
National Indigenous Forestry Strategy

Tamworth Indigenous Coordination Centre

Area profile

Location

- The Tamworth ICC area is located in the northeast of the State of New South Wales. It comprises of approximately 11.1 million hectares, of which 4.1 million hectares are forested.
- The areas boundaries are made up of the Queensland State border to the north, and common boundaries with the Coffs Harbour ICC area to the east, the Wagga Wagga ICC area to the south and the Dubbo and Bourke ICC areas to the west.
- The area coordination office is located in the city of Tamworth.



Land Use

- The most widespread tenure type in the Tamworth ICC area is Private Leasehold land, with 75% of the total area attributed to that tenure type. Leasehold land is also common, making up 10% of the total area.

Tamworth tenure types	Hectares	Percent of total
Private leasehold	8,268,327	75
Leasehold	1,119,001	10
Nature Conservation Reserve	712,488	6
Multiple Use Forest	641,976	6
Other Crown Land	368,528	3
Unresolved Tenure	1,199	0
Total	11,111,519	100

Forest type

- The most dominant forest type is Eucalypt forest, covering 33% of the total area and making up 90% of the areas forests.

Forest Type	Total Forest (ha)	Percent of forest	Percent of total area
Eucalypt	3679426	90	33
Callitris	254,426	6	2
Rainforest	80,340	2	1
Other	49,442	1	0
Plantations	26,207	1	0
Casuarina	13,394	0	0
Acacia	5,961	0	0
Melaleuca	60	0	0
Total	4,109,256	100	37

Soils

- The soils in this area are predominantly clayey in the western and southern areas. The rest of the area is made up of a mosaic of yellow, red and brown duplex soils, loams, sands and non calcareous earths.
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Climate

- Climatic zones in the area range from temperate no dry season (warm summer) in the east, temperate no dry season (hot summer) in the central regions and subtropical moderately dry winter in the west
- On average the city of Tamworth receives 673mm of rainfall each year, with no major dry or wet periods.
- Average daily minimum and maximum temperatures in the city

Tamworth	Mid-Winter	Mid- Summer
Average maximum	16°C	32°C
Average minimum	3°C	17°C

Population

- Total population of ICC area: 200,708 (3% of New South Wales' population and 1% of the entire nation's population).
- Largest City: Tamworth (32,440)
- Largest Indigenous population: Tamworth (2025)

Social indicator table

Social Indicator	In ICC Area	State or Territory	National
Total population (2001)	200,708	6,309,505	18,757,139
Total population living in urban centres	140,137	5,764,045	16,823,254
Total rural population	60,571	563,460	1,933,885
Percentage of population living in urban centres	69.8%	91.1%	89.7%
Average annual growth rate based on population change (1996-2001)	-0.3%	1.1%	1.1%
Number of people employed in forestry and logging	138	2,694	10,944
Number of people employed in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	15,861	92,344	330,466
Persons employed in forestry and logging as a percentage of all persons employed in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	0.9%	2.9%	3.3%
Proportion of employed persons working in the industry sector of forestry and logging	0.17%	0.10%	0.13%
Number of people employed in Paper and Wood Products Manufacturing	375	19,757	63,383
Proportion of employed persons working in the industry sector of Wood and Paper product manufacturing	0.46%	0.73%	0.78%
Percentage of high income households	20.2%	32.5%	29.4%
Proportion of low income households	17.4%	13.8%	13.9%

ICC Areas: Regional socio-demographic figures were compiled from aggregated 2001 SLA data. The population of an SLA was attributed to an ICC area if over 50% of the SLA fell within that area.

Climate information data source: Australian Bureau of Meteorology, (BOM) 2006, 'Climate Averages for Australian Sites'.

Social Indicator data source: Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 1996-2001, Census of Population and Housing. Data based on the place of enumeration. Data supplied by ABS as customised tables at statistical local area (SLA) geography.

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