



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

14 February 2020

Bimblebox – a nature refuge under siege

The Bimblebox Nature Refuge is an 8,000 hectare remnant woodland in central Queensland between Emerald and Barcaldine. There are seven ecosystems on Bimblebox with the most prominent being Silver-leaved Ironbark, Eucalyptus melanophloia, Poplar Box Eucalyptus populnea and Heathland.



In 2000 a group of people decided to buy Glen Innes Station for conservation purposes and save it from vegetation clearing that was occurring all around it. The coal that underlies parts of the Desert Uplands in central-western Queensland was far from their mind. The Federal Government's National Reserve System pitched in two thirds of the purchase price and the Bimblebox Nature Refuge Agreement was signed with the State Government in 2002. Despite this formal conservation agreement under the Nature Conservation Act 1992

between its owners and the Queensland Government, **the Bimblebox Nature Refuge continues to be threatened by Clive Palmer's mining plans.**

Guest speaker at Friday Environment Forum on February 14 is Eric Anderson who has been involved at Bimblebox from the time it was purchased and will provide an overview of the flora and fauna, mainly birds, that makes this place so special.

Come to the Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville at 10am for coffee and a chat with the forum commencing at 10.30am. The forum ends at 12.15pm.



Some of the numerous woodland birds found at Bimblebox
Front to back: Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater, Striped Honeyeater, Little Friarbird

Investigate the birds of Wallace Park with Valda and the Interpretive Birding Group. Meet at 8.30am in the carpark. All welcome.