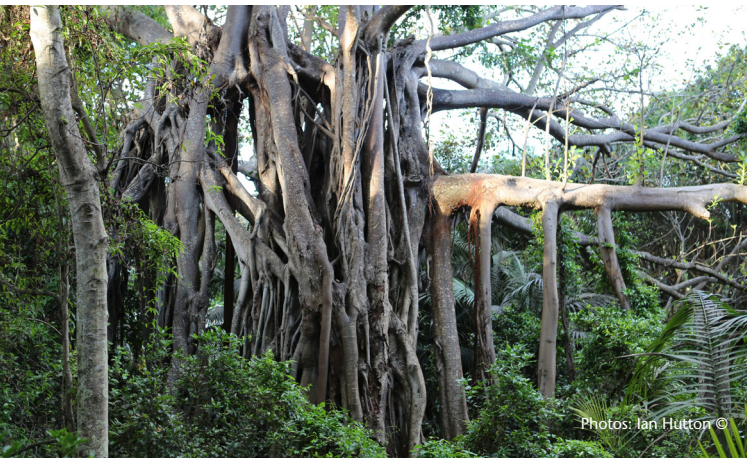


Lord Howe Island Review of Significant Native Vegetation



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The Lord Howe Island Board will soon be undertaking a review of the LHI Local Environmental Plan (LEP). As part of this process, the Board will be reviewing the mapping of Significant Native Vegetation within the Settlement area.



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What is Significant Native Vegetation?

Significant Native Vegetation is vegetation of high conservation value which provides important habitat for threatened fauna and flora species. Significant Native Vegetation is mapped and included in the LEP, which is a legal instrument approved by the Minister for Planning.

Significant Native Vegetation does not include predominantly exotic vegetation, established gardens, palm plantations, existing roads and primary access to leases. Areas mapped as significant native vegetation will exclude these areas.

The protection of Significant Native Vegetation is central to the LEP. Under Clause 11 of the LEP, the Board must not consent to the carrying out of development, which will result in any damage to, or the removal of, significant native vegetation.

The review process

The existing Significant Native Vegetation mapping was prepared in the 1990s and was revised in 2005. It was based on low resolution aerial photography and is inaccurate or inconsistent in some places.

The Board has completed preliminary vegetation mapping, using high resolution digital imagery together with the latest technology in air photo interpretation and data mapping. Maps have been prepared of each individual lease.

Overall, the mapping will provide a more accurate interpretation of significant native vegetation on the island. In some locations, the draft mapping is very different from the existing maps.

Have your say:

The draft maps will be placed on public exhibition during July 2014. During this time, the Board staff will discuss the mapping with each leaseholder. If you feel that the map is inaccurate, please provide written feedback on the draft mapping and where possible marked up maps are welcome.

* Comments will close on 31 July 2014

More information

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