



Yurol-Ringtail State Forests Conservation Project

In November 2018, a landmark agreement was reached to protect and enhance a major strategic forest corridor stretching from the Noosa Hinterland at Pomona to the Noosa River. Through this agreement, Noosa Council, HQPlantations, the Queensland Government and the Noosa Parks Association are working together to transfer the 2400ha of State Forest into National Park. To facilitate the transfer, most plantation areas will be harvested to allow the natural vegetation to be restored.

Timber Plantation Areas

HQPlantations and the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries currently have pine and hardwood plantation areas within the Yurol and Ringtail State Forests. These areas need to be harvested before vegetation restoration can take place. The harvesting techniques aim to retain natural regrowth, while the removal of plantation trees will provide an opportunity for natural vegetation to regenerate.

Approach to Revegetation

Noosa Council is working with the Department of Environment and Science regarding the revegetation of plantation areas after harvesting. The forest is expected to regenerate very quickly from natural seed and root stock. In some areas weed control and plantings will assist in bringing the area back to a natural condition. The restoration of the 2400-hectare park will enhance and protect habitat for threatened species such as koalas.

Operations and Closures

Plantation harvesting in the Yurol State Forest will be undertaken over 3 to 4 years commencing July 2019. During harvesting, there will be some interruptions in Yurol State Forest near Pomona:

- Traffic controls will be in place along Yurol Forest Drive
- Plantation areas will be closed during timber harvesting operations and signs will be displayed.
- Noosa Trail Network: Trail 7 & 8 will be closed at times. Signs will be displayed during closures and notifications provided on Council's website

<https://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/noosa-trail-network>



