



Belair National Park Management Plan

Amendment 2021

Minister's forward

The Belair National Park is South Australia's oldest national park. It's a place that sees visitors for family picnics, bushwalks, horse riding, mountain biking and to simply be at peace in nature. The park holds special intergenerational appeal, building a sense of belonging, social connection and opportunities for learning—all known determinants that contribute to happy, healthy and resilient communities.

In February 2021, The Department for Environment and Water sought the community's views on the former Belair National Park Golf Course and Country Club Master Plan and an amendment to the Belair National Park Management Plan. This was done to help transition the land to future uses that support conservation and recreation.

All submissions received on the draft master plan and amendment have been considered and have assisted in the development of this final amendment. I thank all those that made a submission.

I am now pleased to adopt the Belair National Park Management Plan Amendment 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Speirs', with a horizontal line underneath.

David Speirs MP

Minister for Environment and Water

Management Plan Amendments

Zoning

The Belair Caravan Park, former Belair Golf Course, and former Country Club Function Centre are situated in the Belair National Park near the main park entrance on Upper Sturt Road, Belair. These areas had been privately managed through a lease under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*.

The golf course and function centre supported golf, weddings and other events for many years until business operations ceased in 2017. It is essential the former golf course precinct continues to contribute to the objectives of the Belair National Park Management Plan and meet the community’s needs.

Belair National Park is managed in accordance with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* and the Belair National Park Management Plan. The management plan sets out objectives and strategies for the management of six zones within the park, including a new Conservation 3 Zone which replaces the Golf Course/Caravan Park Zone, facilitating alternative land uses for the precinct. These amendments are outlined below.

Amendment 1 – Zoning	
This amendment clarifies the change in zone within the Belair National Park Management Plan (see Amendment 2 for further detail)	
Current plan content (Page 11, 4.1 Zoning)	Replaced with the following:
The following pages describe the purpose as well as objectives and strategies for the proposed zones shown in Figure 2 – Zoning Plan	The following pages describe the purpose as well as objectives and strategies for the proposed zones shown in Figure 2a – Belair National Park Zoning Plan
Current plan content (Page 16, Figure 2 - Belair National Park Zoning Plan)	Replaced with the following:
Figure 2 – Belair National Park Zoning Plan (see attached)	Figure 2a – Belair National Park Zoning Plan (see attached)

Amendment 2 – Conservation 3 Zone

This amendment will replace the Golf Course/Caravan Park Zone with a Conservation 3 Zone given the ceased operations of the Belair Golf Course and Country Club and ensure the area is compatible with the management objectives of the Belair National Park Management Plan.

Current plan content (Page 13 Golf Course/Caravan Park Zone)

Golf Course/Caravan Park Zone

This zone contains the Golf Course and Caravan Park, both of which are leased by Department for Environment and Heritage to a private operator. The golf course was originally constructed as a 9-hole course in 1934 and extended to 18 holes in 1941. In 1977 the golf course was redeveloped and in 1982 the lease of the golf course was tendered out to the private sector as a result of a State Government Public Accounts Inquiry. Murtfam Pty Ltd has a lease on the Caravan Park to the year 2017 and on the Golf Course to the year 2036. The Belair Park Country Club has an area of 50 hectares with 18 holes and a par 72 rating. Over 50,000 rounds of golf are played annually and participants range from beginners to tournament professionals. The Management Plan recognises that the two facilities have long-term leases and also have a long history of tenure within the park.

Strategies:

- Recognise the continued operation of the Golf Course and Caravan Park.
- Retain the golf course within its current lease area as an 18 hole public facility and ensure that its management and operations are consistent with the park's objectives and current best practice.
- Encourage a sensitive upgrade of the Caravan Park using principles of ecologically sustainable development within the current leased area.

Replaced with the following:

This zone is positioned along the south west boundary of the Belair National Park, adjacent to Upper Sturt Road. It contains visitor facilities such as a Caravan Park which is privately managed through a lease under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*. The zone provides scope for the continuation of this enterprise as well as opportunities to improve visitor facilities and trails. Within the zone are a number of assets which have heritage values, including the clubhouse, which provides an opportunity to be utilised by the private sector who can offer new visitor experiences compatible with the objectives of the Belair National Park Management Plan.

Low environmental impact recreational activities are an important and appropriate activity that can co-exist within a Conservation 3 Zone. The zone contains an accessible shared use trail that loops around the perimeter, which can be used for walking, cycling or horse-riding. High environmental impact recreational activities, such as those requiring large purpose built facilities which could compromise the objectives of the Belair National Park Management Plan are inappropriate within the Conservation 3 Zone.

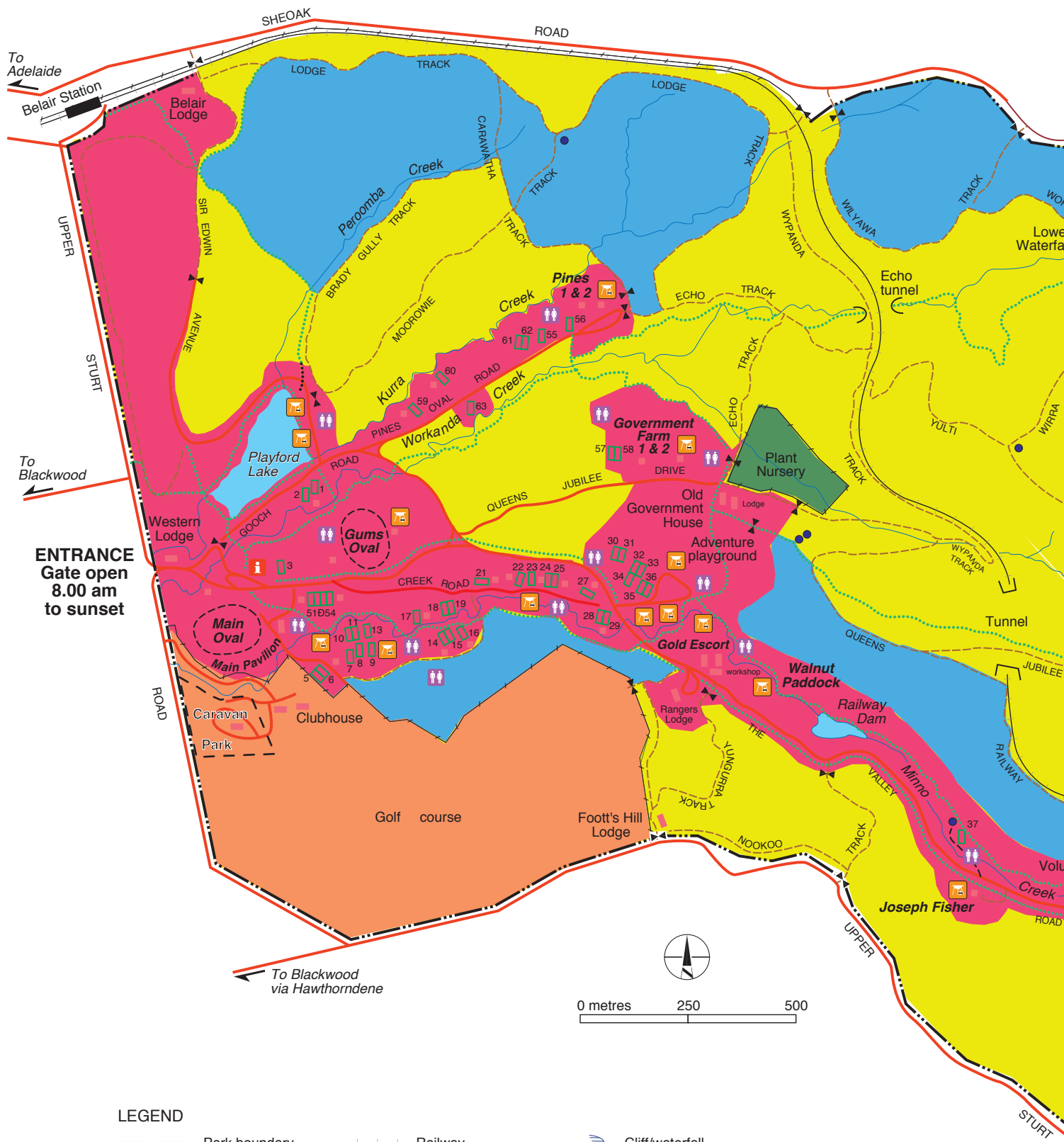
There is a lot of variance in condition within and between existing vegetation patches across the former golf course area. Habitat restoration and revegetation will be focused on the former fairways to complement the existing vegetation.

The zone will also be managed as a bushfire buffer zone according to the Hills Face Zone Mount Lofty Ranges Fire Management Plan. This is an area where the Department for Environment and Water manage fuel loads to reduce the speed and intensity of bushfires, in order to reduce bushfire risk to nearby assets.

Replaced with the following (continued):

Strategies:

- Ensure that native vegetation communities and fauna habitats within the Conservation 3 Zone are protected and enhanced.
 - Encourage the shared use trails, by promoting activities such as bushwalking, cycling and horse-riding.
 - Permit the following recreation activities within the Conservation 3 Zone at appropriate locations without compromising native vegetation and fauna habitats:
 - Disc Golf
 - Dog walking (restrained on a lead)
 - Festivals and community events
 - Bike flow and jump tracks.
 - Prohibit high environmental impact recreational use within the zone.
 - Remove the Belair Function Centre as an obsolete asset inconsistent with the purpose of the Conservation 3 Zone.
 - Recognise the continued operation of the Caravan Park which may include future proposals to upgrade facilities using ecologically sustainable principles that safeguard the park's objectives.
 - Support private sector interest in utilising existing facilities, such as the old clubhouse, to deliver ecologically sustainable services to park visitors.
 - Manage a firebreak by ensuring that fuel along the southern boundary of the zone and adjacent internal tracks are managed according to the Hills Face Zone Mount Lofty Ranges Fire Management Plan.
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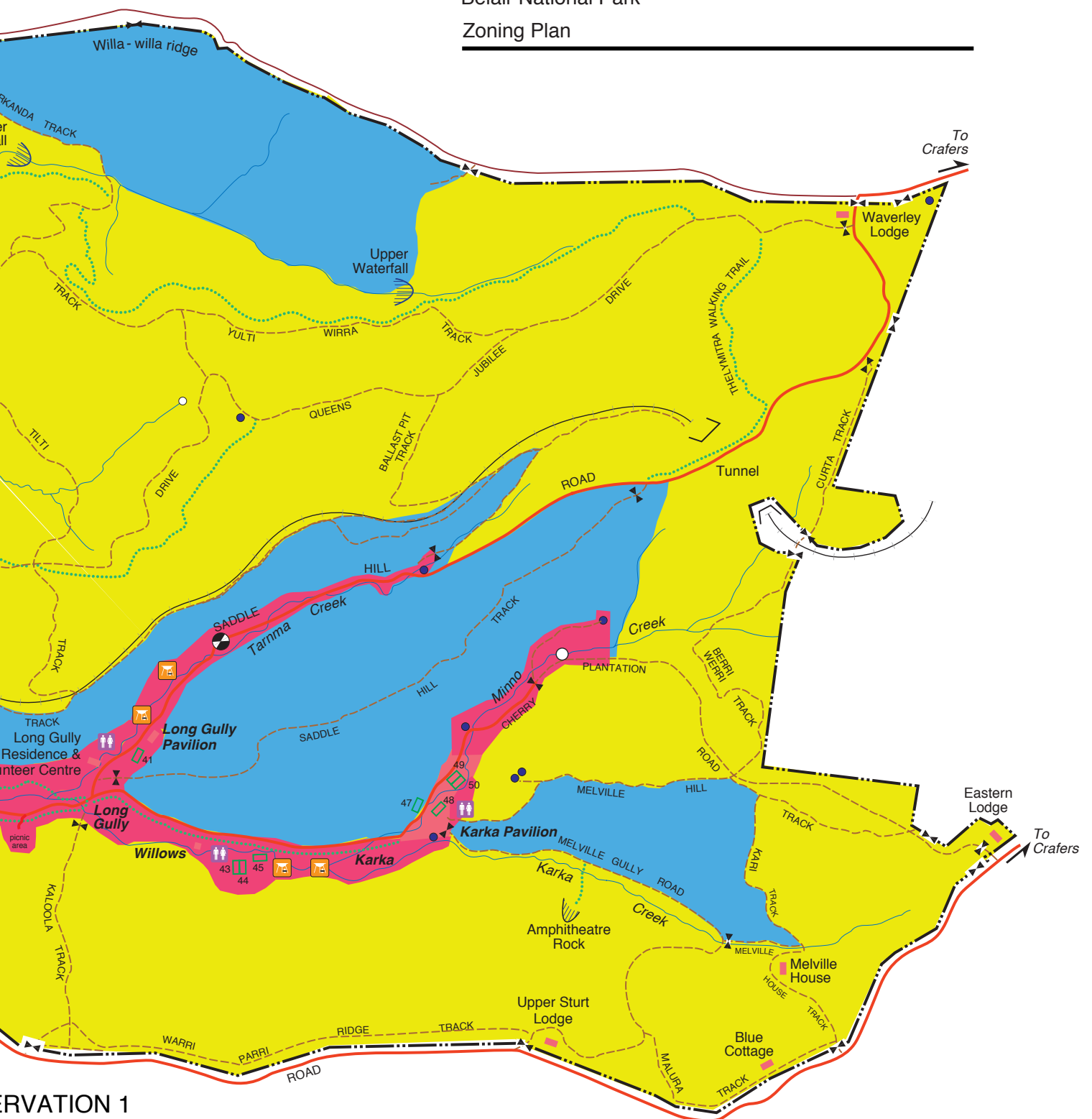
LEGEND

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| | Park boundary | | Railway | | Cliff/waterfall |
| | Sealed road | | Information & Office | | Tank, bore |
| | Unsealed road | | Toilets | | Building, shelter |
| | Fire track | | Gas Barbecue | | Gate |
| | Walking trail | | Tennis Court | | Gate closed |
| | Creek | | Hire facility | | 'TOTAL FIRE BAN days' |
| | Fence | | | | |
| | Caravan Park boundary | | | | |

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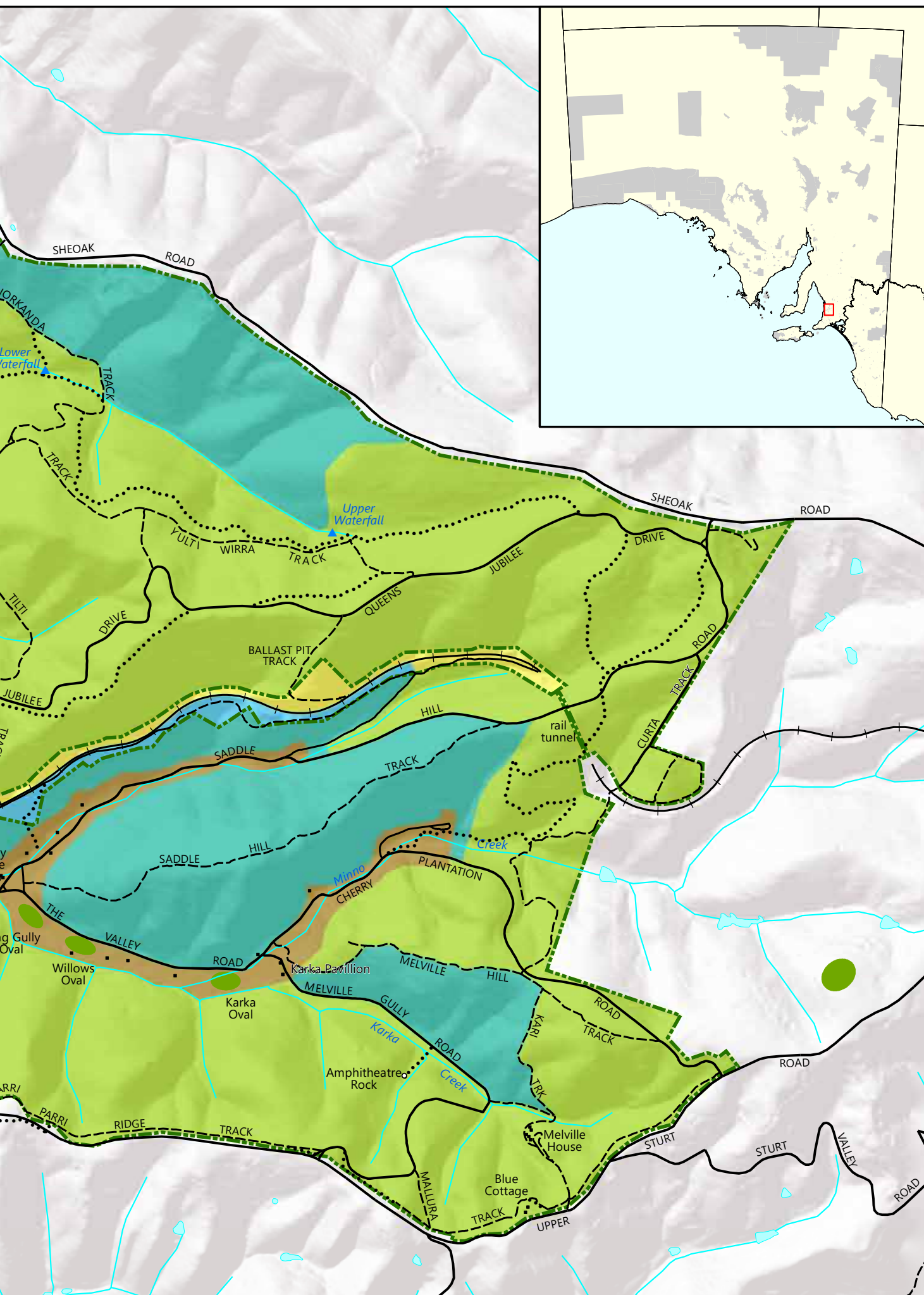
Figure 2

Belair National Park
Zoning Plan



CONSERVATION 1
CONSERVATION 2
LEISURE/RECREATION
COURSE/CARAVAN PARK
NURSERY







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