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DRAFT Management Plan
Cobar Wrightville Common

PREAMBLE

The purpose of this Management Plan is to address the uses for which the Wrightville Common may be used.

The Cobar Wrightville Common is largely located south of the Barrier Highway and east of Fort Bourke Hill and the Kidman Way.

There is a small area located north of the Barrier Highway and south of the Cobar/Nyngan railway line and also a small area west of the Kidman Way adjacent to the Occidental Mine.

The total area comprises approximately 3,800 hectares.

OBJECTIVES

(a) To maintain the rights of enrolled Commoners to use the Common for grazing and watering cattle and horses and other animals.

(b) To carry out control of noxious weeds.

(c) To provide for passive recreation use of specified areas of the Common.

DESCRIPTION OF COMMON

Reserve 66142. Notified 24.7.1936.
Reserve 71912 for Commonage (addition notified 10.5.1946).

The area of the Common is detailed on the attached plan and highlighted.

The land is undulating gravel ridges with principal tree cover of bimble box and mulga and native grasses, which is typical of the Cobar Pedi Plain.

ELIGIBLE USERS

In accordance with the Commoners Management Act 1989, any person who is qualified and enrolled on the Commoners Roll has the right to use the Common in accordance with the Common By-Laws and Management Plan.

The Management Plan makes provisions for future specified areas to be used by the general public for passive recreation activities.

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MAINTENANCE

All maintenance of the Common is to be carried out by the Trustee and or Commoners or wherever the Trustee considers it necessary by a person or persons as contracted by the Trustee.

The Common is to be maintained in a satisfactory condition by the Commoners or the Trustee who must ensure the feral animals are controlled and removed from the Common.

FINANCE

(a) The income required to manage and maintain the Common is to be obtained from agistment fees, annual enrollment fees, licence fees and other fees as prescribed by the commoners Management Act 1989 and Regulations and

(b) any other charges that the Trust Board may impose in accordance with the By-Laws for the Common as detailed on the schedule of fees as amended from time to time by the Trustee and

(c) any income obtained by the Trustee is to be expended on the Common for improvement and maintenance purposes and

(d) any income received from the use of the Common is to be controlled in accordance with the requirements of Section 8(2) of the Commoners Management Act 1989.

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COBAR WRIGHTVILLE COMMON RECREATION MANAGEMENT

The use of the Common for passive recreation activities by the general public is permitted provided that such activities are in accordance with the requirements of the Commoners Management Act 1989 and Regulations.

The permitted passive recreation activities on the Common by the general public are:

Walking
Jogging
Swimming
Horse Riding

"The use of recreational vehicles for off-road activities, e.g. 4 wheel drives and trail bikes are not permitted. Vehicular access is limited to the conveyance of passengers in pursuit of permitted recreational activities, to and from the common".

The use of unregistered vehicles or motor bikes on the Common is not permitted.

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Common Stocking Rules

1. The trustee shall appoint a Common Ranger.

2. The stocking capacity of the Common shall be at the sole discretion of the Trustee, to be assessed at six monthly intervals or when necessary. The trustee can require stocking numbers to be reduced.

3. A person shall not depasture any horse or cattle on the Cobar Wrightville Common unless he or she is a registered commoner.

4. The maximum number of horses or cattle per Commoner which shall be allowed to be depastured shall be at the sole discretion of the Trustee.

5. Foals or calves at foot shall not be counted until the age of twelve months provided that all cattle or horses over the age of six months and not registered with their mother must be registered and paid for.

6. All cattle and horses are to be registered with the Trustee prior to being placed on the Common.

7. All cattle or horses depastured on the Common are to be branded with a registered Rural Lands Protection Board brand with the exception of stock under six months of age.

8. All cattle and horses will be mustered at six monthly intervals or as otherwise determined by the Trustee.

9. No stock shall be moved onto or from the Common unless the Common Ranger has first been notified.

10. No colt over the age of twelve months or stallions are permitted on the Common.

11. No bulls are permitted on the Common unless prior approval in writing is obtained from the Trustee.

12. Any person who enters into, or onto the Common and negligently or willfully leaves open any gate or gates, or cuts any fence shall be guilty of a breach of the rules.

13. Any unregistered stock, owned by any person, that are found on the Common shall be impounded and the owner required to pay a fine per head of stock together with any outstanding registration fees.

14. Any commoner who depastures stock on the Common and fails to pay the appropriate registration charges within two months of the due date shall have his or her stock impounded and will be disqualified as a Commoner.

15. Any person who is not a Commoner shall not depasture stock on the Common.

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