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**WILDERNESS (KARST CONSERVATION) AMENDMENT
BILL 1991**

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

This Bill is cognate with the National Parks and Wildlife (Karst Conservation) Amendment Bill 1991.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Wilderness Act 1987 to make it clear that a wilderness area may include or consist of subterranean lands and that such lands may be the subject of a wilderness declaration under the Act.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the commencement of Schedule 1 (5) to the National Parks and Wildlife (Karst Conservation) Amendment Act 1991.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of amendments to the Wilderness Act 1987.

SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS

Schedule 1 (1) proposes amendment of the definition of "wilderness area" to provide that lands, the subject of a wilderness declaration under the Act or under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, may include subterranean lands.

Schedule 1 (2) proposes amendment of section 8 (1) of the Act to provide that the Minister may make a wilderness declaration in respect of land which may, but need not be, restricted to land that is wholly or predominantly subterranean land.

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No. , 1991

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the Wilderness Act 1987 to make provision for wilderness declarations in respect of subterranean lands.

Wilderness (Karst Conservation) Amendment 1991

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Wilderness (Karst Conservation) Amendment Act 1991.

Commencement

2. This Act commences on the commencement of Schedule 1 (5) to the National Parks and Wildlife (Karst Conservation) Amendment Act 1991.

Amendment of Wilderness Act 1987 No. 196

3. The Wilderness Act 1987 is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS

(Sec. 3)

(1) Section 2 (**Definitions**):

In the definition of "wilderness area" in section 2 (1), after "lands", insert "(including subterranean lands)".

(2) Section 8 (**Declaration of wilderness areas**):

In section 8 (1), after "land", insert "(which may, but need not be, restricted to land that is wholly or predominantly subterranean land)".
