



New South Wales

National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Land Boundaries and Acquisitions) Bill 2026

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (*the Act*) for the following purposes—

- (a) to require the Minister, before acquiring land under the Act, to obtain a report on the policy objectives of the acquisition,
- (b) to require regional advisory committees to include a temporary member nominated, by the local council for the area in which the land is located, for the purposes of preparing the report,
- (c) to prohibit the acquisition of land under the Act until certain requirements are satisfied.

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.

Schedule 1 Amendment of National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 No 80

Schedule 1 inserts proposed sections 146A and 146B. Proposed section 146A requires the Minister, before acquiring land under the Act, to obtain a report on the policy objectives of the acquisition. The proposed section also requires the regional advisory committee responsible for

producing the report to include as a member, for the purposes of preparing the report, a person nominated by the local council for the local government area in which the land is located.

Proposed section 146B prohibits the acquisition of land under the Act until certain requirements are satisfied.



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This PUBLIC BILL, originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly



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No. _____, 2026

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* to require the Minister to obtain a report on the policy objectives of an acquisition of land before acquiring the land under the Act; to prohibit acquisition of land under the Act until certain requirements are satisfied; and for related purposes.

The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with/without amendment.

Legislative Council

Clerk of the Parliaments

Tabling copy

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—

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1 Name of Act

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This Act is the *National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Land Boundaries and Acquisitions) Act 2026*.

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2 Commencement

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This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.

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Schedule 1	Amendment of National Parks and Wildlife Act	1
	1974 No 80	2
	Sections 146A and 146B	3
	Insert after section 146—	4
146A	Acquisition of land—conditions precedent	5
(1)	Before acquiring land under this Act, the Minister must obtain a report on the policy objectives of the acquisition from the regional advisory committee for the administrative region in which the land is located that addresses—	6 7 8
(a)	the economic impact of the acquisition on the local economy, including—	9 10
(i)	revenue expected as a result of the acquisition, and	11
(ii)	the effect on private businesses that have a commercial connection to the land, and	12 13
	Example of commercial connection— supply of products for use on the land	14 15
(iii)	the effect on local government rates, and	16
(b)	the intended environmental benefit of the acquisition, including the environmental policy or plan on which the acquisition is based.	17 18
(2)	A local council for a local government area in which the land is located is entitled to nominate a person to act as a temporary member of the regional advisory committee for the purposes of preparing the report.	19 20 21
(3)	A temporary member is taken to be a member of the regional advisory committee only in relation to the business of the committee as it relates to the preparation of the report for the land.	22 23 24
(4)	As soon as practicable after the period of 5 years after the land is acquired, the Minister must review the acquisition to determine whether the policy objectives of the acquisition are achieved.	25 26 27
(5)	A report on the outcome of the review must be tabled in each House of Parliament as soon as practicable after the review is undertaken.	28 29
146B	Moratorium on acquisitions of land	30
	Land must not be acquired under this Act unless—	31
(a)	the <i>Dividing Fences Act 1991</i> or an alternative arrangement applies to apportion the cost of fencing boundaries between land reserved under this Act and privately held land, and	32 33 34
(b)	land reserved under this Act becomes rateable land within the meaning of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	35 36