



New South Wales

Environment and Water Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are as follows—

- (a) to amend the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*—
 - (i) to revoke the reservation status of certain land in the Marramarra National Park, and
 - (ii) to limit the functions of the Audit and Compliance Committee established under that Act to only overseeing and investigating the Secretary’s compliance with the Secretary’s obligations under that Act,
- (b) to amend the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* to make it clear that the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal must not grant an application by a registered operator or retailer to substitute another operator or retailer for a specified scheme, unless the existing operator or retailer consents to the substitution,
- (c) to amend various Acts to update outdated references to “Department”, “Director-General”, “Secretary” and other renamed or abolished offices,
- (d) to make a consequential amendment to the *Interpretation Act 1987* to insert a definition of ***Department*** for an Act or instrument.

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.

Schedules 1–4 give effect to the objects set out in the overview.