



# Australian Government

## Australian National Botanic Gardens

### Minute

To: Robin Nielsen, Director ANBG

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### Subject: A system of 'Zones' for the ANBG

#### Background:

- The absence of a logical sequence to numbering Sections means that staff, Friends and visitors often have difficulty locating sections within the ANBG and there is no intuitive way to work out where a particular section is in the gardens. The current ANBG Management Plan identified the following need:
  - "Review is required to align the numbering system with standard grid maps and allow for cross-referencing to geographic information system."
- The Botanical Information Group and the Development Unit have reviewed the section numbering system and recommended existing sections not be re-numbered, but instead create a system of zones that would group sections geographically in the Gardens.
- Both Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney and Taronga Zoo use a similar system (of precincts) for visitor orientation and have suggested using no more than 6 zones to maximise effectiveness.
- The Signage Plan consultants have also expressed an interest in seeing the Gardens split into zones for the purpose of assisting visitors with orientation and wayfinding. They have made an initial suggestion that signage for each zone could be colour coded using easily recognisable colours.

#### Zone System:

- The ANBG sections will be allocated to and managed in Zones (**Table 1** and the attached **Map**). Of the 10 proposed zones, 7 are high visitor use areas to be featured on visitor maps.
- Each zone will be allocated and identified by a capital letter and possibly a colour. The letter will become a prefix to the section number (eg. Section 65 = Section B-65).
- A new field called 'zone' will be created in the IBIS database section table.
- A sticky vinyl label with the zone code (possibly in the appropriate colour) will be attached to existing bronze section labels in the Garden.
- The revised GIS data will include a layer for zones and zone information will also be recorded in appropriate attribute tables.

#### Consultation:

- ANBG Staff and Friends have been consulted via email and in person.
- During consultation the feedback was mostly very supportive of the concept and has led to several changes to the original proposal: some people suggested less zones; some people suggested more zones; zone letter codes have been changed to a logical alphabetical sequence.

- It has been tabled at two Unit Leaders meetings, firstly as a concept with full support, and secondly in detail, with considerable debate but with final consensus being the attached map.

**Zones (Table 1)**

Zone Code	Suggested Title	Visitor map feature	Descriptive location
A	Visitor	Yes	Visitor entrance area
B	Gully	Yes	Rainforest gully and mallee
C	Terrace	Yes	Terraces and Rockery
D	Central	Yes	Eucalypt lawn and acacias
E	Middle	Yes	Sydney basin and old nursery
F	Upper	Yes	Upper gardens
G	Northern	Yes	Top depot
H	Western	No	Western buffer
K	Southern	No	Southern buffer
N	Nursery	No	Nursery

**Implementation:**

- Implementation will occur as soon as possible following endorsement. (Table 2)

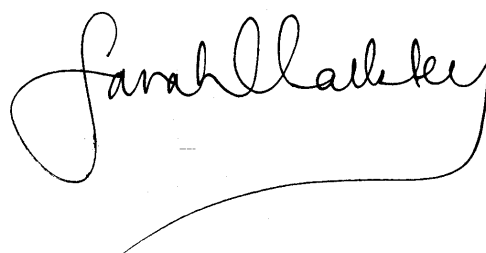
**Table 2: Implementation actions**

	Key Actions	Officer
1.	Add new field to IBIS tables and forms	Whitbread / Hook
2.	Copy to Signage Consultants	Chalkley
3.	Copy to ERIN	Zich
4.	Add as a policy document to the Website	Fagg
5.	Incorporate into future visitor maps	Brown

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# ANBG Section Numbers

