



Draft
MANAGEMENT PLAN

FOR

COONAMBLE COMMON

Presented to Commoners: 13 October 2009
On public display until: 27 November 2009

Description of Common:

Reserve 65624 for Commonage notified in Government Gazette 22 November 1935 (Folio 4547)

Addition to Reserve 65624 for Commonage notified in Government Gazette 26 February 1965 (Folio 619)

That land described as Lot 7005 in DP1056400

Comprising 805 hectares vacant open grazing land with stock yards and associated infrastructure.

Common Trust:

Coonamble Common Trust notified in Government Gazette 26 March 1993 – Trustees: Coonamble Shire Council.

Purpose for which Common may be used:

Provision of good quality grazing for livestock owned by town commoners in accordance with seasonal conditions.

With the approval of the majority of commoners at an annual general meeting, cropping conducted by Coonamble Shire Council.

Those entitled to use the Common:

Persons who have applied and been accepted as “Commoners” in accordance with the Commons Management Act 1989 and meeting the following provisions:

- Live within the land district in which the Common is located and do not hold more than 20 hectares of land within that land district;
- Are not enrolled as a commoner of another Common;
- Meet any other membership requirements set out in the notice which established the Common.

Those responsible for the maintenance of the Common and the methods by which it is to be maintained:

The Trustees shall be responsible for ensuring the maintenance of the Common, including the control of pests and noxious weeds, subject to sufficient funds being available for the operations of the Trust.

A Common Ranger shall be employed to control and administer the use of the Common, including the limiting of grazing during long, dry periods.

Where funding becomes available pasture improvement shall be carried out.

Those responsible for the cost of maintenance of the Common:

Users of the Common shall pay fees as set, from time to time, by the Trust Board and approved at a general meeting of Commoners.

Key Actions:

- (1) Maintain manageable stocking rates reducing impact on pasture levels and maximising grazing use.
- (2) Carry out pasture improvement programs subject to budgetary constraints as approved by the Trustees.
- (3) Conduct frequent inspections to determine the incidence of noxious weeds and pests and implement any necessary eradication programs.
- (4) Conduct frequent inspections of fencing, stockyards and watering points to ensure they are in serviceable condition, subject to budgetary constraints.
- (5) The Common will only be opened or closed by the authority of the General Manager or his nominee.
- (6) Compliance with the terms and provisions of the Commons Management Act 1989.

Annual Fee:

An annual fee of \$5.00 was set by Commoners at the annual meeting held on 13 October, 2009. This annual fee must be paid by Commoners before 31 August in each year for the ensuing year. Any commoners who do not pay this fee will be removed from the list of eligible voters for the annual general meeting.

Review of this Management Plan:

The Trustees shall assess the outcomes associated with any actions required within this Plan and report to the annual general meeting of Commoners accordingly.

This Plan may only be altered by a majority vote of those in attendance at a duly constituted general meeting of Commoners.

