

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation
Name of the proposal	<i>Nature Conservation Legislation Amendment Regulation 2025</i>
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	<i>Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020</i> <i>Nature Conservation (Plants) Regulation 2020</i> <i>Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2024</i>
Date of issue	September 2025

Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	This proposal is minor and machinery in nature, has no regulatory costs, will not add to the burden of regulation and is unlikely to result in significant adverse impacts. The changes are administrative, consequential and minor in nature, and are required as a result of amendments made under the <i>Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2025</i>. Background The <i>Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2025</i> amended the <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i> (NC Act) to— (1) ensure that the legislative framework for administering authorities is contemporary and appropriate to enable particular low-risk authorities to be automatically issued, given, granted, amended, cancelled or renewed using the department's online licensing systems; and (2) put beyond doubt that all authorities previously automatically granted under the NC Act are valid. The <i>Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020</i>, the <i>Nature Conservation (Plants) Regulation 2020</i> and the <i>Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2024</i> (Nature Conservation Regulations) set out the regulatory framework for dealing with nature conservation authorities. Amendments are required to the Nature Conservation Regulations to ensure the regulatory framework is contemporary and fit-for-purpose, and consistent with changes made under the NC Act to clarify requirements for the use of electronic systems for dealing with certain authorities automatically. Proposal The objective of the <i>Nature Conservation Legislation Amendment Regulation 2025</i> (Amendment Regulation) is to ensure authorities for low-

risk activities under the Nature Conservation Regulations can continue to be dealt with automatically through the use of an electronic system.

To meet this objective, the Amendment Regulation amends the Nature Conservation Regulations to prescribe particular authorities that may be automatically dealt with and sets out specific requirements for use of the department's online licensing systems to automatically deal with these authorities.

These changes preserve current business practice, ensuring that stakeholders remain largely unaffected by the legislation changes. This proposal does not intend to change policy intent, or have any impact on government, business or community.



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