



New South Wales

Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Private Native Forestry) 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 provide that forestry operations authorised by the *Local Land Services Act 2013*, Part 5B are taken to be exempt development except in certain circumstances, and
- (b) to extend the maximum duration of private native forestry plans to 30 years.

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.

Schedule 1 **Amendment of Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 No 203**

Schedule 1 provides that forestry operations authorised by the *Local Land Services Act 2013*, Part 5B are taken to be exempt development unless development consent is required by a State Environmental Planning Policy (**SEPP**) or the forestry operations are prohibited by a SEPP or a Local Environmental Plan (**LEP**).

In future, a new requirement for development consent to clear native vegetation will not be able to be included in a SEPP without the concurrence of the Minister administering the *Local Land Services Act 2013*, Part 5B. No new prohibitions on carrying out forestry operations will be able to be included in a SEPP or a LEP.

Schedule 2 Amendment of Local Land Services Act 2013 No 51

Schedule 2[1] inserts a note about the amendment made by Schedule 1.

Schedule 2[2] extends the maximum duration of private native forestry plans from 15 years to 30 years.