

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Senator Waters asked:**

**Senator WATERS:** Great. Can you provide on notice if they specifically discuss the interaction between those two plans. I want to move to some NRS properties in Western Australia. Can you give me the number and the names of the NRS acquisition projects that have been completed in WA but have not yet been formally gazetted as a protected area?

**Ms Campbell:** I do not have that detail here, but we can take that on notice.

**Senator WATERS:** Thank you. I am interested in whether the provision of CfoC or NHT funding to acquire those properties to include them on the NRS had as a condition the requirement to covenant them or otherwise protect them. My understanding is that they normally do. Can you take on notice whether the contracts for the properties that have not yet been gazetted have that clause and, if so, why it has not been complied with?

**Ms Campbell:** We can take that on notice. Most of the contracts would have some caveat, as you indicated.

**Answer:**

In Western Australia, there are 53 freehold properties or pastoral leases that have been acquired with the assistance of Australian Government NRS programme funding where the process is still underway for formal declaration or the placement of covenants, consistent with the relevant funding agreement.

The processes for formal declaration or covenanting of an area are complex and different in each state. These processes can take time to work through, as issues such as Native Title applications, leasehold tenure requirements or land exploration rights may need to be reconciled before declaration can occur. This often requires careful consultation across multiple government agencies and other key stakeholders.

The WA properties for which formal declaration is still in progress are listed below.

***NRS properties or leases acquired in WA for which formal declaration still in progress***

<b>NRS Number</b>	<b>Property Name</b>
N726	Meenthen
N731	Barnong (Western)
N738	Cane River (Mount Minnie and Nanutarra)
N741	Muggon
N742	Pimbee
N744	Mooloogool
N746	Walzburg
N747	Mount Phillip
N748	Dalgety Downs
N749	Kennedy Range National Park addition

<b>NRS Number</b>	<b>Property Name</b>
N752	Victoria Location 3721 & 3565 (part) – proposed Moresby Range Conservation Park
N754	Lake Mason
N755	Black Range
N758	Nanga
N761	Victoria Location 3721 & 3565 (northern part) – proposed Moresby Range Conservation Park
N763	Mooka
N764	Cobra
N767	Lochada
N769	Williams (Lot 12 on Plan 24592)
N770	Avon (Lot 29559 on Plan 26016)
N775	Doolgunna
N776	Yaringa
N778	Boologoroo
N782	Karara
N784	Ravensthorpe Range
N785	Bulga Downs & Cashmere Downs (part)
N786	Narloo, Yuin (part) & Twin Peaks (part)
N787	Giralia
N792	Victoria Location 3860
N794	Wanna
N795	White Wells / Charles Darwin Reserve
N798	Kadji Kadji
N799	Kaluwiri
N7102	Sussex (Lot 62 on plan 39325)
N7105	Warriedar
N7108	Victoria Location on Moresby Range
N7109	Jensen/ Breakaway Reserve (Monjebup)
N7110	Tamala (part)
N7111	Murchison House (part)
N7112	Mornington Sanctuary
N7114	Dalgaranga and Noongal
N7115	Nerren Nerren
N7116	Woolgorong
N7117	Kadathinni addition to Nature Reserve A12705
N7118	Dandarangan
N7119	Thundelarra
N7120	Aerodrome Road – addition to Nature Reserve 31424
N7121	Credo
N7122	Port Gregory (Menai Hills)
N7125	Lakeside
N7126	Barnong
N7127	Wickepin
OC11-00123	Avon Locations 27960 & 28278