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INQUIRY INTO LOCAL LAND SERVICES REGULATIONS

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The Regulation Committee today tabled its report into the Local Land Services Amendment (Critically Endangered Ecological Communities Regulation) 2019 and the Local Land Services Amendment (Allowable Activities) Regulation 2019. The committee made a total of six recommendations, including that the two regulations not be disallowed.

The Committee Chair, the Hon Mick Veitch MLC, said, 'Both these regulations make specific amendments to the land management framework for native vegetation contained in the *Local Land Services Act 2013* and Local Land Services Regulation 2014. In the case of the Local Land Services Amendment (Critically Endangered Ecological Communities Regulation) 2019, the committee concluded that the regulation strengthens environmental protections for land containing the Monaro and Werriwa Critically Endangered Ecological Communities, in the absence of these communities being mapped as category 2-sensitive regulated land on the native vegetation regulatory map. In the case of the Local Land Services Amendment (Allowable Activities) Regulation 2019, the evidence demonstrated that it is aimed primarily at simply reinstating the position as it was prior to the introduction of the new land management framework in 2017.'

Mr Veitch continued, 'While the committee has recommended that these regulations not be disallowed, we also made a number of other recommendations aimed at increasing transparency, supporting landholders in conserving the Monaro and Werriwa Critically Endangered Ecological Communities through the Biodiversity Conservation Trust, and providing greater education, outreach and guidance to stakeholders.'

For further information on the inquiry, including the report, please visit the committee's website at: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/regulationcommittee.

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