---->>**

1. How to meet our needs	2. Problems & Issues	3. Main areas where problems occur	4. What is being done now?	5. What else needs to be done?	6. How urgent?
→ Write in additional issues that have not been covered.	→ Jot down what other problems are occurring in your region.	→ List the locations where these problems are occurring.	→ Record what actions are being taken to deal with the issue. Some examples have been given.	→ Add other important actions which are needed to deal with the problems and issues.	→ Very High (VH) High (H) or Moderate (M)

Please return Feedback Forms by **30 September** to:

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### Like to talk to us??

Four regional workshops will be held in Nambour, Esk, Nerang and Brisbane in September. An enclosed flyer gives workshop details.

**It's our region, our future - get involved!**

## Understanding and involvement

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Raise community awareness of nature conservation and resource management issues		* Gold Coast City			
Promote action learning	* community nature conservation activities	* across the region	* Land for Wildlife * Landcare groups activities		
Provide water resource information	* Research coordination * Dissemination of information				
Provide sustainable land management information					
Facilitate learning opportunities within formal and informal education systems					

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Develop cultural awareness programs					

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<b>Protect significant remnant vegetation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Clearing for urban expansion</li> <li>* Clearing for agriculture</li> </ul>				
<b>Protect full range of naturally occurring species and ecosystems, particularly those which are threatened</b>					
<b>Protect and restore vegetation corridors and habitat links</b>					

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<b>Protect and restore riparian vegetation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* clearing in riparian zone</li> <li>* weed invasion</li> </ul>				
<b>Fire management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Lack of knowledge of new landholders</li> <li>* Poor implementation of fire management plans</li> </ul>				
<b>Weed management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* ground disturbance which allows weed invasion</li> <li>* transport of weed species in waterways</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* SEQ Environmental Weeds Strategy (in prep; DNR)</li> </ul>		

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<b>Protect/improve/restore water quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Erosion and sedimentation</li> <li>* Stormwater runoff - urban and rural</li> <li>* Wastewater</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Water quality monitoring - Waterwatch</li> </ul>		
<b>Water use to match sustainable supply and environmental flows</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Overallocation of groundwater resources</li> <li>* reduced flow levels impacting on aquatic ecosystems</li> <li>* water storage structures</li> <li>* water producers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Lockyer Valley</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Water re-use study</li> </ul>		
<b>Flood management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Development in catchment causing increased runoff</li> <li>* Development in floodplain</li> <li>* Backwater flooding</li> <li>* Value of flooding</li> <li>*</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Flood management plans</li> </ul>		

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<b>Prevent soil erosion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* overclearing</li> <li>* overstocking on grazing lands</li> <li>* poor cultivation/cropping management</li> <li>* poor management of construction/development sites</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Industry Codes of Practice</li> <li>* Farm forestry programs</li> </ul>		
<b>Improve health of riparian zone</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* removal of streambank vegetation</li> <li>* streambed modification</li> <li>* instream structures</li> <li>* poor quality of runoff</li> <li>* uncontrolled stock access</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Riverine Strategies for SEQ (DNR)</li> </ul>		
<b>Maintain soil health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* loss of fertility</li> <li>* degradation of soil structure</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*</li> </ul>		
<b>Sustainable management of intensive agricultural industries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* inadequate waste disposal techniques</li> <li>* concentration of activities causing soil degradation</li> <li>* poor management of runoff</li> <li>*</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Industry Codes of Practice</li> </ul>		

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<b>Prevent salinity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* tree clearing</li> <li>* irrigation with poor quality water; poor irrigation design</li> </ul>		* Saltwatch Program (DNR)		
<b>Improve waste disposal methods - land fill and wastewater</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* poorly sited and managed landfills</li> <li>* sewage treatment and disposal</li> <li>* siting and operation of septic tanks</li> </ul>				
<b>Control of feral and problem animals</b>					
<b>Maintain natural processes</b>					
<b>Floodplain management</b>					

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Marine species and ecosystem protection	* Sand replenishment				
Sustainably manage Acid Sulfate Soils	* Urban development and canal construction * Agricultural activities		* Mapping of extent and risk level of ASS (DNR)		
Fisheries resource sharing and management	* management of impacts to protect ecosystems, eg trawling on shallow parts of the Bay				
Sensitive coastal and foreshore development	* Inappropriate planning controls				

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Sound management of sand and gravel extraction & supply	* allocation of resource				
Protect good quality agricultural land	* Encroachment of rural residential development	* Lockyer Valley	* State Planning Policy 1/92: Development & Conservation of Agricultural Land		
Financing for sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* farm profitability</li> <li>* land valuations</li> <li>* market pressures</li> <li>* loss of productivity through resource quality decline</li> </ul>				

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<b>Improve air quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* increasing use of motor vehicles</li> <li>* industrial pollution</li> <li>* burning of vegetation</li> <li>* odour from intensive farm practices</li> <li>* greenhouse gases</li> </ul>				
<b>Coordinate and integrate regional, local and catchment planning activities</b>					
<b>Develop measurements for sustainability</b>					

## Other issues of concern

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## What next?

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- Return the forms by **30 September** to:

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- Attend one of the following **regional workshops** (bring your completed Feedback Forms, if convenient):
  - ☞ **Brisbane**
  - ☞ **Esk**
  - ☞ **Nambour**
  - ☞ **Nerang**

Details of the workshops are given on the enclosed flyer.

The information gathered from these Feedback Forms is confidential and respondents will not be identified in any material produced for the Strategy. However, if you would like to provide us with contact details, please fill in the space below.

**Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

**Phone:** .....

**Email:** .....

**Please send me:**  Interim Draft Strategy in October 1998

Draft Strategy in February 1999

For more information, or to register for a workshop, please contact:

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**Thank you for contributing to the development of the  
Natural Resource Management Strategy for South East Queensland**