

## Have your say on Wellington National Park expansion

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- The proposed expansion will include an additional 7,360 hectares, an increase of more than 42 per cent
- Wellington National Park is located 150 kilometres south of Perth

The McGowan Government is committed to the expansion of Wellington National Park, with the public comment period now open on the expansion proposal.

The proposed expansion along the southern border to the Preston River will provide a focus for tourism along major access routes and enhance opportunities for recreation, including mountain biking, bushwalking, camping, cultural education and adventure activities.

It will also provide greater protection for significant areas of mature jarrah and marri forest, and high-quality wildlife habitat within the proposed expansion area.

These additions will increase the overall area of the national park to almost 25,000 hectares, and improve connectivity to adjacent conservation reserves, while limiting the impact on timber harvesting and firewood collection.

The proposed areas also include registered Aboriginal heritage places and sites of other Australian cultural heritage.

To comment on the proposal, visit <http://www.pws.dbca.wa.gov.au>

**Comments attributed to Environment Minister  
Stephen Dawson:**



Hon Stephen Dawson MLC  
Minister for Environment;  
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activities it offers.

"During the past 10 years visitation to the park has increased substantially, reaching more than 315,000 visits in the 2017-18 financial year."

**Comments attributed to Collie-Preston MLA Mick Murray:**

"This is a significant step in progressing the Government's election commitment to expand Wellington National Park.

"The proposed expansion will provide the basis to improve and expand tourism and recreation opportunities within our incredibly unique national park.

"I am proud to say that we are working to ensure a brighter future for the people of Collie-Preston.

"I ask that anybody with an interest in this area to come forward and have their voice heard during the public comment period."

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