

Maria Island National Park

Reservation History

The Maria Island National Park reservation history has been compiled from a variety of sources and whilst all effort has been made there can be no assurance that it is a complete and accurate historical record for this reserve.

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Date	Description
2 June 1971	All Crown land known as Maria Island (indicated on Plan Pembroke No. 2C and consisting of approximately 9,672ha) was declared to be a sanctuary with respect to animals and birds generally, under the <i>Animals and Birds Protection Act 1928</i> by Statutory Rules 110 of 1971.
1 November 1971	At the commencement of the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1970</i> the sanctuary at Maria Island was deemed to have become a conservation area by virtue of Section 53 of that Act.
14 June 1972	All Crown land at Maria Island (indicated on Plan Pembroke No. 2C) was declared to be a State reserve, to be known as Maria Island National Park , under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1970</i> (SR 151 of 1972). This proclamation changed the reservation category of Maria Island from conservation area to State reserve.
2 October 1991	All Crown land indicated on CPR Plan 2188 that was not already a conservation area, was declared to be a conservation area and State reserve and given the name Maria Island National Park ; being an extension to the existing reserve under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1970</i> (SR 180 of 1991). This proclamation extended the national park by including the island Ile du Nord and adjacent marine areas off the northeast and north coast of Maria Island to increase the reserve area from 9,672ha to 11,550ha.
1 January 1992	The Maria Island National Park was defined as a 'marine nature reserve' by the <i>Sea Fisheries Amendment (Miscellaneous) Regulations (No.3) 1991</i> (issued under the <i>Fisheries Act 1959</i>). On commencement of these Regulations 'no take' fishing restrictions were introduced in the marine component of the reserve west of Cape Boullanger.
30 April 1999	At the commencement of the relevant sections of the <i>Regional Forest Agreement (Land Classification) Act 1998</i> the conservation area and State reserve known as Maria Island National Park was revoked by virtue of section 12 of that Act, and by virtue of section 14 (1) of that Act the same area was declared to be reserved land in the class of national park and was taken to have been so declared under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1970</i> , and continued to be known by the same name - Maria Island National Park .
31 December 2002	At the commencement of the <i>Nature Conservation Act 2002</i> the reservation of the Maria Island National Park under the former <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1970</i> was carried forward into the <i>Nature Conservation Act 2002</i> by virtue of Section 77 of that Act.
14 November 2007	An additional 2.4 hectares of Crown land (indicated on CPR Plan 7301) was declared to be reserved land in the class of national park and given the name Maria Island National Park under the <i>Nature Conservation Act 2002</i> (SR 98 of 2007). This extension brought into the national park a small area just south of Darlington that had previously been freehold land and overlooked in prior reserve declarations. It brought the total area of the national park to 11,552ha.
