



Queensland

# **Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Amendment Regulation (No. 7) 2011**

## **Explanatory Notes for SL 2011 No. 299**

made under the

*Nature Conservation Act 1992*

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## **General outline**

### **Short title**

*Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Amendment Regulation (No. 7) 2011.*

### **Authorising law**

Sections 32 of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (NCA).

### **Policy objectives and the reasons for them**

The objective of the Regulation is to revoke part of the Main Range National Park.

Although in the short term the regulation will reduce the protected area estate, it will enable the Government to subsequently realign an important highway which suffered significant damage during the last wet season. The highway realignment is of high public interest and a significant benefit to the community. The repair to this highway is being delivered under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements, a joint Federal and State initiative.

### **Achievement of policy objectives**

To achieve its objective, the regulation will amend Schedule 2 Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Regulation 1994 to redescribe one protected area so as to exclude the area to be revoked.

### **Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law**

The amendment regulation is consistent with the objectives of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

### **Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation**

The regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of other legislation. It provides for the revocation of a protected area and is consistent with other State laws relating to State land use and allocation.

### **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The benefits of the regulation are that it will enable the subsequent the realignment of an important highway and the regularisation of this road tenure. Implementing the regulation will have negligible costs. The revoked protected areas will be temporarily unallocated State land, which will not increase costs to the State.

### **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

### **Consultation**

Consultation has been undertaken with the Department of Environment and Resource Management, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, the Department of Main Roads and Transport, and the Queensland Office for Regulatory Efficiency. All parties agreed with the proposal put forward to them.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is the Department of Environment and Resource Management.

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