

[Act 1996 No 131]



# Forestry Revocation and National Park Reservation Bill 1996

## Explanatory note

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

### Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are:

- (a) to revoke the status of certain lands as, or as parts of, flora reserves under the *Forestry Act 1916*, and
- (b) to revoke the dedication of certain lands as, or as part of, State forests (including parts of national forest) under the *Forestry Act 1916*, and
- (c) to reserve as, or as part of, national parks or to dedicate as, or as part of, nature reserves under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* lands that are the subject of the revocations, and
- (d) to revoke the reservation of certain lands as parts of national parks under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* so that the lands may be added to other national parks reserved under that Act, and

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\* Amended in committee—see table at end of volume.

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- (e) to alter the names of certain national parks that are to become part of the larger South East Forest National Park, and
- (f) to make special provision concerning certain access roads and tracks within the lands that are to be reserved or dedicated under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and
- (g) to make special provision concerning land that may be required for the purposes of a dam proposal, and
- (h) to exclude freehold and certain leasehold interests from reservation or dedication under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and
- (i) to enact ancillary provisions.

## 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 1 January 1997.

**Clause 3** revokes notices giving certain areas described in Schedule 1 the status of flora reserves and parts of flora reserves.

**Clause 4** revokes the dedication, as State forest, of the State forests and parts of State forests described in Schedule 2.

**Clause 5** reserves, as national parks and parts of national parks, certain lands described in Schedule 2.

**Clause 6** dedicates, as a nature reserve and part of a nature reserve, certain lands described in Schedule 2.

**Clause 7** revokes the reservation, as national park, of the parts of the national parks described in Schedule 3 and reserves those parts as parts of other national parks.

**Clause 8** alters the names of 5 national parks that are to become part of South East Forest National Park.

**Clause 9** makes special provision as to certain access roads and tracks within the lands to be reserved or dedicated in accordance with the proposed Act.

**Clause 10** excludes certain land that may be required for a proposed tunnel and pipeline corridor and area of inundation in connection with the Sheep Station Creek Dam proposal from reservation as part of the proposed Nymboi-Binderay National Park.

**Clause 11** makes it clear that freehold land and certain leases that form inholdings within the State forests to be revoked are not to be reserved as national parks or nature reserves.

**Clause 12** is a formal provision giving effect to the ancillary provisions set out in Schedule 4.

**Schedule 1      Notices setting apart areas of State forest as flora reserve**

This Schedule specifies the notices, setting apart areas of State forest as flora reserve, that are to be revoked by the proposed Act.

**Schedule 2      State forest to be reserved as national park or dedicated as nature reserve**

This Schedule describes the areas whose dedications as State forest are revoked by the proposed Act. The areas include areas declared to be national forest. These areas are reserved as, or as part of, national parks and dedicated as, or as part of, nature reserves for the purposes of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* by the proposed Act.

**Schedule 3      Parts of national parks to be reserved as parts of other national parks**

This Schedule describes the areas whose reservations under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* as part of Barrington Tops National Park and part of Werrikimbe National Park are revoked by the proposed Act to enable them to be added to Mount Royal National Park and Oxley Wild Rivers National Park respectively.

**Schedule 4      Ancillary provisions**

This Schedule contains provisions that are ancillary to the revocations and reservations to be effected by the proposed Act.