



## **National Parks Association of Queensland Inc.**

**Protected Forever:  
Making a Bequest**



### Where were you in 1930?

That year, a group of people passionate about our natural areas created the National Parks Association of Queensland (NPAQ). Since then, NPAQ has been at the forefront of conservation in Queensland.

As we have matured, so too have national parks. Partly through our efforts, Queensland now has nearly 9 million hectares of national parks.

As time passes, different challenges arise that impact this wonderful heritage. However, NPAQ remains diligent in its mission – combating the influences operating against the best interests of national parks. NPAQ continues to work tirelessly to ensure that future generations can also experience the extraordinary beauty and majesty of the Australian landscape.

Our campaigns to preserve the great diversity of nature will not succeed without the support of generous donors. Remembering NPAQ in your will helps ensure we can protect the unique and beautiful environments that you love.

### When did you last update your will?

Creating a new will ensures that the things you care most about are taken care of after your passing.

It is important for every person over the age of 18 to have an up-to-date and accurate will. Events like marriage and divorce, having a child, or retiring can affect the legal status of your will.

The National Parks Association of Queensland strongly advises that you consult with a professional legal advisor when preparing your will to ensure it complies with legal requirements and that your wishes are fulfilled.



### Your choice of bequest

A bequest does not have to be a large amount of money. Financial gifts of any size can make a significant difference to our work. There are many ways you can tailor a bequest to suit your personal preferences and circumstances. The most usual types of bequest are:

**Percentage or nominated portion of estate:** Your estate can be divided amongst a number of people and/or organisations.

**Residual bequest:** You can provide for your family and friends first and leave what is left (the residue) to NPAQ.

**Property:** NPAQ can receive all forms of property including shares and can be the sole beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

**Trust:** Establishing a trust in your will allows a spouse or nominated person to use your property and receive any income derived from your estate during their lifetime. The capital can then be passed on to NPAQ.

**Cash sum:** A specific cash sum is a common form of bequest.

### Leaving a bequest

If you decide to leave a bequest to NPAQ, a clause should be inserted into your will. We recommend the following wording:

*"I give [insert description of gift - for example "25% of my estate", "the sum of \$10,000", "the balance of my estate" or "the whole of my estate"] to the National Parks Association of Queensland Inc. (ABN 60 206 792 095) to be used for its general charitable purposes. I declare that the receipt of an authorised officer of the Association shall be a complete discharge to my trustee."*

### Naming NPAQ as a beneficiary

Be sure to use our full legal name: National Parks Association of Queensland Inc. and include our registered Australian Business Number (ABN): 60 206 792 095.

### The next steps

Please contact us (details over) if you wish to discuss a possible gift in your will or would like to inform us you have already included a gift to NPAQ in your will.




**For more information or to discuss, please contact:**

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