

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Rural Fires Amendment (Bush Fire Prevention) Bill 2015

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Proposed amendments

No. 1 **10/50 vegetation clearing entitlement area**

Page 4, Schedule 1. Insert after line 8:

[4] Section 100QA

Insert after section 100Q:

100QA Determining 10/50 vegetation clearing entitlement areas

- (1) When determining a 10/50 vegetation clearing entitlement area, the Commissioner must exclude all land that contains an endangered, or a critically endangered, ecological community, as identified in Part 3 of Schedule 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 1A, respectively, to the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*, in so far as such land is reasonably capable of being identified on a map.
- (2) If land that contains an endangered, or a critically endangered, ecological community, as referred to in subclause (1), is able to be identified on a map after the Commissioner has determined a 10/50 vegetation clearing entitlement area, the Commissioner must amend that 10/50 vegetation clearing entitlement area to exclude such land and must publish the amended 10/50 vegetation clearing entitlement area map on the NSW Rural Fire Service website.

No. 2 **Vegetation clearing approvals**

Page 4, clause 100R. Insert after line 30:

- (4) However, vegetation clearing work must not be carried out under this section unless the local authority of the area in which the land is situated or the Commissioner approves the work. The regulations may make provision for or with respect to the giving of an approval.

No. 3 **Register**

Page 5, Schedule 1 [4]. Insert after line 20:

100RA Register of vegetation clearing work

- (1) An owner of land who carries out vegetation clearing work under section 100R must, within 7 days of carrying out such work, give written notice to the

Commissioner of the address of the land on which the work was carried out and a description of the work that was carried out.

- (2) The Commissioner is to keep a register of the particulars contained in notices received under subsection (1) and must make this register publicly available by publishing it on the NSW Rural Fire Service website.