

**Letter from Environment Minister Robert Hill to the new owners of Glen Innes
(Bimblebox Nature Refuge)**

May 10th 2000

I refer to your application dated 28 April 2000 requesting assistance for the purchase of the property 'Glen Innes' under the National Reserve System Program of the Natural Heritage Trust.

I was very encouraged by the significant commitment your group is willing to make to the acquisition and management of this area. I have decided to approve funding of up to \$286,000 to assist with the purchase of Glen Innes subject to your agreement to the conditions in **Attachment A** to this letter.

If you are willing to accept this offer, please contact Mr Greg Hayes (telephone 02 62⁷⁴~~47~~ 2262) to discuss contractual and payment arrangements. I look forward to a successful outcome for this project.

Yours sincerely

SIGNED

Robert Hill

ATTACHMENT A

CONDITIONS FOR INCLUSION IN FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR GLEN INNES

It is a condition of the use of Commonwealth funds for the purchase of Glen Innes that:

- 1 ✓ • The primary purpose of all management actions including the use of grazing be the maintenance and where possible the enhancement of biodiversity values.
- 2 • The property be declared a Nature Refuge under Queensland legislation and a Management Plan be prepared in accordance with that legislation.
- 3 • Procedures for the preparation and future review of the management plan are acceptable to Environment Australia including public consultation processes.
- 4 • A Management Committee is established which provides for representation by the Commonwealth and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.
- 5 • The composition and terms of reference for the Management Committee be agreed by the Commonwealth.
- 6 • At least 20% of the nature refuge will be excluded from grazing across land types.
- 7 • The existing permit for vegetation clearing is not actioned and is relinquished within 1 month of settlement of purchase.
- 8 • The property is not to be subdivided.
- 9 • The property is to be available for public access.
- 10 ✓ • An extensive monitoring program be conducted to ensure and demonstrate the protection of biodiversity values as part of ecologically sustainable management and for the outcomes to be made available to encourage sustainable land management throughout the region.