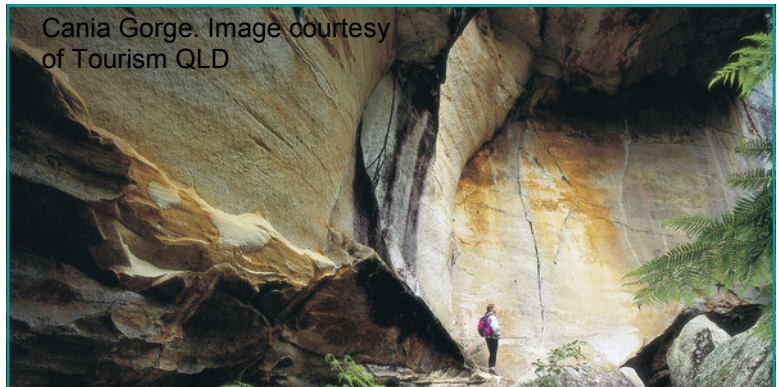


REGIONAL LANDSCAPE AREA RESOURCES

Regional Landscape Heritage areas can be defined as areas of the landscape (land, water, sea) where the interaction of people and nature over time has produced a landscape area of distinct character. These are usually areas with high biodiversity diversity, significant aesthetic values, significant ecological and cultural values.



The Wide Bay Burnett contains numerous Regional Landscape Heritage areas and include both Indigenous and non-Indigenous connections with natural, rural, productive and scenic landscapes. This connectivity helps create the special character, culture and sense of place in the Wide Bay Burnett.

Regional Landscape Areas include landscapes with regionally significant:

- Indigenous and Non-Indigenous cultural Heritage values (e.g. Kanaka walls, historical pastoral homesteads, stock routes).
- Geological/ geomorphological values (e.g. Coalston Lakes, Mt Walsh Massive).
- Natural attributes & scenic views (e.g. Fraser Island, Bunya Mountains).
- Sport & Recreation values (e.g. Paradise Dam, Australian Bicentennial National Trail).

As well as protection of regional landscape areas, access to and education about these regional landscape areas is important.

Population growth and the fragmentation of the region's peri-urban areas is a major threat to the natural resources and regional landscape values. Lack of information, understanding and appreciation about landscape attributes and values are another issue.

Identification and management of regional landscape areas is necessary to ensure the natural and cultural values of our regional landscapes is preserved.

View from Bunya Mountains.
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Draft Regional Target for Regional Landscape Area Resources

R1: By 2031, at least 90% of the 2013 baseline of regionally important landscape heritage will be retained within each Local Government Area.

The quality of life enjoyed by people in the region is supported by access to, and connection with, the unique landscapes of the region.