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Game and Feral Animal Legislation Amendment (Conservation Hunting) Bill 2025 First print

Proposed amendments

No. 1 Pest animals

Page 3, Schedule 1. Insert after line 10—

[1A] Section 3(b) and note

Omit "pest" wherever occurring. Insert instead "invasive non-native".

- No. 2 Right to hunt
 - Page 4, Schedule 1[8], lines 3–20. Omit all words on the lines.
- No. 3 Right to hunt

Page 4, Schedule 1[8], proposed section 4B(3), line 24. Omit all words on the line. Insert instead—

- (a) existing uses of the land for hunting,
- No. 4 Safety

Page 4, Schedule 1[8], proposed section 4B(1), line 25. Omit all words on the line. Insert instead—

- (b) whether or not hunting on the land is likely to—
 - (i) be safe, and
 - (ii) control invasive non-native species, and
 - (iii) make a positive contribution to conservation outcomes for native species.
- No. 5 **Right to hunt**

Page 4, Schedule 1[8], proposed section 4C, line 33. Omit "right to hunt". Insert instead "hunting".

No. 6 Right to hunt

Page 4, Schedule 1[8], proposed section 4C, line 36. Omit "right to hunt". Insert instead "hunting".

No. 7 **Right to hunt**

Page 4, Schedule 1[8], proposed section 4C, line 37. Omit "right to hunt". Insert instead "hunting".

No. 8 Membership of Conservation Hunting Authority

Page 5, Schedule 1[10], proposed section 8(1), line 9. Omit "8 members". Insert instead "9 members".

No. 9 Membership of Conservation Hunting Authority

Page 5, Schedule 1[10], proposed section 8(1)(a), line 11. Omit "4 persons". Insert instead "2 persons".

No. 10 Membership of Conservation Hunting Authority

Page 5, Schedule 1[10], proposed section 8(1). Insert after line 11—

- (a1) 2 persons nominated by prescribed conservation organisations,
- (a2) 1 person who—
 - (i) is nominated by a prescribed firearm control organisation, or
 - (ii) in the opinion of the Minister for Hunting and Fishing, has appropriate experience advocating for persons impacted by the unlawful or irresponsible use of firearms,

No. 11 Membership of Conservation Hunting Authority

Page 5, Schedule 1[10], proposed section 8(2), lines 20-24. Omit all words on the lines. Insert instead—

(2) The person nominated by the Secretary under subsection (1)(e) must be the person employed in the Department who, in the Secretary's opinion, has primary responsibility for the regulation of hunting in accordance with this Act.

No. 12 Functions of Conservation Hunting Authority

Page 5, Schedule 1[10], proposed section 9(1). Insert after line 36—

(a1) to commission and consider peer reviewed scientific submissions on the efficacy of recreational hunting and professional hunting in controlling and reducing the impact of invasive non-native species,

No. 13 Liaison functions

Page 6, Schedule 1[10], proposed section 9(1)(e), line 1. Insert "and the National Parks and Wildlife Service established under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*" after "Local Land Services".

No. 14 Pest animals

Page 6, Schedule 1[10], proposed section 9(1)(e), line 2. Omit "pest". Insert instead "invasive non-native".

No. 15 Pest animals

Page 6, Schedule 1[10], proposed section 9(1)(f)(i), line 4. Omit "pest". Insert instead "invasive non-native".

No. 16 Pest animals

Page 6, Schedule 1[10], proposed section 9(1)(g), line 11. Omit "pest". Insert instead "invasive non-native".

No. 17 Pest animals

Page 7, Schedule 1[19], line 14. Omit "pest". Insert instead "invasive non-native".

No. 18 Chairperson

Page 7, Schedule 1[24], lines 30 and 31. Omit "appointed under section 8(1)(a) or (c)".

No. 19 Restricted game hunting licences

Page 8, Schedule 1[27], lines 18 and 19. Omit all words on the lines. Insert instead—

- (1) A restricted game hunting licence that was in force immediately before the commencement day is taken to be a conservation hunting licence.
- (2) The holder of a licence that is, under this section, taken to be a conservation hunting licence who within 6 months after the commencement day applies to the Regulatory Authority for the issue of a conservation hunting licence is exempt from the requirement to pay an application fee in connection with the application.
- (3) A licence that is, under this section, taken to be a conservation hunting licence is cancelled on the day that is 6 months after the commencement day.

No. 20 Designated land

Page 10, Schedule 3[1], proposed section 9A.3, lines 15-33. Omit all words on the lines. Insert instead—

9A.3 Minister must give notice of designated land

- (1) The Minister must give the public notice of designated land by prominently displaying on the Department's website—
 - (a) a searchable map of the state showing all designated land, and
 - (b) a list, by local government area, of all designated land including the area in hectares of each parcel of designated land.
- (2) The regulations may prescribe additional matters that must be included in the list of designated land required under subsection (1)(b).

No. 21 Plans of management

Page 11, Schedule 3[1], proposed section 9A.7. Insert after line 32—

(1A) Before preparing or reviewing a plan of management under subsection (1), the responsible land manager must consult land users.

No. 22 Plans of management

Page 11, Schedule 3[1], proposed section 9A.7. Insert after line 34—

(2A) Before adopting a plan of management prepared or reviewed under this section, the responsible land manager must publicly display the proposed plan for a minimum of 30 days and invite submissions from land users.

No. 23 Review

Page 12, Schedule 3[1], proposed section 9A.8(2), lines 30 and 31. Omit all words on the lines. Insert instead—

- (2) When conducting the review the Minister must—
 - (a) consult with the Conservation Hunting Authority, and
 - (b) consult the general public.

No. 24 Commencement of review

Page 12, Schedule 3[1], proposed section9A.8(3), lines 32 and 33. Omit "5 years". Insert instead "12 months".

No. 25 **Tabling of review**

Page 12, Schedule 3[1], proposed section 9A.8. Insert after line 33—

(4) The Minister must table a report of the review in both houses of Parliament within 18 months after the commencement of this part.

- No. 26 **Designated land**Page 12, Schedule 3[2], line 37. Omit "sections 9A.2 and 9A.3". Insert instead "section 9A.2".
- No. 27 **Designated land**Page 13, Schedule 3[2], proposed Schedule 5A, clause 2, lines 1–10. Omit all words on the lines.
- No. 28 Forestry Act 2012 No 96
 Page 14, Schedule 4.1, lines 2–17. Omit all words on the lines.
- No. 29 **Weapons Prohibition Act 1998 No 127**Page 14, Schedule 4.2, lines 18–23. Omit all words on the lines.