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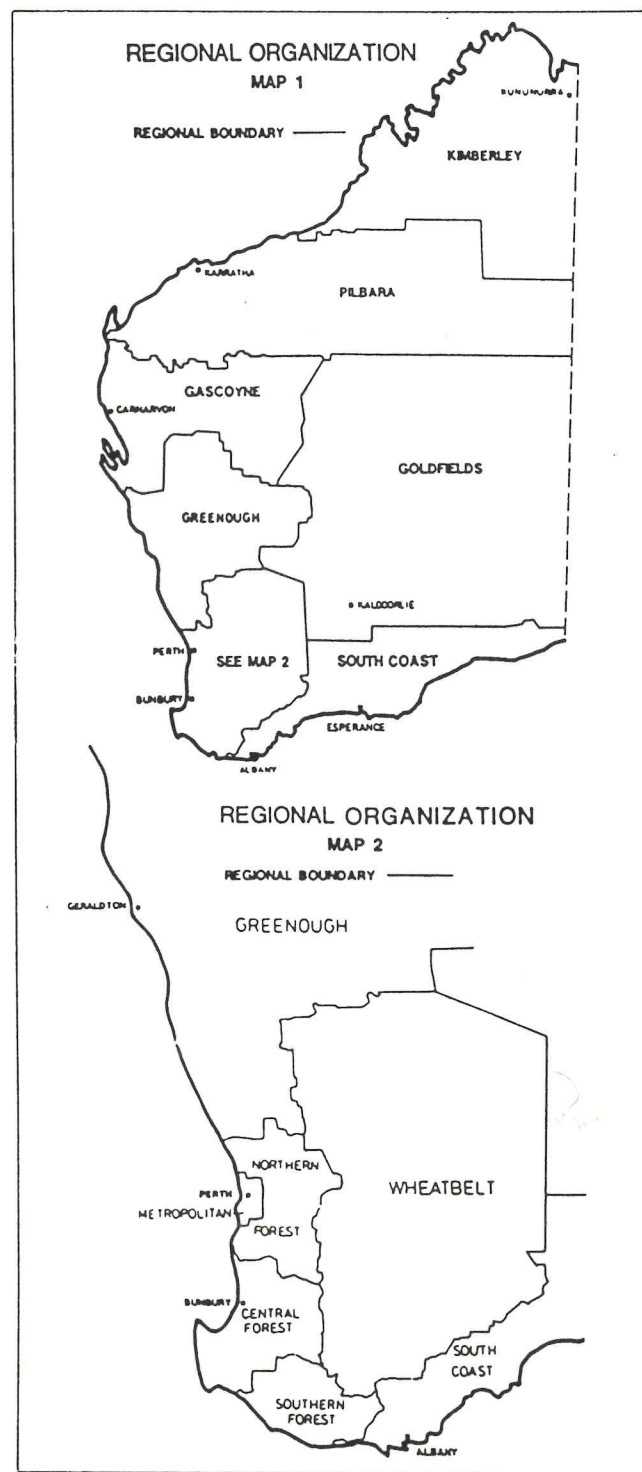
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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT

The Department of Conservation and Land Management was proclaimed on Friday, March 22, 1985.

The Department and three statutory bodies formed under the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 were effective from that date.

They are all responsible to the Minister for Conservation and Land Management.

The statutory bodies are the Lands and Forests Commission, the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority, and the Forests Production Council. They advise the Minister and the Department on policy and submit management plans for public land vested in them. The new Department combines the Forests Department, National Parks Authority and the Wildlife section of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Its function is to manage the public land estate, vested in the Lands and Forests Commission and National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority and to ensure the protection of the State's flora and fauna.

In addition to the Statutory Provisions in the Act, the Department is keen to include the public in developing policy and will be seeking the public's assistance to manage public land.

ORGANIZATION

Departmental functions are carried out by the Policy Directorate and the Operations division.

The Executive Director heads both groups, and is responsible to the Minister.

The Policy Directorate comprises four directors who are responsible for Nature Conservation, National Parks, Forests and Research and Planning. The Directorate advises the Minister and the Lands and Forests Commission, the National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority and the Forests Production Council, and liaises with the Operations group to devise policy and promote sound management.

The operations division is responsible for the overall management of the Department's functions, public lands vested in its authority and associated flora and fauna.

This group is headed by the General Manager and Divisional Managers for Administration and Finance, Operations and Services.

Because Western Australia is a large State (2.5 million square kilometres) operational management is based on a regional system.

REGIONAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The State has been divided into eleven regions, each with a high degree of autonomy.

They are the Kimberley, Pilbara, Gascoyne, Goldfields, Greenough, Wheatbelt, South Coast, Southern Forest, Central Forest, Northern Forest and Metropolitan Regions (see maps).

A regional management system retains the benefits of a small organization while providing access to centrally-based servicing groups. Regions are responsible for managing all lands vested in the Department, and for the conservation of flora, fauna and marine reserves within their boundaries.

Various categories of land, for example State Forest, National Park and Nature Conservation Reserves, will be managed in accordance with approved policies and management plans, and with the guidance of specialist research branches.

Each regional headquarters has a Regional Manager and an officer representing the major functions in that region.

These functions include operations, administration, planning, wildlife management and research or extension services.

Regional Managers report to the Divisional Manager Operations, a process which ensures that there is direct access from the regions to senior management at the State Operations Headquarters at Como.

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