



Government of **Western Australia**
Conservation and Parks Commission

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The Commission's Position

The Conservation and Parks Commission (Commission) will develop position statements as necessary for the performance of its functions under section 19 of the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act). Position statements are policy instruments that not only assist the Commission deliver its functions under the CALM Act but also contribute to consistent and accountable science-based decision-making as part of its statutory functions.

The Commission expects the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) to use the Commission's position statements in the preparation of management plans, departmental policies and in the presentation of matters before the Commission.

The structure of position statements should include a clear statement upfront of the Commission's position and then contextual background that assists the Commission in stating its responsibilities within a decision-making context that is strongly based on science and cognisant of wider policy landscapes.

Context and Background

Position statements cover a wide range of matters from the specifics provided for in different sections of the CALM Act including matters from tenure amendments, leases and licences to management plan preparation, performance assessment and matters relevant to mining legislation processes. Section 19(1)(c) of the CALM Act relates to the development of policies for:

- the preservation of the natural environment of the State and the provision of facilities for the enjoyment of that environment by the community;
- for promoting the appreciation of flora and fauna and the natural environment; and
- to achieve or promote the objectives referred to in section 56(1)(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) and (2) of the Act.

Position statements provide an essential operational vehicle for the Commission to tackle its functions in a way that is strategic and mindful of cumulative environmental impact whilst adopting adaptive instruments in a dynamic environment subject to evolving pressures.