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What is it?

Land for Wildlife is a voluntary program which aims to encourage and assist landholders to provide habitat for wildlife on their property. It does not change the legal status of the property in any way. It is a way of publicly acknowledging and recognising the nature conservation values and management program of your property.



How does it work?

Land for Wildlife registration is conferred upon the landholder at the time of registration and may not be passed on to subsequent owners of that land. The new owner may apply to join Land for Wildlife, in which case a new assessment of the property will be arranged.

Landholders with Land for Wildlife registration are not required to advise the Land for Wildlife officers if they want to do works on their property, but can seek assistance from the staff if they want information on wildlife, habitat or nature conservation. The characteristics which qualify properties for admission to the Land for Wildlife program cannot be rigidly defined. However, properties should satisfy one or both of the following criteria:

- That management clearly pursues the maintenance and enhancement of native habitat.
- That management attempts to integrate nature conservation with other land management objectives.

You may choose to manage part or all of your property for conservation.

Nature Refuges

If you wish to give legal status to the protection of the natural features of all or part of your property, you may apply to have all or part of your property declared a Nature Refuge (under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*). Your Shire Council may also provide Voluntary Conservation Agreements.

This process is quite separate, though complementary, to the Land for Wildlife program. As stated above, Land for Wildlife status does not alter the legal status of the property nor protect it from development should a new owner wish to manage the property in a different way. Nature Refuge status will protect the natural values of the property even when the property is sold to a new owner and ensures that subsequent owners will also appreciate, and preserve these values.



What Land for Wildlife can do for you

You may obtain assistance through the Land for Wildlife program, which includes:

- free advice and assistance on managing wildlife habitat with other land uses
- contact with other landholders interested in nature conservation
- information on Land for Wildlife activities around your area, elsewhere in Queensland and nationally
- opportunities for you to share ideas and experiences through publications, field days and the Land for Wildlife network.

Some basic steps you could take to assist your properties habitat values might include:

- development of a simple management plan for your property (regardless of its size) in which you detail your long-term goals
- allowing regeneration of part of your land with native plant species and communities
- exclusion of grazing stock from special or sensitive areas
- fencing off remnant areas to allow natural regeneration
- fencing wetland and riverine areas to protect banks and vegetation from over grazing
- maintaining old hollow trees in the landscape
- the use of indigenous plants in your garden as food, shelter or breeding habitat for native wildlife
- control of harmful predators, such as cats, pigs and foxes; and weeds such as Lippia, Mother of Millions or African Boxthorn.

Land for Wildlife status does not convey the right of public access for hunting or any other purpose and does not confer any official 'reserve' status whatsoever on the land.

Your Land for Wildlife property is not exempt from notices or directions given by the Queensland Fire Service (e.g. to reduce fuel loads in hazard reduction burns).



For further information on the Land for Wildlife program, please contact:

Queensland Murray-Darling Committee Inc on (07) 4637 6200, or visit the 'Land for Wildlife' page on www.qmdc.org.au.