

Native Vegetation Act 1991

Once the Biodiversity Act is fully operational, this Act will no longer exist.

National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972

Wildlife elements of this Act will move to the Biodiversity Act. This Act will then be known as the *National Parks Act 1972*.

Biodiversity Act 2025

Regulations

Regulations made under the Biodiversity Act support the Act by providing greater detail and information.

The Regulations will be developed in two stages but will ultimately be a single set of regulations known as the Biodiversity Regulations.

1. Regulations (statutory bodies)

Provides detail on the membership and procedures of the Act's supporting committees.

2. Regulations (general)

Provides detail on a range of other matters required by the Act, especially those relating to threatened species and permits for wildlife.

Biodiversity Policies

The Biodiversity Act requires certain policies to be created to support operation of the Act.

These policies will be developed in several streams, aligned with commencement of the parts of the Act they support.

Stream 1: Compliance and enforcement, civil penalties

Stream 2: Critical habitat, Biodiversity agreements, Significant environmental benefits, Environmental benefit credits

Stream 3: Aboriginal knowledges, Culturally Significant Biodiversity Entities, cultural burning, agency reporting

Biodiversity Council Guidelines

The Biodiversity Council are required to develop a suite of guidelines to support application and decision making processes for native plant clearance.

Guidelines will also be developed to govern the clearance of native plants in certain circumstances specified by the Act.

Guidelines for applications

- Applying for consent to clear
- Applying the mitigation hierarchy
- Categorising the levels of clearance
- Applying for financial assistance

Guidelines for decision making

- Decision making for consent to clear
- Assessing cumulative impacts
- Seriously at variance – principles of preservation

Guidelines for specified circumstances

- Maintenance or repair of infrastructure
- Development of infrastructure
- Road and rail reserves
- Mining exploration
- Maintenance pruning
- Works by Commissioner of Highways
- Conserving/restoring/enhancing biodiversity
- Fuel hazard reduction
- Grazing
- Maintenance of agriculture/primary production
- Plant and animal control