

Proclamation—*Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022*

Explanatory notes for SL 2023 No. 141

made under the

Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 2 of the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022* was assented to on 21 October 2022. Section 2 provides that certain parts of the Act commence by Proclamation.

The objective of this Proclamation is to commence part 10, division 3 and schedule 1, part 2 which are amendments to the *Wet Tropics World Heritage Protection and Management Act 1993* (Wet Tropics Act).

The changes reflect National Cabinet changes to intergovernmental arrangements between the State and the Commonwealth following a review of the former Council of Australian Governments' Councils and Ministerial Forums by Mr Peter Conran AM. Changes also remove an outdated version of the Intergovernmental Agreement from the Wet Tropics Act and reference the current version via a definition, and correct errors.

Achievement of policy objectives

The Proclamation is achieved by fixing 13 October 2023 as the commencement date for sections part 10, division 3 and schedule 1, part 2 of the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022*.

Commencement will occur simultaneously with consequential amendments to the Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Proclamation is consistent with the policy objectives of the Amendment Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The Proclamation is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The benefit of the Proclamation is to simultaneously commence changes to both the Wet Tropics Act and the Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998, aligning the National Cabinet Reform and other administrative changes in both documents. Additional costs are not anticipated.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Proclamation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

In accordance with the *The Queensland Better Regulation Policy*, an Impact Analysis Statement has been prepared and consultation with the Office of Best Practice Regulation has occurred on the Proclamation identifying that the proposal is minor and machinery in nature.