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## SOUTH EAST FORESTS PROTECTION BILL 1993

NEW SOUTH WALES



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*This PUBLIC BILL, originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.*

*Legislative Assembly*

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

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Act No.       , 1993

An Act to protect certain lands by reserving or dedicating them as, or as parts of, national parks and nature reserves and to revoke the dedication or setting apart of parts of those lands as State forests and for other uses; and for other purposes.

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**The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:**

**PART 1—PRELIMINARY**

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the South East Forests Protection  
5 Act 1993.

**Commencement**

2. This Act commences on the date of assent.

**Objects of this Act**

3. The objects of this Act are:
- 10 (a) to provide for a moratorium on roading and logging in certain high conservation value forests; and
- (b) to provide for the establishment of a system of adequate, comprehensive and representative conservation reserves over old growth and wilderness forests; and
- 15 (c) to provide for extensive timber supplies during the moratorium period; and
- (d) to produce a worker and industry assistance package in the event of new national parks and nature reserves; and
- (e) to resolve the conflict over the south east forests.

20 **Definitions**

4. In this Act:
- “**Director**” means the Director of National Parks and Wildlife appointed under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974;
- “**the Act**” means the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974;
- 25 “**the Map**” means the map marked “South East Forests Protection Act 1993—National Parks and Nature Reserves—Amendment” and presented to the Speaker for tabling during the second reading debate on the Bill for this Act by the member of the Legislative Assembly who introduced the Bill for this Act in the Assembly.

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**PART 2—RESERVATION AND DEDICATION OF NATIONAL  
PARKS AND NATURE RESERVES AND REVOCATION OF  
DEDICATION OF STATE FORESTS ETC.**

**Investigation of land for reservation as national parks**

5. By June 1995, the land described in Schedule 1 shall be investigated by the Director for reservation as national parks. 5

**Investigation of land for dedication as nature reserves**

6. By June 1995, the land described in Schedule 2 shall be investigated by the Director for dedication as nature reserves.

**Steering Committee**

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7. (1) In carrying out the investigations as required by sections 5 and 6, the Director shall:

(a) forthwith establish a Steering Committee comprised of:

- (i) the nominee of the Australian Museum; and
- (ii) the nominee of the Ecological Society of Australia; and 15
- (iii) the nominee of the Australian Heritage Commission; and
- (iv) the nominee of the Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service; and
- (v) the nominee of the Director; and

(b) examine, under the guidance of the Steering Committee, the following environmental attributes in the region enclosed by the Victorian border in the south, Bermagui in the north, west of Bermagui to Wadbilliga National Park and south of the southern boundary of Wadbilliga National Park to the western edge of Bondi State Forest: 20

- (i) vegetation; 25
- (ii) fauna and faunal habitat;
- (iii) old growth forests;
- (iv) wild and scenic rivers;
- (v) national estate; 30
- (vi) migratory birds;
- (vii) world heritage;
- (viii) wilderness;
- (ix) species of flora and fauna endangered, vulnerable or rare in New South Wales and other parts of Australia; 35
- (x) water catchments;

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- (xi) geological features;
- (xii) aboriginal;
- (xiii) cultural.

(2) The Steering Committee shall:

- 5 (a) establish the criteria for assessing the attributes described in subsection (1) (b); and
- (b) agree to a timetable and procedure for undertaking the investigations; and
- 10 (c) establish a basis for co-operation with the Commonwealth Government during the investigations; and
- (d) arrange for refereeing of each report on each attribute; and
- (e) issue a draft report outlining the results of the investigations into the attributes and the basis for a reserve system; and
- 15 (f) call for and consider submissions from the public on the draft report; and
- (g) oversee the production of and referee the final report produced by the Director under subsection (3) and the recommendations in the report for an expanded reserve system in the region.

20 (3) The final report prepared by the Director in connection with sections 5 and 6 shall be made public in June 1995.

**Preparation of descriptions of land to be included in national parks and nature reserves**

25 8. (1) In June 1995 the Director must propose new national parks and nature reserves over State forests and other crown lands to protect environmental and cultural values and cause to be prepared, as accurately as possible, metes and bounds or other appropriate descriptions of:

- 30 (a) such State forests or parts of the State forests referred to in Part 1 of Schedules 1 and 2 as are proposed by the Director; and
- (b) the land described in Column 1 of Part 2 of Schedules 1 and 2 shown by black hatching on the Map.

(2) A description of land under this section may include a description of any easement or restriction to which the land is subject.

**Publication of descriptions of land to be included in national parks and nature reserves by notification in Gazette**

35 9. (1) On 31 December 1995, the Director must cause to be published in the Gazette one or more notifications containing the descriptions referred to in section 8.

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- (2) The publication of a notification in the Gazette has the effect of:
- (a) in the case of land investigated under section 5—reserving the land identified in the notification as a national park from the date of publication; or
  - (b) in the case of land investigated under section 6—dedicating the land as a nature reserve from the date of publication. 5

**Consequential revocation of dedication etc. as State forests etc.**

10. (1) The dedication as a State forest, or as a part of a State forest, of any land referred to in Column 1 of Part 1 of Schedules 1 and 2 is revoked when the reservation or dedication of the relevant land under this Act takes effect. 10

(2) The dedication, or setting apart, as a flora reserve of any land referred to in Column 1 of Schedules 1 and 2 is revoked when the reservation or dedication of the relevant land under this Act takes effect.

(3) The dedication, reservation or setting apart of any land referred to in Column 1 of Parts 1 and 2 of Schedules 1 and 2 under the Forestry Act 1916 or the Crown Lands Act 1989 is revoked when the reservation or dedication of the relevant land under this Act takes effect. 15

**Licences terminated on reservation or dedication of land**

11. On the date of reservation or dedication of land as, or as a part of, a national park or nature reserve under section 9, any licence or other agreement for the taking or supply of timber from land, in so far as it relates to the reserved or dedicated land, is terminated. 20

**No compensation payable as result of revocation of dedication as State forests etc. or termination of licences** 25

12. No compensation or other consideration of any kind is payable, directly or indirectly, by the State or any instrumentality of the State or under the Act or any other Act:

- (a) to the Forestry Commission, the Department of Conservation and Land Management or any other person for land reserved or dedicated under this Act or for any other purpose as a consequence of a revocation effected by section 10; or 30
- (b) to any person as the result of the termination of a licence or other agreement under section 11; or
- (c) to any person as the result of the operation of section 18. 35

**PART 3—USE OF LAND BEFORE RESERVATION OR  
DEDICATION**

**Consent of Director required to use of land**

- 5      13. (1) Except during the period of 4 weeks after the date of assent to this Act, neither the Forestry Commission nor any other person is to engage in logging or any other operations on the land referred to in Schedules 1 and 2 without the consent of the Director.
- 10      (2) Any person, including the Forestry Commission, who wishes to continue, or proposes to commence, logging or any other operations on the land referred to in Schedules 1 and 2 after expiry of the period referred to in subsection (1), must make an application to the Director for consent within 3 weeks after the date of assent to this Act.
- 15      (3) The Director may require any person, including the Forestry Commission, who applies for a consent under this section to provide the Director with any information that the Director reasonably requires for the purpose of considering whether or not a consent should be granted.
- 20      (4) The Director may grant, or refuse to grant, a consent on any grounds that appear to the Director to be reasonable including, in the case of a refusal to grant consent, that the reservation or dedication of the land under this Act is imminent. No appeal lies against the Director's decision to grant, or to refuse to grant, a consent under this section.
- 25      (5) The Director shall grant a consent having regard to the environmental prescriptions set out in Schedule 6 so that the environmental integrity of the lands is protected to the fullest possible extent.
- 30      (6) The Director must report monthly to the Minister for the Environment on the operation of this section. The Minister, in turn, must cause a copy of each report to be tabled in each House of Parliament as soon as practicable after the report has been prepared.
- 30      **Director may issue stop work order**
14. (1) If the Director is of the opinion that any person, including the Forestry Commission:
- (a) is engaging in logging or any other operations on land referred to in Schedule 1 or 2 without consent; or
- 35      (b) is about to engage in such action without consent; or



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(c) has, is or is about to breach a condition of a consent granted under this Part,

the Director may order that any such action is to cease and that no action, other than such action as may be specified in that order, is to be carried out with respect to the land. 5

(2) Action that may be specified by the Director in an order under this section includes the provision of such information as the Director reasonably requires for the purposes of this Act (for example, concerning environmental data held by the person or resources proposed to be extracted from, or the work program proposed to be undertaken on, the land by the person) and the taking of such remedial action in relation to the land as the Director specifies in the order. 10

(3) An order made under this section takes effect on and from the date on which a copy of the order is affixed in a conspicuous place on the land the subject of the order or the person engaging or about to engage in the action is notified that an order has been made, whichever is the sooner. 15

(4) When the Director makes an order under this section, the Director may consult with the person engaging or proposing to engage in the action to determine whether any modification of the action may be sufficient to protect the land. 20

(5) The Director is not required, before making an order under this section, to notify any person who may be affected by the order.

(6) When an order made under this section is in force in relation to land, an approval, notice or order (whether made or issued before or after the order made under this section) under any other Act which requires or permits the land to be significantly affected is void to the extent of the inconsistency with the order. 25

**PART 4—WILDERNESS AREAS****Declaration of wilderness areas**

15. (1) Each area of land described in Schedule 3 is to be investigated for declaration or restoration as a wilderness area for the purposes of sections 59 and 60 of the Act. 30

(2) The declaration of land as a wilderness area takes effect on the date of publication in the Gazette under section 17 of a notification or notifications identifying land referred to in Schedule 3 as a wilderness area. 35

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**Preparation of descriptions of land to be included in wilderness areas**

16. By 31 December 1995, the Director must cause to be prepared, as accurately as is reasonably possible, metes and bounds or other appropriate descriptions of the land referred to in Schedule 3 which is shown by black dashed lines on the Map and which is to be declared to be wilderness areas.

**Publication of descriptions of land to be declared to be wilderness areas**

17. On 31 December 1995, the Director must cause to be published in the Gazette one or more notifications containing the descriptions referred to in section 16.

**PART 5—RELIEF MEASURES**

**Increased logging operations in other south eastern areas subject to conditions**

18. (1) Notwithstanding any consent granted by the Director under section 13, logging and roading operations on land described in Schedules 1 and 2 may only be engaged in for a period of 3 months after the date of assent to this Act and thenceforth shall be suspended until 31 December 1995.
- (2) The Forestry Commission must, in view of the reduction in the supply of timber resulting from the enactment of this Act, and despite the provisions for the timetable of logging in any management plan or environmental impact statement determined prior to the date of assent to this Act, supply timber from other State forests within the Eden Management Area, consistent with annual quotas fixed by it for 1992, to the holders of licences or other agreements adversely affected by the operation of subsection (1) until 31 December 1995.
- (3) Land made available for the supply of timber under the preceding subsection (other than land described in Schedules 1 and 2) may be logged, burnt or roaded as if the requirements of Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 had been complied with by the Forestry Commission in respect of that logging, burning or roading.
- (4) The Forestry Commission must make all efforts to comply with this section and, in particular, to provide or upgrade roads (including provision of all necessary soil conservation works) in order to supply timber in accordance with, and for the periods specified in, subsections (1) and (2).

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- (5) The Forestry Commission must prepare and exhibit an environmental impact statement in June 1995 and receive representations and otherwise comply with Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in respect of logging, roading and burning that is proposed to be undertaken in the region after 31 December 1995. 5
- (6) The environmental impact statement and representations must be lodged by the Forestry Commission with the Director of Planning no later than 1 September 1995.
- (7) The Director of Planning must examine the environmental impact statement and representations, report the findings of the examination to the Minister for Planning as determining authority, make public that report and otherwise comply with the requirements of Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 no later than 1 December 1995. 10
- (8) The Minister for Planning is to determine the proposed activity and issue a public report in relation to it within 21 days after the Minister has received from the Director of Planning the report on examination of the environmental impact statement and representations. 15
- (9) The Director, the Director-General of the Environment Protection Authority and the Commissioner of the Soil Conservation Service must, as expeditiously as possible, amend relevant licences or authorities held by, or issue new licences to, the Forestry Commission to include additional environmental protection measures to protect wildlife, water quality and soil if logging operations referred to in this section are proposed to take place in an area adjoining a coupe that has been logged in the last 12 years. 20 25
- (10) The Director, the Director-General of the Environment Protection Authority, the Commissioner of the Soil Conservation Service, and the Forestry Commission shall jointly issue a public report, every 3 months, detailing each licence (and any conditions) and proposed logging and roading for the following 6 months with reasons. 30
- (11) Copies of the report shall be made available for purchase by members of the public at the Head and Eden region offices of the 4 agencies involved.
- (12) The agencies responsible for the report may receive public comments. 35
- (13) If an authority under the Act to take or kill protected fauna is required to enable the logging operations referred to in this section to proceed, an application must be made to the Director who may grant an

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authority for the purpose under section 171 of the Act. No appeal lies against the Director's decision on an application for an authority under this section.

5 (14) To avoid doubt, the Director is not a determining authority for the purposes of Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 when granting an authority pursuant to section 171 of the Act, under this section.

(15) Where a licence or authority is required under subsection (9) or (13) the following shall not be required:

- 10 (a) provision of a fauna impact statement; or  
 (b) exhibition of a fauna impact statement; or  
 (c) receiving of public submissions on a fauna impact statement; or  
 (d) consideration of a fauna impact statement by the Director,  
 under the Endangered Fauna (Interim Protection) Act.

15 **South East Regional Employment and Industry Adjustment Committee**

19. (1) The Premier is forthwith to appoint a regional economic committee, to be called the South East Regional Employment and Industry Adjustment Committee, consisting of:

- 20 (a) the two nominees of the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union, Forestry Division (NSW); and  
 (b) the nominee of the South East Timber Association Inc; and  
 (c) the two nominees of the South East Forests Conservation Council;  
 and  
 25 (d) the joint nominee of the Bega and Bombala Shire Councils; and  
 (e) a nominee of the Premier of NSW; and  
 (f) a nominee of the Prime Minister who shall be the Chairperson.

(2) Schedule 4 has effect with respect to the members and procedure of the South East Regional Employment and Industry Adjustment  
 30 Committee.

(3) The Committee is to develop and implement strategies to provide  
 redundancy and/or alternative employment opportunities for up to 2 years  
 after 31 December 1998 for timber and ancillary workers who have lost  
 or may lose their jobs as the result of the revocation of the dedication of  
 35 State forests effected by section 10.

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(4) Matters to be considered by the Committee for the purpose of developing strategies to provide redundancy or alternative employment opportunities shall include and consider the following:

- (a) a worker's adjustment package including redundancy payments, relocation assistance, income supplements, new skills programs and establishment of offices to provide information; 5
- (b) soil conservation and salinity control;
- (c) thinning of softwood plantations;
- (d) recreational and interpretative facilities in national parks and historic sites; 10
- (e) hardwood plantation development;
- (f) local environment improvements;
- (g) local road upgrading;
- (h) acquisition of logging trucks and logging equipment no longer required. 15

(5) The Committee is to publish a draft report for public comment (over a period of 40 days beginning in May 1995) and it is to make arrangements for, and advertise in a local newspaper and a daily metropolitan newspaper circulating throughout the State, places for inspection of the draft report in Eden, Bega, Bombala and Sydney. 20

(6) The Committee is to report to the Premier by 1 August 1995.

(7) The Committee is to report to both Houses of Parliament on its activities every 3 months after the date of its establishment and furnish a copy of its report under subsection (6).

(8) The Committee is authorised to negotiate on behalf of the State Government with the Commonwealth Government in the formulation of the Committee's recommendation to the Premier. 25

#### **PART 6—MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

##### **Restraint etc. of breaches of this Act**

20. (1) Any person may bring proceedings in the Land and Environment Court for an order to remedy or restrain a breach of this Act, whether or not any right of that person has been or may be infringed by or as a consequence of that breach. 30

(2) Proceedings under this section may be brought by a person on his or her own behalf or on behalf of himself or herself and on behalf of other persons (with their consent), or a body corporate or unincorporated (with the consent of its committee or other controlling or governing body), having like or common interests in those proceedings. 35

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(3) Any person on whose behalf proceedings are brought is entitled to contribute to or provide for the payment of the legal costs and expenses incurred by the person bringing the proceedings.

**Ancillary provisions**

- 5    21. Schedule 5 has effect.
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**SCHEDULE 1—LAND TO BE INVESTIGATED FOR  
RESERVATION AS, OR AS PARTS OF, NATIONAL PARKS**

(Sec. 5)

**PART 1—STATE FORESTS OR PARTS OF STATE FORESTS**

- 10    The land comprised in the following State forests or parts of State forests, shown by black edging on the Map:
- Part Yambulla and Nungatta State Forests, east of Nungatta National Park
- Part Bondi State Forest, south of Imlay Road
- 15    Part Bondi State Forest, north of Imlay Road
- Cathcart State Forest
- Part Coolangubra State Forest
- Part Bombala State Forest
- Part Nalbaugh State Forest
- 20    Part Tantawangalo State Forest
- Part Glenbog State Forest
- Bemboka State Forest
- Tanja State Forest
- Part Nullica State Forest, other than land east of Black Creek Road
- 25    Part Nullica State Forest, east of Black Creek Road
- Part Mumbulla State Forest

**PART 2—OTHER LAND**

- The following land, shown by black hatching on the Map:
- 30    Crown land adjacent to the north west boundary of Mumbulla State Forest and west boundary of Murrah State Forest.
- Crown land adjacent to the north west boundary of Bemboka State forest and north east boundary of Glenbog State Forest (known as Bega Swamp).

*South East Forests Protection 1993***SCHEDULE 2—LAND TO BE INVESTIGATED FOR  
DEDICATION AS, OR AS PARTS OF, NATURE RESERVES**

(Sec. 6)

**PART 1—PARTS OF STATE FORESTS**

The land comprised in the following parts of State forests, shown by  
black edging on the Map: 5

Part Nadgee State Forest  
Part Bondi State Forest

**PART 2—OTHER LAND**

The following land, shown by black hatching on the Map: 10  
Crown land west of Coolangubra State Forest

**SCHEDULE 3—WILDERNESS AREAS**

(Sec. 15)

The following areas of land, shown by black dashed lines on the Map:

Part Bemboka State Forest—Part Brogo Wilderness 15  
Part Coolangubra State Forest—Coolangubra Wilderness  
Part Bondi State Forest, north of Imlay Road—Part Coolangubra  
Wilderness  
Nalbaugh National Park—Part Coolangubra Wilderness

**SCHEDULE 4—SOUTH EAST REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT  
AND INDUSTRY ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE—MEMBERS  
AND PROCEDURE 20**

(Sec. 19 (2))

**PART 1—MEMBERS**

**Term of office 25**

1. Subject to this Schedule, a member holds office for such period  
(not exceeding 4 years) as is specified in the member's instrument of  
appointment but is eligible for reappointment if otherwise qualified.

**Deputies**

2. (1) The Premier may, from time to time, appoint a person to be the  
deputy of a member and the Premier may revoke any such appointment. 30

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**SCHEDULE 4—SOUTH EAST REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND  
INDUSTRY ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE—MEMBERS AND  
PROCEDURE—*continued***

- (2) In the absence of a member, the member's deputy:
- 5 (a) may, if available, act in the place of the member; and  
(b) while so acting, has all the functions of the member and is to be regarded as a member.
- (3) The deputy of a member who is also Chairperson does not have the member's functions as Chairperson.

**10 Vacancy in office of member**

3. (1) The office of a member becomes vacant if the member:
- (a) dies; or  
(b) completes a term of office and is not reappointed; or  
15 (c) resigns the office by instrument in writing addressed to the Minister; or  
(d) is removed from office by the Premier under this clause; or  
(e) is absent from 4 consecutive meetings of the Committee of which reasonable notice has been given to the member personally or in  
20 the ordinary course of post, except on leave granted by the Committee or unless, before the expiration of 4 weeks after the last of those meetings, the member is excused by the Committee for having been absent from those meetings; or  
(f) becomes bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounds with his or her  
25 creditors or makes an assignment of his or her remuneration for their benefit; or  
(g) becomes a mentally incapacitated person; or  
(h) is convicted in New South Wales of an offence which is punishable by penal servitude or imprisonment for 12 months or more or is  
30 convicted elsewhere than in New South Wales of an offence which, if committed in New South Wales, would be an offence so punishable.
- (2) The Premier may remove a member from office at any time.

**Filling of vacancy in office of appointed member**

- 35 4. If the office of a member becomes vacant, a person is, subject to this Schedule, to be appointed to fill the vacancy.



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**SCHEDULE 4—SOUTH EAST REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND  
INDUSTRY ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE—MEMBERS AND  
PROCEDURE—*continued***

**Vacation of office by Chairperson**

5. (1) The office of Chairperson of the Committee becomes vacant if the Chairperson: 5
- (a) resigns the office by instrument in writing addressed to the Premier; or
  - (b) is removed from office by the Premier under this clause; or
  - (c) ceases to be a member. 10
- (2) The Premier may remove the Chairperson from office at any time.

**Disclosure of pecuniary interests**

6. (1) A member of the Committee:
- (a) who has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a matter being considered or about to be considered at a meeting of the Committee; and 15
  - (b) whose interest appears to raise a conflict with the proper performance of the member's duties in relation to the consideration of the matter,
- must, as soon as possible after the relevant facts have come to the member's knowledge, disclose the nature of the interest at a meeting of the Committee. 20
- (2) A disclosure by a member of the Committee at a meeting of the Committee that the member:
- (a) is a member, or is in the employment, of a specified company or other body; or 25
  - (b) is a partner, or is in the employment, of a specified person; or
  - (c) has some other specified interest relating to a specified company or other body or to a specified person,
- is a sufficient disclosure of the nature of the interest in any matter relating to that company or other body or to that person which may arise after the date of the disclosure and which is required to be disclosed under this clause. 30
- (3) Particulars of any disclosure made under this clause must be recorded by the Committee in a book kept for the purpose and that book must be open at all reasonable hours to inspection by any person on payment of the fee determined by the members of the Committee. 35

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SCHEDULE 4—SOUTH EAST REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND  
INDUSTRY ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE—MEMBERS AND  
PROCEDURE—*continued*

- 5 (4) After a member of the Committee has disclosed the nature of an interest in any matter, the member must not, unless the Premier or the other members of the Committee otherwise determine:
- (a) be present during any deliberation of the Committee with respect to the matter; or
- 10 (b) take part in any decision of the Committee with respect to the matter.
- (5) For the purposes of the making of a determination by the members of the Committee under subclause (4), a member of the Committee who has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a matter to which the disclosure relates must not:
- 15 (a) be present during any deliberation of the other members of the Committee for the purpose of making the determination; or
- (b) take part in the making by the other members of the Committee of the determination.
- 20 (6) A contravention of this clause does not invalidate any decision of the Committee.

**Effect of certain other Acts**

7. (1) Part 2 of the Public Sector Management Act 1988 does not apply to or in respect of the appointment of a member.
- (2) If, by or under any Act, provision is made:
- 25 (a) requiring a person who is the holder of a specified office to devote the whole of his or her time to the duties of that office; or
- (b) prohibiting the person from engaging in employment outside the duties of that office,
- 30 the provision does not operate to disqualify the person from holding that office and also the office of a member or from accepting and retaining any remuneration payable to the person as such a member.
- (3) The office of a member is not, for the purposes of any Act, an office or place of profit under the Crown.

**Proof of certain matters not required**

- 35 8. In any legal proceedings, proof is not required (until evidence is given to the contrary) of:

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**SCHEDULE 4—SOUTH EAST REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND  
INDUSTRY ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE—MEMBERS AND  
PROCEDURE—*continued***

- (a) the constitution of the Committee; or
- (b) any resolution of the Committee; or 5
- (c) the appointment of, or holding of office by, any member of the Committee; or
- (d) the presence or nature of a quorum at any meeting of the Committee.

**PART 2—PROCEDURE** 10

**General procedure**

9. The procedure for the calling of meetings of the Committee and for the conduct of business at those meetings is, subject to this Schedule, to be as determined by the Committee.

**Quorum** 15

10. The quorum for a meeting of the Committee is 5 members.

**Presiding member**

11. (1) The Chairperson or, in the absence of the Chairperson, another member elected to chair the meeting by the members present is to preside at a meeting of the Committee. 20

(2) The person presiding at any meeting of the Committee has a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, has a second or casting vote.

**Voting**

12. A decision supported by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present is the decision of the Committee. 25

**Transaction of business outside meetings or by telephone etc.**

13. (1) The Committee may, if it thinks fit, transact any of its business by the circulation of papers among all the members of the Committee for the time being, and a resolution in writing approved in writing by a majority of those members is to be regarded as a decision of the Committee. 30

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SCHEDULE 4—SOUTH EAST REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND  
INDUSTRY ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE—MEMBERS AND  
PROCEDURE—*continued*

5 (2) The Committee may, if it thinks fit, transact any of its business at a meeting at which members (or some members) participate by telephone, closed-circuit television or other means, but only if any member who speaks on a matter before the meeting can be heard by the other members.

(3) For the purpose of:

- 10 (a) the approval of a resolution under subclause (1); or  
(b) a meeting held in accordance with subclause (2),

the Chairperson and each member have the same voting rights as they have at an ordinary meeting of the Committee.

15 (4) A resolution approved under subclause (1) is, subject to the regulations, to be recorded in the minutes of the meetings of the Committee.

(5) Papers may be circulated among members for the purposes of subclause (1) by facsimile or other similar means.

**Minutes**

20 14. The Committee must cause full and accurate minutes to be kept of the proceedings of each meeting of the Committee.

**First meeting**

25 15. The Premier may call the first meeting of the Committee in such manner as the Premier thinks fit but must call that meeting within 3 months after the commencement of the Act.

**SCHEDULE 5—ANCILLARY PROVISIONS**

(Sec. 21)

**Definition**

30 1. In this Schedule, “the relevant date” for any land reserved or dedicated under this Act means the date when the reservation or dedication of the land takes effect under this Act.

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2. (1) The land reserved as, or as a part of, a national park by this Act is, for the purposes of the Act, taken to have been so reserved by proclamation made under section 33 (2) or (3). 5

(2) A reference in the Act to the publication of a proclamation under section 33 (2) or (3) of the Act is, taken to be a reference to the publication of the relevant notifications under section 9.

(3) Section 35 of the Act does not apply in relation to a reservation under this Act. 10

**Dedication of land**

3. (1) The land dedicated as, or as a part of, a nature reserve by this Act is, for the purposes of the Act, taken to have been so dedicated by proclamation made under section 49 (1) or (2).

(2) A reference in the Act to the publication of a proclamation under section 49 (1) or (2) of the Act is, taken to be a reference to the publication of the relevant notification or notifications under section 9. 15

(3) Section 35 of the Act does not apply in relation to a dedication under this Act.

**Declaration of wilderness areas** 20

4. (1) The land declared to be a wilderness area by this Act is, for the purposes of the Act and the Wilderness Act 1987, taken to have been so declared by notification under section 59 of the Act.

(2) The land so declared is taken to have been identified by the Director as wilderness pursuant to the Wilderness Act 1987. 25

**Existing leases under the Forestry Act 1916**

5. Section 42 (2) of the Act applies to a lease under the Forestry Act 1916, being a lease:

- (a) affecting any of the land reserved or dedicated by this Act; and
- (b) current and in force immediately before the relevant date, 30

in the same way as it applies to a licence or permit under the Forestry Act 1916 affecting land within a national park.

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6. (1) In this clause, “existing interest” means a lease, licence, permit or occupancy affecting land reserved or dedicated by this Act, and  
5 current and in force immediately before the relevant date.

(2) The administration of matters relating to existing interests, to the extent that those interests affect any such land, is (on and from the relevant date) vested in the Minister administering the Act.

(3) For the purposes of subclause (2), the Minister administering the  
10 Act is to have:

(a) in respect of existing interests under the Forestry Act 1916—the powers of the Minister administering that Act; and

(b) in respect of existing interests under the Crown Lands Act 1989—the powers of the Minister administering that Act.

15 **Revocations of dedication of State forests etc.**

7. (1) Section 10 has effect despite the provisions of the Forestry Act 1916.

(2) A revocation effected by section 10 in relation to any land does not affect anything done or omitted to be done before the relevant date.

20 **SCHEDULE 6—ENVIRONMENTAL PRESCRIPTIONS**

(Sec. 13)

**General guidelines**

1. The Director must make take all efforts to avoid issuing consents for:

- 25 (a) compartments containing a significant proportion of old growth forest; or
- (b) compartments of relatively high habitat value; or
- (c) compartments known to contain populations of threatened or endangered species; or
- 30 (d) compartments which lie within areas which are relatively unfragmented by roads or integrated harvesting; or
- (e) compartments which, if harvested, would compromise corridor values,

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but, if the Director decides to issue a consent for such a compartment, the Director must, where practicable, require the Forestry Commission to place harvesting of the area concerned at the end of the logging timetable for the period concerned in section 13.

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**Wildlife corridors in Nalbaugh and Cathcart Special Prescription Areas (as shown on maps prepared by the Forestry Commission)**

## 2. Regional scale wildlife corridors:

- (a) must have a minimum width of 700m; and
- (b) must be chosen primarily for their high conservation value; and 10
- (c) must, if possible, be a contiguous area of forest and should not contain roads or tracks; and
- (d) boundaries should be adjusted with the aim of minimising the ratio of boundary edge to area and should follow major water shed boundaries, compartment boundaries, existing tracks or major breaks in slopes; and 15
- (e) no roads or tracks should be constructed within a wildlife corridor; and
- (f) fire control lines should not be constructed within a wildlife corridor; and 20
- (g) no fuel reduction burns are to be carried out in a wildlife corridor.

**Tree retention**

## 3. For the purposes of this Schedule:

- (a) habitat trees, with the largest tree having a minimum diameter of 60cm dbh (variable with forest type) should be retained in evenly spaced clusters, with a minimum of 5 trees per cluster; and 25
- (b) each cluster must contain at least one retained tree with hollows; and
- (c) 3 clusters per hectare on average, together with associated understorey vegetation, should be retained unless varied by written consent of the Director; and 30
- (d) the clusters and their canopies must not be damaged during harvesting operations.

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SCHEDULE 6—ENVIRONMENTAL PRESCRIPTIONS—*continued***Filter strips**

4. For the purposes of this Schedule:
- 5 (a) filter strips must be a minimum of 50m on either side of a stream or where the fall into a drainage line is more than 18 degrees, and 20 metres on either side of a drainage line where the fall is not more than 18 degrees; and
- (b) filter strips must connect areas of riparian vegetation to unlogged forest on ridges; and
- 10 (c) trees must not be felled into filter strips; and
- (d) post logging fires must not damage filter strips.

**General prescriptions**

5. The Director should ensure that:
- 15 (a) fires lit to promote regeneration of logged areas must not damage or destroy adjacent unharvested areas; and
- (b) only temporary logging tracks may be constructed; and
- (c) no primary, secondary or feeder roads (class 1, 2 or 3 roads) will be constructed; and
- 20 (d) logging debris is moved away from retained clusters of trees to protect them from regeneration burns.
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