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State government congratulated on 'historic' new reserves

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The Tasmanian Conservation Trust today congratulated the state government for its announcement yesterday of 10 new reserves, totaling 9,000 hectares, and described it as a truly historic event: acting on a 2010 state election promise but also delivering on a 1996 Public Land Use Commission recommendation.

"These areas have very significant conservation values, such as threatened vegetation types and threatened species habitats, and their reservation will provide a higher level of legal protection and should ensure they are better managed," said TCT Director Peter McGlone.

"While preceding governments and ministers dragged their feet on these important reserves for five years, this government has acted quickly on its 2010 election commitment," Mr McGlone added.

This batch of ten new reserves is the first of hundreds of proposed reserves all around Tasmania, totaling 78,000 hectares, which were recommended by the 2004-06 Crown Land Assessment and Classification Program and are expected to be proclaimed over the next 1-2 years. The CLAC program was established in response to a 1996 Public Land Use Commission Inquiry recommendation. The TCT is the only statewide conservation organisation which has followed the fate of these important areas since 1996. During the 2010 state election the TCT lobbied the three major political parties to deliver the CLAC reserves and, importantly, obtained tri-party support.

"These new proclamations are a truly historic occasion because it starts the process of fulfilling the recommendation of the 1996 Public Land Use Commission inquiry which identified the need to reserve all important remaining unallocated Crown land," Mr McGlone continued.

"It will also bring an end to more than two hundred years of history, leaving Tasmania for the first time with virtually no remaining unallocated Crown land," Mr McGlone concluded.

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