



## bells turtle presence

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**Karen Zirkler**

Mon 15 Dec, 13:25 (2 days ago)

Dear Marty, Just a short reminder that you were going to do a paragraph or two for me to include in my submission ...



**Marty Dillon**

to me

17:00 (1 hour ago)



Hi Karen

Apologies for late reply I have been swamped this week.

Last year Northern Tablelands Local Land Services engaged Ecosystem Thinking environmental consultants (Liz and Mark Blair) to survey Pine Creek dam and to capture Bell's Turtles as part of our Natural Heritage Trust project funded by the Australian Government.

They captured a total of 49 bell's turtles (*Myuchelys bellii*) in Pine Creek dam on 17 November 2024. The smallest was 170 mm straight carapace length, and the largest was a female 305mm straight carapace length – a very old turtle! This catch on one day indicates the dam supports a very healthy population of this endangered freshwater turtle species.

Best regards,  
Martin

**Martin Dillon**

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