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Environmental Assessment (EIS)

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The environmental impact assessment resulted in the production of a report, known as an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS first explained:

- Why the National Parks and Wildlife Service had to lease the site
- The various funding alternatives that National Parks and Wildlife Service investigated to try and solve their problem; and
- Why a head lease was considered the only viable solution.

The EIS also investigated the alternative ways that Mawland could operate the site, and explained why the Proposal being put forward was considered the best alternative available'. The body of the EIS documented how the Proposal could positively or adversely impact upon elements such as:

- Built heritage
- Aboriginal heritage
- Flora and fauna, including bandicoots, penguins and other threatened species
- The marine environment, particularly seagrass
- Traffic on neighbouring roads
- Fire management
- Soil management
- Visitor health
- Visual amenity
- Stormwater
- Water supply and sewage

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