



# PADDD in context: windback of conservation laws in Australia



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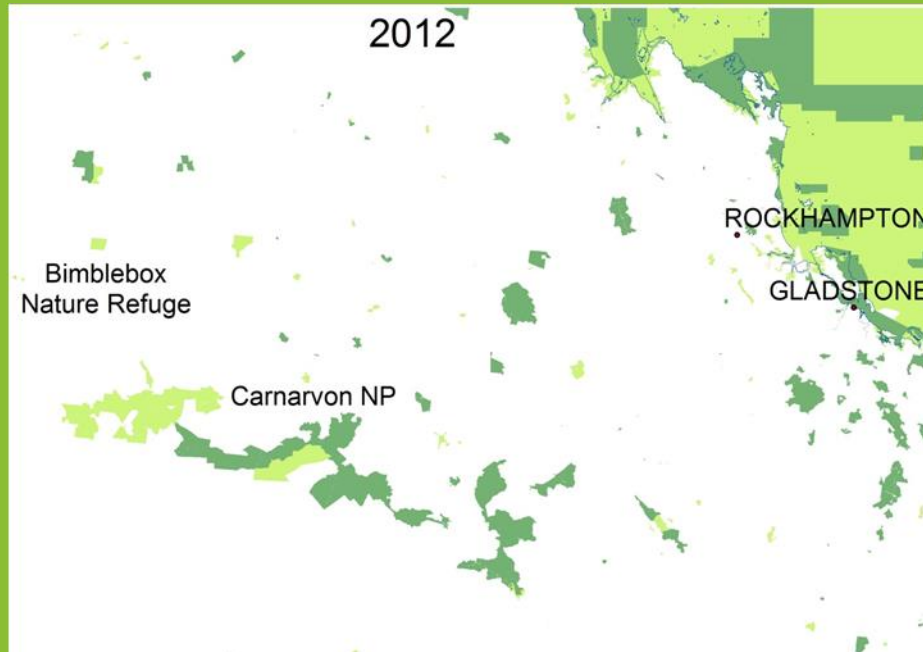
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# Actual PADDD

## Trumped by mining law

Bimblebox: Nature Refuge purchased by Federal Government, 2004

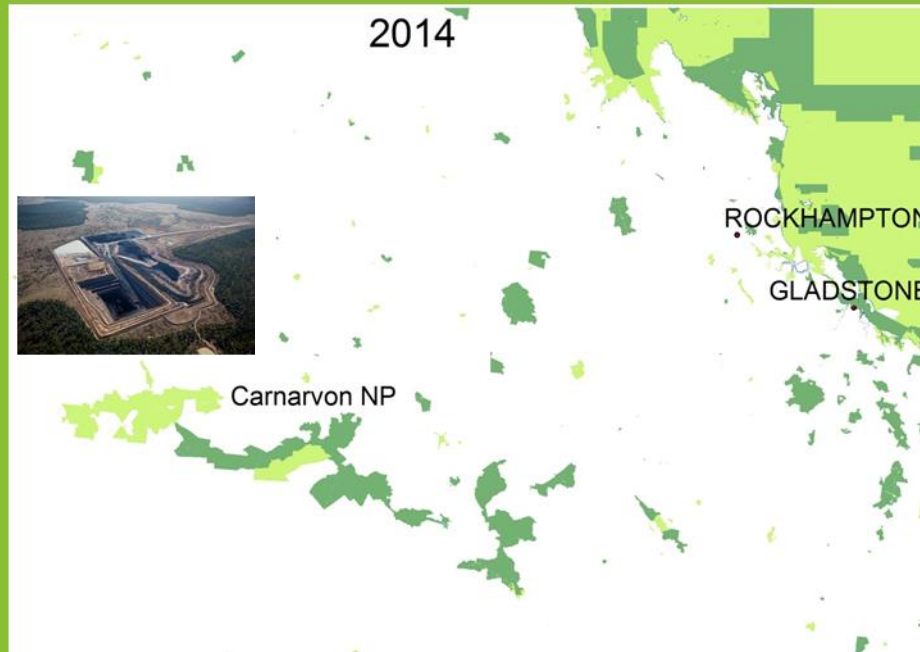


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to be (largely) destroyed by coal mine approved by State Government, although with offsets.

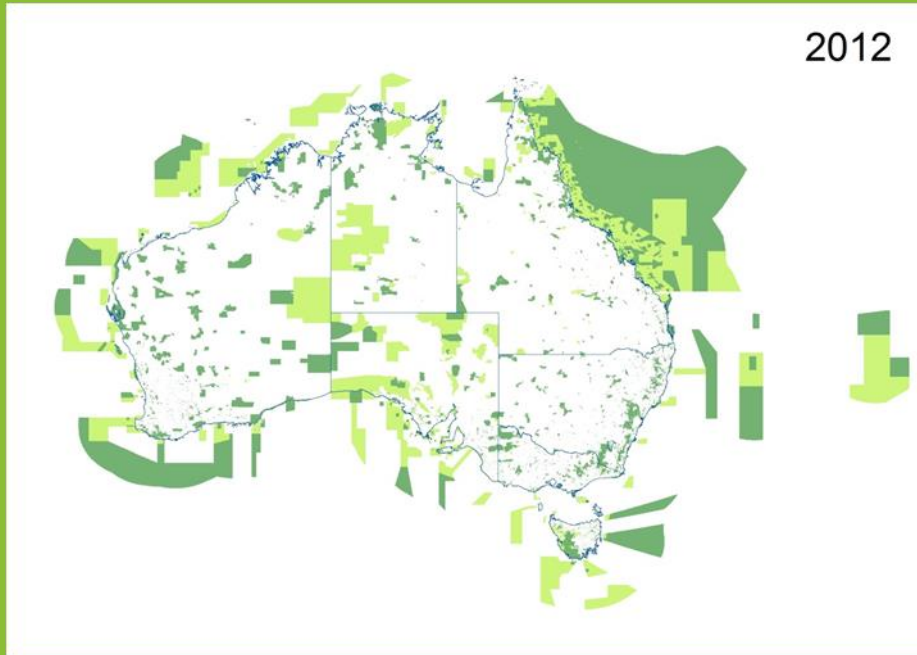


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# Potential PADDD

## Review of zoning of recent marine reserves

New Australian Government in 2013 says it will review marine reserve zoning of previous year to mollify fishing interests



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# Potential PADDD

## Review of zoning of recent marine reserves

Park boundaries change, but no-take zones are all up for review



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# Actual PADDD

## Lifting prohibitions... downgrading

Queensland in 2013 allowed livestock into 5 national parks and 8 national parks awaiting gazettal, for %brought relief+

All were removed by June 2014

However another 16 national parks have grazing leases on them yet to expire, as a concession during purchase and gazettal

Regional parks and nature refuges in Queensland are often subject to livestock grazing



Thanks to Paul Donatiu of the National Parks Association of Queensland

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# Actual PADDD

## Lifting prohibitions... downgrading

NSW introduced livestock grazing  
prohibitions in national parks

Victoria introduced grazing and  
ecological thinning trials

Thanks to Kevin Evans of the  
National Parks Association of NSW  
and Matt Ruchel of the Victorian  
NPA





# Actual & potential PADDD

## Downsizing

Some states changed laws to allow up to 99 year leases of national park areas for tourist businesses- an effective excision/downsizing when they happen.



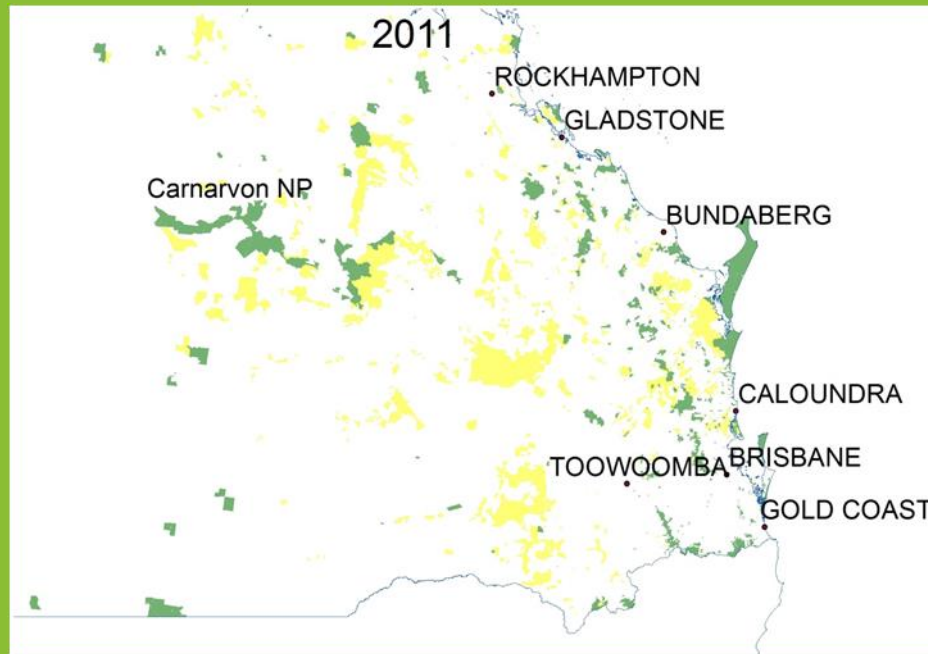
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# Actual PADDD?

## Turning off transfers of state land

Queensland in 2012-13 stopped transfer of state forests to national park

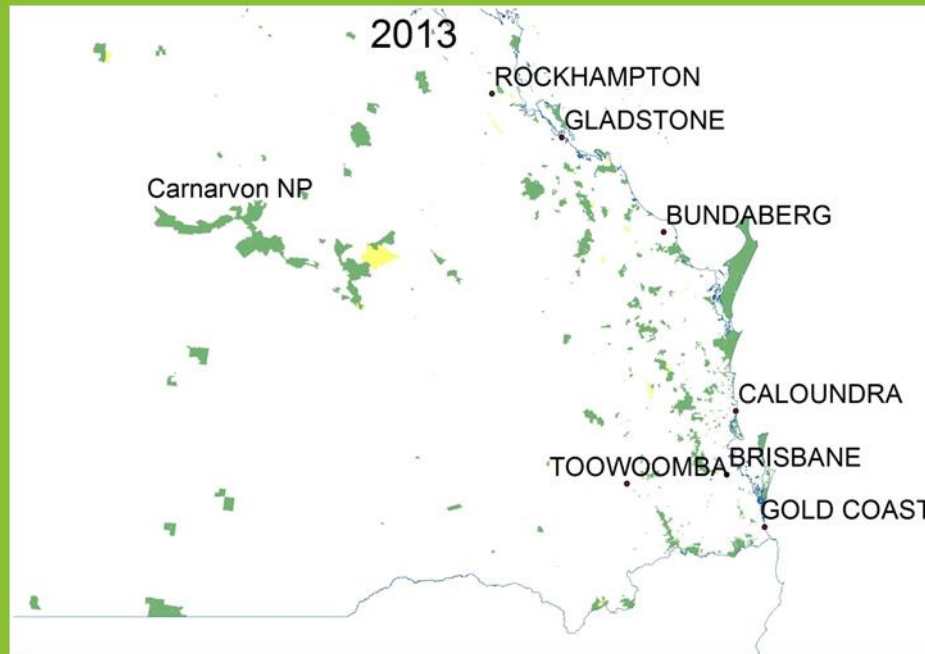


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# Actual PADDD?

## Turning off transfers of state land

Queensland removed the IUCN VI designation of state forests over many thousands of ha



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## Stalled transfers of purchases

Queensland again, 12 properties purchased since 2008 with federal government funding to become new national parks have been held back from gazettal pending a review of %appropriate tenure+

Purchase contracts require gazettal with 24 months.

These national parks in waiting have been leased for livestock grazing.

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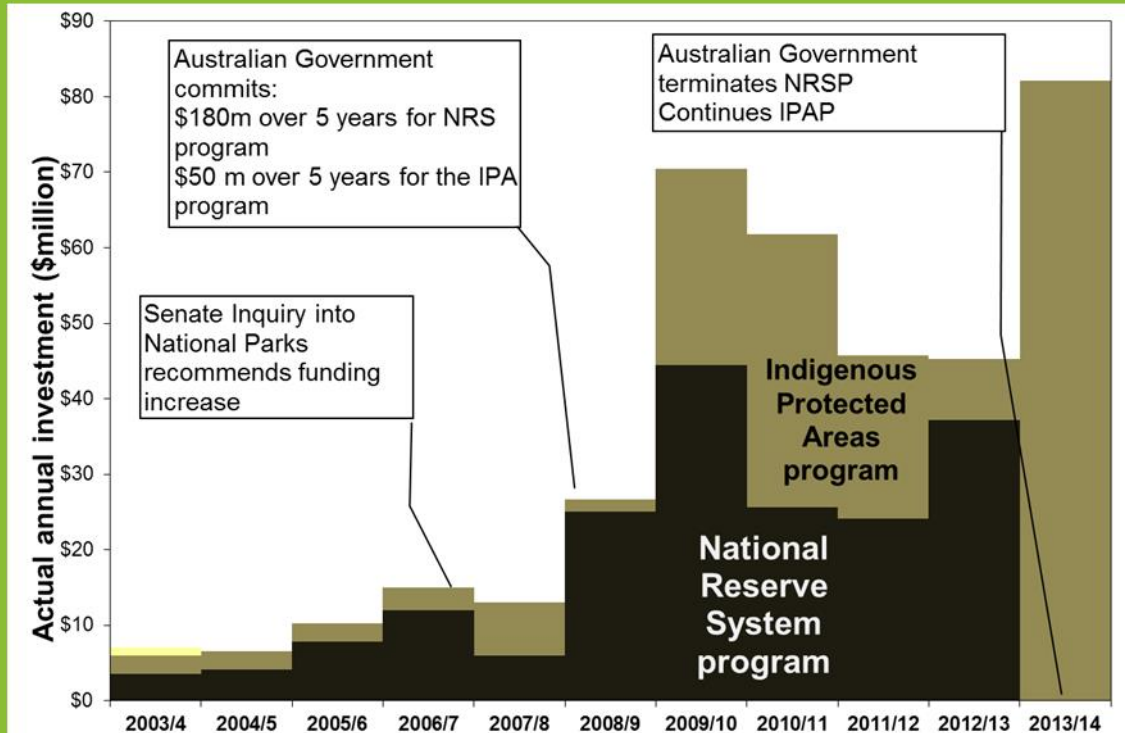
Tasmanian Forest Agreement in 2013, reneged on by new government 2014



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## Turning funding flows

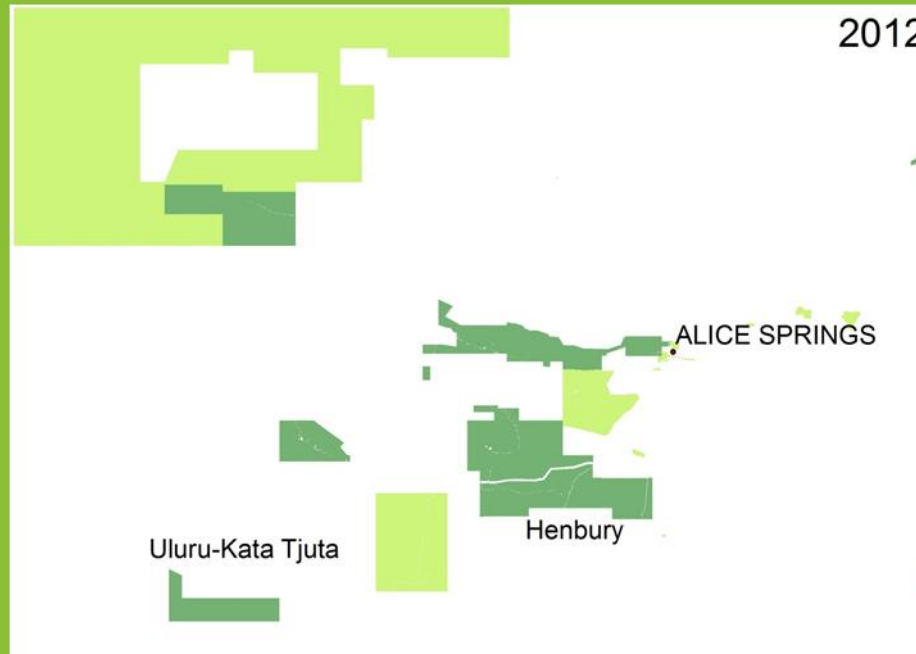


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# Actual or looks like PADDD?

## Faulty process?

Henbury: Purchased by Fed Govt for private proponent ...



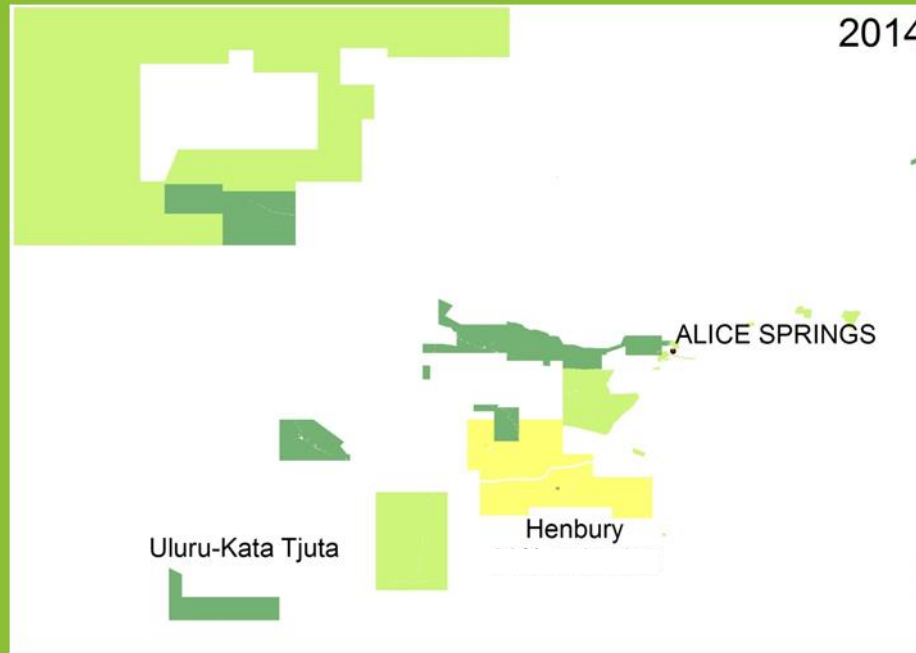
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Henbury: ♂ who went bankrupt before covenant recorded. Resold as cattle property, with ~20% under covenant.

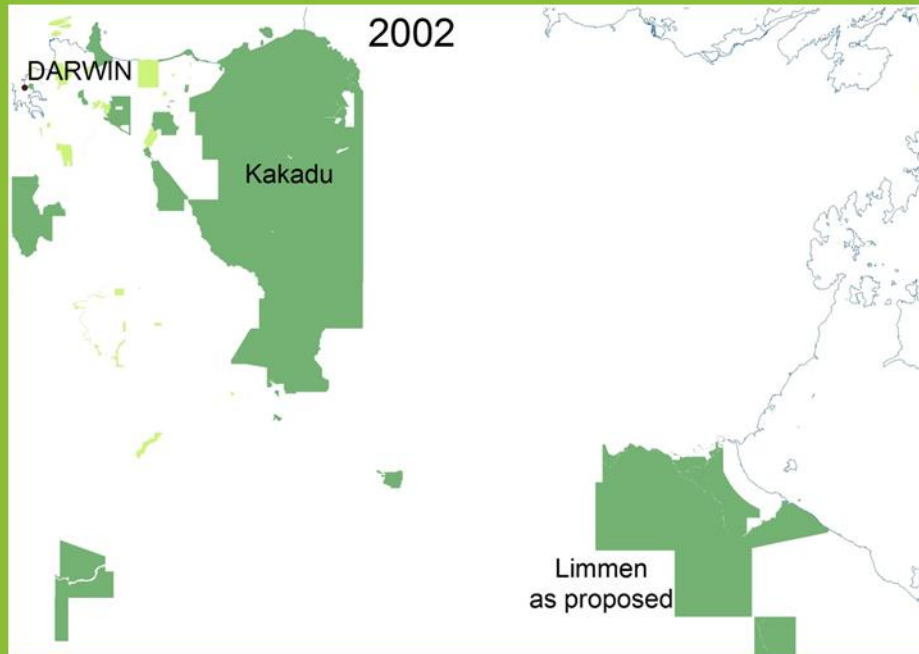


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## Jumping the gun

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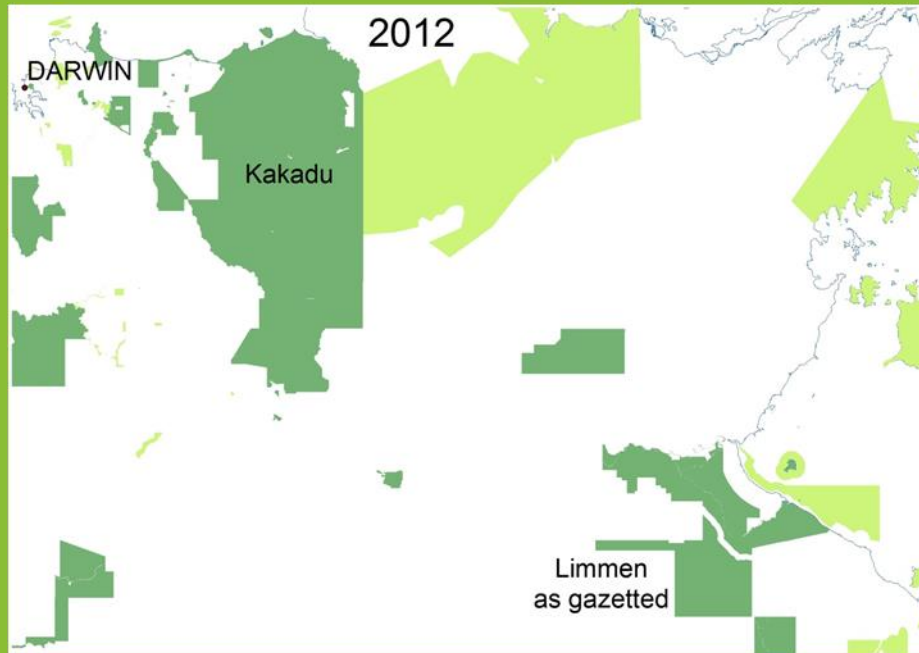


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Proposed area larger than gazetted area, but not formally a degazettal.



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## Correcting the record

South Australia: 80,000 ha of national parks where mining not excluded in gazettal, reviewed for application of IUCN categories...



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## Correcting the record

South Australia: Categories downgraded, but nothing materially changed



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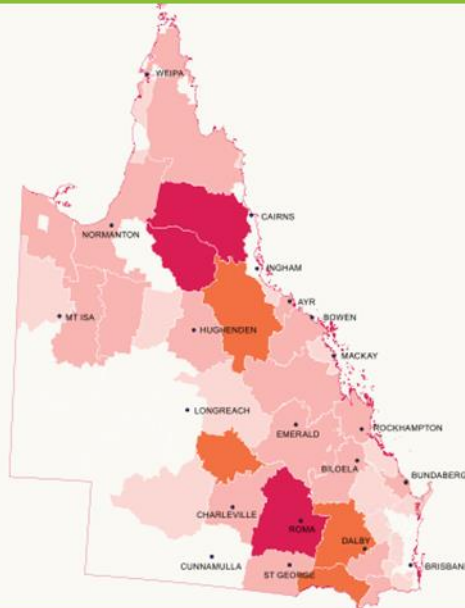
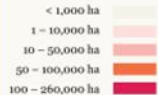
# PADDD in context

## Rollback of land clearing laws

Queensland in 2013 undid restrictions on land clearing over millions of ha. Will now require more investment in protected areas to achieve same goals.

**Figure 2.** Distribution of at-risk mature bushland by local government areas as of 2008 in Queensland.

### AT-RISK MATURE BUSHLAND BY LGA

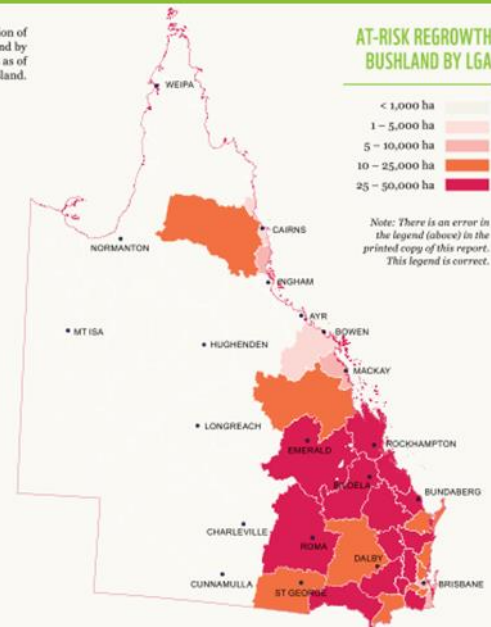


**Figure 3** Distribution of at-risk regrowth bushland by local government areas as of 2008 in Queensland.

### AT-RISK REGROWTH BUSHLAND BY LGA



*Note: There is an error in the legend (above) in the printed copy of this report. This legend is correct.*



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# PADDD in context

## Rollback of land clearing laws

Similar efforts underway in other states



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# PADDD in context

## Anti “greentape” agenda

Australian Government devolving federal power to states on environment, reversing decades of recognition of federal responsibility to implement treaties



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# Brightside

## Massive growth in protected areas 2002-2012

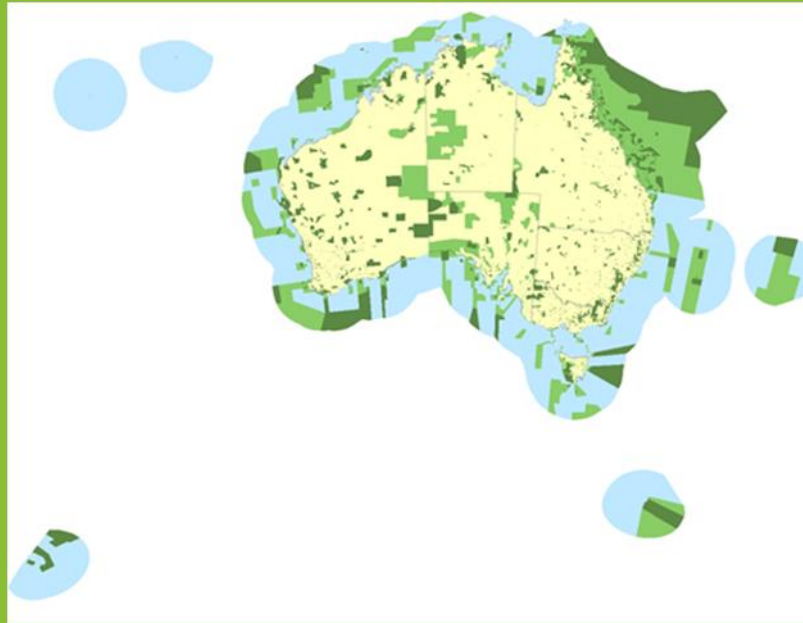


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# Brightside

## Massive growth in protected areas 2002-2012



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Thank you

