



## Media Statement

### Queensland Trust for Nature preserves granite belt property

A property adjoining Girraween National Park purchased for its high conservation values has become the first in the granite belt region to be sold by the Queensland Trust for Nature.

The 64 hectare property situated on Eukey Road was acquired by the Trust last September to protect and preserve essential habitat for a range of rare and threatened species.

Trust officer, Chris Hansen said the Trust purchased the property for the purpose of having it declared a nature refuge under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

“The Sanctuary Nature Refuge showcases what the Trust is all about – balancing nature conservation with production, and establishing a working partnership with the State Government to protect Queensland’s natural and cultural values for future generations”, Mr Hansen said.

There was a surprising level of interest from the local community in the sale of the property which enabled it to be sold in record time. For this reason the granite belt remains a key focus area for Trust acquisition.

The Queensland Trust for Nature is a not-for-profit organisation established for the protection of Queensland’s natural environment.

It operates a revolving land fund to buy, protect and re-sell areas of Queensland with high conservation values. It also offers opportunities for developing partnerships with other conservation organisations to identify, acquire and protect high conservation lands.

To-date the Trust has purchased ten properties and sold five. Land that has been protected through the revolving fund currently totals 101,750ha.

The Trust presently has properties for sale in south-east Queensland, the Atherton tablelands and western Queensland.

Further details about the Queensland Trust for Nature can be found online at [www.qt4n.com.au](http://www.qt4n.com.au)

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