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PROPOSED NATIONAL PARKS AND NATURE RESERVES

Guide of Draft Headings - Information Required by Technical Officer  
when Reporting on Particular Areas (including existing National Parks)

General Objective

"to inventory and report on important remaining undeveloped areas, or areas with relatively sparse development, valuable for national parks, recreation and other public purposes in Victoria".

('Recreation' included areas of scenic, historical and scientific interest, as well as those chiefly valuable for active recreation).

Goal of Inventory To select those areas that should properly be included in a well-rounded and adequate National Parks System; the designation of areas that should be preserved for the welfare of the general public because of their scenic, cultural and scientific values, regardless of what agency or level of Government might administer them; and the identification of areas necessary to provide for active public recreation use and enjoyment of an expanding population.

I Definition of Area

II Physiographic Features

- A. Scenic values
- B. Length and width of area or shore
- C. Description and location of dunes
- D. Extent and location of bays, lakes and ponds
- E. Topographical comments
- F. Extent and location of marshes
- G. Weather conditions
- H. Beaches
- I. Water - condition and description
- J. Geology

III Adaptability for use

- A. Present land use and control
- B. Future - possible
- C. Degree of deterioration caused by adverse influences
- D. Roads in area
- E. Accessibility
- F. Relationship to areas of population
- G. Relationship to areas of similar character
- H. Notes on land values
- I. Availability for public use

IV Recreation Potentiality

V Conditions not Compatible to Recreation

VI Types of Habitat

- A. Vegetation
- B. Animal life

VII Recreation Values Relating to Biology

VIII Breeding Grounds of Significance

IX Historical

X Archaeological and Anthropological

XI Other Considerations

- A. Aesthetic qualities
- B. Shade
- C. Unique species present
- D. Uniqueness of habitat
- E. Need for preservation
- F. Adaptability for interpretation
- G. Any unusual features

XII More Important Details

1. Location
2. Accessibility
3. Description of Area
4. Present use
5. Analysis

Note: <sup>John</sup> The Landy Report on national parks and reserves included the following headings (in order) 1. Location, 2. Size, 3. Reasons for Reservation, 4. History of Proclamation, 5. Flora, 6. Fauna, 7. Anthropology, 8. History, 9. Committee of Management, 10. Resident Staff, 11. Acres, 12. Accommodation and Tourist Features, 13. Publicity and Education, 14. Revenue, 15. Number of visitors, 16. Physiography and Geology, 17. Censuses of Birds and Vegetation.