

LITTLE DIP CONSERVATION PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

AMENDMENT TO PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

South East

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Foreword

This Management Plan Amendment has been prepared and adopted under the provisions of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1972*. It relates to the Little Dip Conservation Park in the lower south east of South Australia.

The Little Dip Conservation Park Management Plan was released for public comment in 1990, and notice of the adoption of the final Plan was published in the *Government Gazette* of May 1992. Two aspects of the plan required revision: these related to the addition of the beach between Mean High Water Mark and Mean Low Water Mark in December 1993 and the change in the management of Fresh Water Lake (previously referred to as Fresh Dip).

The plan did not address management of the beach adjacent to the park as it was not under the control of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at that time. The plan allowed camping at Fresh Water Lake and swimming and canoeing were permitted subject to monitoring.

To assist with beach management, a working group was formed from interested members of the community. The group recommended that access along beaches be continued, but access to beaches with no through access be discouraged, and passive recreation promoted as an alternative.

The results of monitoring at Fresh Water Lake, and concerns expressed by the community have resulted in a change in the management prescription. Canoeing and swimming in Fresh Water Lake will no longer be possible, and its surrounds will be promoted as a day visitor site rather than as a camping destination.

The draft amendment was released for public comment in January 1996. Four submissions were received, and referred with the draft Amendment to the National Parks and Wildlife Council for advice to the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources. The amendments within this document were approved in January 1997 and notice of its adoption published in the *Government Gazette*.

Hon David Wotton MP
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Amendments

Bold text indicates the location of the relevant material in the Plan, and the required deletion or insertion. Each action has a priority and duration displayed in brackets, respectively.

Section 1.3 Regional Context, Page 2, Paragraph 3:

Delete;

“Little Dip Conservation Park is located five kilometres south of Robe, and covers an area of 1977 ha, consisting of Section 191, 510, 545, 547 and 558 Hundred of Waterhouse, County of Robe (Figure 1).”

Insert;

“Little Dip Conservation Park is located 5 kilometres south of Robe, and covers an area of 2046 ha, consisting of Section 191, 510, 545, 547 and 553 and Allotment 1 (Deposited Plan No. 31594), Hundred of Waterhouse, County of Robe (Figure 1).”

Figure 1, Page 3:

Delete;

Figure 1.

Insert;

Figure 1 on following page.

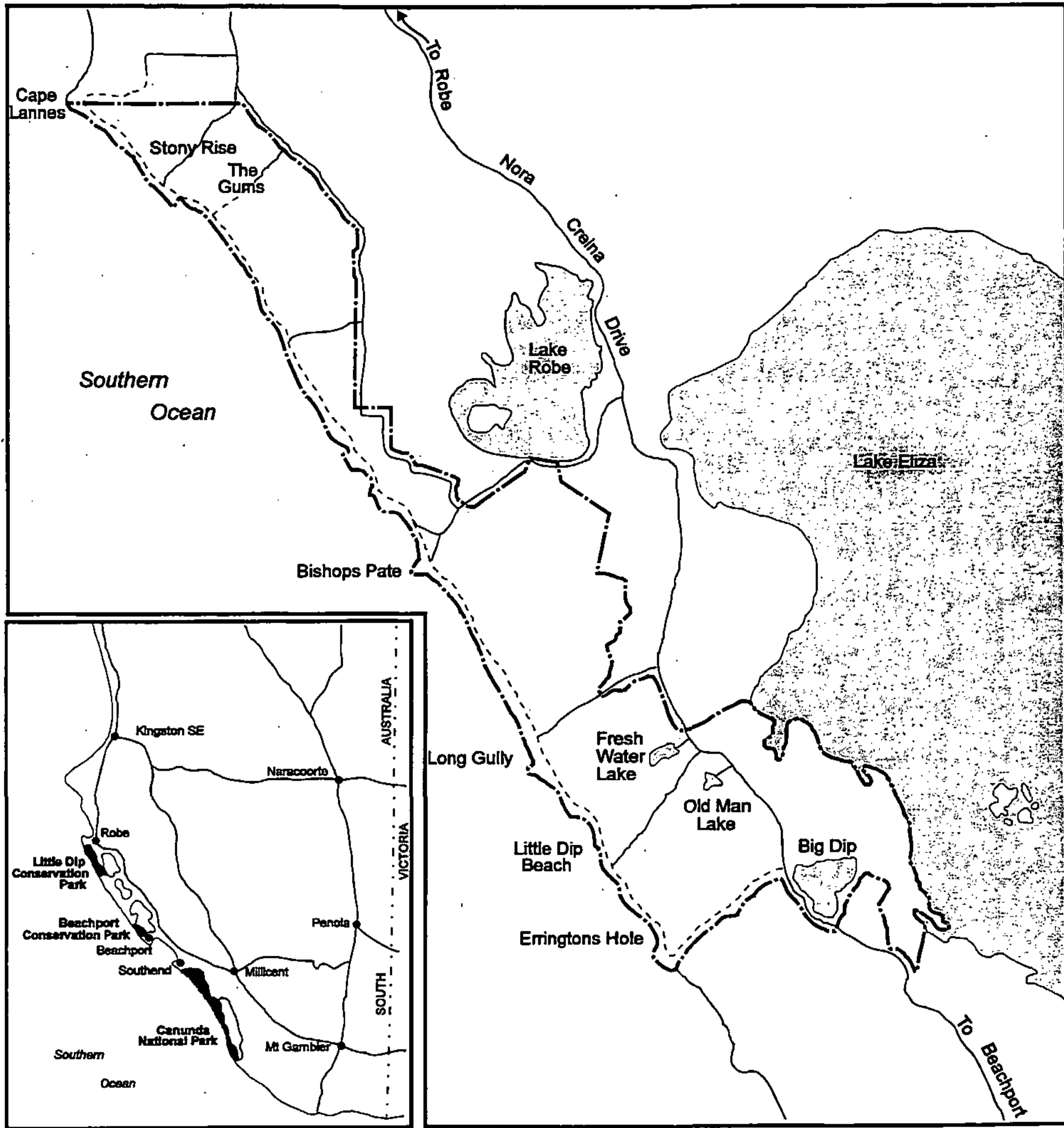
Section 3.1.1 Coastal Landforms, Page 5:

Delete actions;

- permit canoeing and swimming in Fresh Dip only (mod., ongoing).
- monitor the impact of canoeing and swimming on the wetland vegetation to provide for the conservation of wetland habitat (high, ongoing).

Insert actions;

- investigate a more suitable name for the beach recently called “Hooded Plover Beach” (low, short).



- Park Boundary
- Conventional vehicle track
- Off road vehicle track



Figure 1
LITTLE DIP CONSERVATION PARK
Location Map

- boating activities and swimming will not be permitted in any lakes within the park (high, ongoing).
- prohibit camping around Fresh Water Lake and promote as a day visitor destination (mod., ongoing).

Section 3.1.3 Fauna, Page 7:

Delete action;

- liaise with Robe District Council to prohibit dogs on beaches adjacent to the park (mod., short).

Insert actions;

- in consultation with the community and user groups, regularly monitor and review the impact of four wheel drive access on the ocean beach (high, ongoing).
- ensure the public have information relating to the prohibition of pets in the park (mod., ongoing).

Section 3.2 Fire, page 7:

Delete action;

- ban the use of solid fuel fires during the fire danger period (high, ongoing).

Insert action;

- prohibit the use of solid fuel fires during the fire danger season, except between high and low water marks, excluding CFS total fire ban days (high, ongoing).

Section 3.4.2 Vehicular Access, Page 9:

Insert in text;

“Vehicular access along beaches is permitted though some beaches with no through access will be promoted for passive recreation”.

Section 3.4.2 Vehicular Access, Page 9:

Insert actions;

- erect 'no-through traffic' signs on beaches where appropriate (mod., short).
- in consultation with beach user groups provide car parks and pedestrian access to beaches where vehicular access is limited (mod., long).
- temporarily close inaccessible or dangerous beaches to vehicles. Consult with user groups after closure to instigate safe re-opening (high, ongoing).

Section 3.4.4 Facilities, Page 10:

Insert actions;

- permit camping along the ocean beach below the foredune (low, ongoing).
- develop a code of use for the ocean beach in consultation with user groups (high, ongoing).

Section 4 Priorities for Implementation, Pages 13-14:

Action statements for this section require amending. Make reference to the above actions in this document when considering the priorities for implementation.