

Threatened species

NATIONAL Threatened Species day occurs on September 7. Threatened Species Day was declared in 1996 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the death of the last remaining Tasmanian tiger.

Unfortunately the Toowoomba region is home to many threatened species of plants and animals. At least six of these species are found in Toowoomba's Redwood Park.

This lovely park is on Toowoomba's escarpment and is only 10 minutes' drive from the CBD and has numerous wonderful walks.

With its great diversity of plants and animals it could be Toowoomba's most ecologically significant park.

The Toowoomba Regional Council is considering a proposal to put additional mountain bike tracks through this park. Mountain biking has become a popular recreational activity and I have family and friends who ride regularly in Jubilee Park, but the proposal to introduce additional tracks in Redwood has the potential to cause serious damage to this unique habitat.

As someone who has been visiting Redwood Park for over 40 years I hope that we continue to protect it so that its threatened species don't go down the same path as the Tasmanian tiger.

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