



New South Wales

# Dingo Cultural Heritage and Protection Bill 2022

## Explanatory note

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

## Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are—

- (a) to recognise and protect the heritage value of dingo populations to Aboriginal persons, and
- (b) to recognise the importance of dingoes, as apex predators, in maintaining biological diversity.

## Outline of provisions

### Part 1 Preliminary

**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.

**Clause 3** defines certain words and expressions used in the proposed Act.

**Clause 4** sets out the objects of the proposed Act.

### Part 2 Dingo heritage management plan

**Clause 5** requires a draft dingo heritage management plan (the *draft plan*) to be prepared by the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment (the *Secretary*).

**Clause 6** requires the Secretary to give notice of the public exhibition of the draft plan and to give members of the public an opportunity to make representations on the draft plan.

**Clause 7** requires the Secretary to provide a copy of the draft plan to the Indigenous and Scientific Advisory Panel and to give the panel an opportunity to make representations on the draft plan.

**Clause 8** requires the Secretary to forward the draft plan and representations to the Minister for consideration.

**Clause 9** enables the Minister to adopt the draft plan with or without alteration or to refer the draft plan back to the Secretary for further consideration.

**Clause 10** requires the Secretary to carry out and give effect to a plan adopted by the Minister (an *adopted plan*).

**Clause 11** provides for the amendment or replacement of an adopted plan.

### **Part 3 Miscellaneous**

**Clause 12** enables the Governor to make regulations for the proposed Act.

**Clause 13** enables the Secretary to delegate the exercise of a function of the Secretary under the proposed Act.

### **Schedule 1 Indigenous and Scientific Advisory Panel**

**Schedule 1** provides for the constitution and procedures of the Indigenous and Scientific Advisory Panel.