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INQUIRY INTO LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGULATIONS

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The Upper House's Regulation Committee has commenced an inquiry into the Local Land Services Amendment (Critically Endangered Ecological Communities Regulation) 2019 and the Local Land Services Amendment (Allowable Activities) Regulation 2019.

The Committee Chair, the Hon Mick Veitch MLC, said, 'This inquiry will examine the impact and the implementation of the regulations, which allow some clearing of native vegetation on regulated land in the Monaro Tableland Cool Temperate Grassy Woodland in the South Eastern Highlands Bioregion, and the Werriwa Tablelands Cool Temperate Grassy Woodland in the South Eastern Highlands and South East Corner Bioregions. These areas contain critically endangered ecological communities under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*. The regulations also allow the clearing of native vegetation to maintain water, gas and telecommunications infrastructure and to collect firewood.'

Mr Veitch continued, 'This inquiry is an opportunity for the committee to consult with impacted stakeholders and interested parties to discuss the regulations. On behalf of the committee I encourage all interested individuals, groups and organisations to make a submission to the inquiry.'

The committee is currently accepting submissions and the closing date is 15 September 2019. Further information about the inquiry, including how to make a submission and the inquiry's terms of reference, can be found on the committee's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/regulationcommittee, or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 9230 3307.

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