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National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Tree Thinning Operations) Bill 2019

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to provide for the authorisation of tree thinning operations in Murray Valley National Park and Pilliga National Park, including the removal and sale of timber or timber products obtained from the carrying out of those operations.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Clause 3 amends the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* in the manner described in the above overview.



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No. , 2019

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* to authorise tree thinning operations to be carried out on land in the Murray Valley and Pilliga national parks.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—	1
1 Name of Act	2
This Act is the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Tree Thinning Operations) Act 2019</i> .	3 4
2 Commencement	5
This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.	6
3 Amendment of National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 No 80	7
Section 171A	8
Insert after section 171—	9
171A Authority to carry out tree thinning operations in Murray Valley National Park and Pilliga National Park	10 11
(1) In this section—	12
<i>tree thinning operations</i> means the selective cutting down or pruning of trees for environmental purposes.	13 14
(2) The Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment may authorise a person—	15 16
(a) to carry out tree thinning operations in Murray Valley National Park or Pilliga National Park, and	17 18
(b) to remove and sell any timber or timber products obtained from the carrying out of those operations.	19 20
(3) The Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment may, in an authority given under this section or in another instrument served on the person to whom the authority is given, limit the kinds of trees or timber with respect to which the authority has effect.	21 22 23 24 25
(4) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence under this Act or under Division 1 of Part 2 of the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> if the person charged establishes that the act constituting the offence was authorised by, and done in accordance with, an authority given under this section.	26 27 28 29 30