



New South Wales

# Game and Feral Animal Control Further Amendment Bill 2012

## 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 *Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002* as follows:

- (a) to provide for the granting of a licence (referred to as a *game management licence*) authorising the owner or occupier of specified land to kill, or to permit a licensed hunter to kill, game animals on that land for non-commercial purposes,
- (b) to include ducks and certain other game birds in the list of game animals that may be hunted or killed under the authority conferred by a game hunting licence or game management licence,
- (c) to enable the Game Council to impose special restrictions and quotas in relation to the hunting or killing of native game birds that are listed as game animals,
- (d) to provide that a game hunting licence does not authorise the hunting of native game birds on public land.

The Bill also amends the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* to provide that certain licences under that Act are no longer to be issued in relation to the harming of game animals.

## 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 27 December 2012.

## **Schedule 1      Amendment of Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002 No 64**

### **Game management licences**

**Schedule 1 [6]** provides for a new type of licence (a *game management licence*) authorising the owner or occupier of specified land to kill, or to permit a licensed hunter to kill, game animals on that land. The same procedures that currently apply in relation to game hunting licences (including provisions disqualifying certain persons from being granted a licence) will also apply to game management licences. **Schedule 1 [1] and [3]** are consequential amendments and **Schedule 1 [2]** provides for exemptions from offences under National Parks and Wildlife legislation in so far as those offences would relate to activities authorised under a game management licence.

**Schedule 1 [5]** makes it clear that a person is not required to have a game hunting licence when carrying on activities authorised by a game management licence.

### **Game birds**

**Schedule 1 [9] and [10]** insert ducks and certain other game birds to the list of game animals that may be hunted or killed under the authority conferred by a game hunting licence or game management licence. **Schedule 1 [8]** is a consequential amendment.

**Schedule 1 [4]** provides that a game hunting licence does not authorise the hunting of native game birds on public land.

**Schedule 1 [7]** imposes special requirements in relation to the hunting or killing of native game birds under the authority of a game hunting or game management licence. In particular, provision is made for the Game Council to impose, by way of licence conditions, quotas on the number of native game birds that may be hunted or killed, restrictions on when and where native game birds may be hunted and requirements relating to the tagging of birds that have been captured or killed. In the case of native waterfowl, a person will not be authorised to hunt or kill any such bird unless they have passed an official identification test.

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**Miscellaneous**

**Schedule 1.** [11] enables regulations of a savings and transitional nature to be made as a consequence of the enactment of the proposed Act.

**Schedule 2      Amendment of National Parks and  
Wildlife Act 1974 No 80**

**Schedule 2** amends the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* to provide that a general licence or an occupier's licence under that Act can no longer be issued to authorise the harming of a game animal within the meaning of the *Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002* as such animals may be hunted or killed under the authority of a game hunting licence or game management licence granted by the Game Council under that Act.