



New South Wales

National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Adjustment of Areas) Bill 2016

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*:

- (a) to change the reservation of Ben Halls Gap National Park (which consists of about 3,018 hectares) to a nature reserve to be known as Ben Halls Gap Nature Reserve, and
- (b) to change the reservation of about 2,020 hectares of Khappinghat Nature Reserve to a national park to be known as Khappinghat National Park, and
- (c) to revoke the reservation of about 88.42 hectares of Gwydir Wetlands State Conservation Area, and
- (d) to revoke the reservation of the following land and to vest the land in the Minister for the purposes of Part 11 of that Act, which enables the Minister to sell, grant leases of, dispose of or otherwise deal with the land:
 - (i) about 0.1 hectare of Jervis Bay National Park,
 - (ii) about 140.94 hectares of Kosciuszko National Park,
 - (iii) about 2.018 hectares of Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park,
 - (iv) about 0.04 hectare beneath the surface of Lane Cove National Park,
 - (v) about 0.34 hectare of Middle Brother National Park,
 - (vi) about 18.5 hectares of Morton National Park,
 - (vii) Penrith Lakes Regional Park (which consists of about 6,656 square metres),
 - (viii) about 13.4 hectares of Royal National Park,

- (ix) about 1.6 hectares of Wollemi National Park,
- (x) about 0.11 hectare of Yaegl Nature Reserve, and
- (e) to provide that the Minister must not transfer the parts of that land currently forming part of Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park and Middle Brother National Park, unless satisfied that appropriate compensation has been provided, and
- (f) to revoke the reservation of about 86.31 hectares of land in Macquarie Pass State Conservation Area that has been transferred to the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council, following a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*.

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 [1] and [2] give effect to the object referred to in the Overview.

Schedule 1 [3] enables savings and transitional regulations to be made as a consequence of the enactment of the proposed Act or any other Act that amends the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.