

2.3 System 7 Update - Andrew Burbidge

Andrew Burbidge explained that the Kimberley Region Study area follows Shire boundaries into the Great Sandy Desert, so is larger in extent than the System 7 area. Desert portions of the Study area are incorporated in System 12.

System 7 update has involved re-examination of public submissions and extraction of knowledge from both lay people and experts. Burbidge expressed the hope that participants of the Conservation and Reserves Seminar would identify areas not yet being considered or those which had been given insufficient weighting. The original System 7 proposed only 16 areas whilst the redraft is considering 30 areas. (Areas purely for tourism purposes are part of a separate study.)

- . Ord River Nature Reserve is one existing reserve which may be extended;
- . Bungle Bungle National Park has been established, and extensions are proposed;

Additional areas under consideration for inclusion are :

- . Lake Gregory;
- . Mandora Salt Marsh, Swamps and Radi Hills;
- . McLarty Hills and Dragon Tree Soak;
- . Napier-Oscar Ranges;
- . Roebuck Bay;
- . Southesk Tablelands;
- . Wolf Creek Crater National Park; and
- . Varied rainforest patches which occur on scree slopes under breakaway laterite cliffs, along rivers, and under sandstone cliffs.

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