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Urban Forest Bill 2022

A Bill for

An Act for the protection of trees to support a sustainable urban forest, and for other purposes

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1 **Part 1 Preliminary**

2 **1 Name of Act**

3 This Act is the *Urban Forest Act 2022*.

4 **2 Commencement**

5 This Act commences on 1 July 2023.

6 *Note* The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on
7 the notification day (see [Legislation Act](#), s 75 (1)).

8 **3 Dictionary**

9 The dictionary at the end of this Act is part of this Act.

10 *Note 1* The dictionary at the end of this Act defines certain terms used in this
11 Act, and includes references (*signpost definitions*) to other terms defined
12 elsewhere.

13 For example, the signpost definition ‘*future urban area*—see the
14 [Planning and Development Act 2007](#), dictionary.’ means that the term
15 ‘future urban area’ is defined in the dictionary of that Act, and the
16 definition applies to this Act.

17 *Note 2* A definition in the dictionary (including a signpost definition) applies to
18 the entire Act unless the definition, or another provision of the Act,
19 provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears
20 (see [Legislation Act](#), s 155 and s 156 (1)).

21 **4 Notes**

22 A note included in this Act is explanatory and is not part of this Act.

23 *Note* See the [Legislation Act](#), s 127 (1), (4) and (5) for the legal status of notes.

- 1 **5 Offences against Act—application of Criminal Code etc**
- 2 Other legislation applies in relation to offences against this Act.
- 3 *Note 1 Criminal Code*
- 4 The [Criminal Code](#), ch 2 applies to all offences against this Act (see
- 5 Code, pt 2.1).
- 6 The chapter sets out the general principles of criminal responsibility
- 7 (including burdens of proof and general defences), and defines terms used
- 8 for offences to which the Code applies (eg *conduct*, *intention*,
- 9 *recklessness* and *strict liability*).
- 10 *Note 2 Penalty units*
- 11 The [Legislation Act](#), s 133 deals with the meaning of offence penalties
- 12 that are expressed in penalty units.

- 1 **Part 2** **Objects and important concepts**
- 2 **6** **Objects of Act**
- 3 The objects of this Act are—
- 4 (a) to support a resilient and sustainable urban forest that
- 5 contributes to community wellbeing in a changing climate; and
- 6 (b) to protect and enhance the urban forest by recognising its value,
- 7 including its cultural and heritage value; and
- 8 (c) to contribute to biodiversity in urban areas; and
- 9 (d) to support a target of the tree canopy covering 30% of the
- 10 Territory’s urban areas.
- 11 **7** **Meaning of *urban forest***
- 12 In this Act:
- 13 ***urban forest*** means the trees located on land in—
- 14 (a) built-up urban areas; and
- 15 (b) future urban areas; and
- 16 (c) any area that is the subject of an estate development plan.
- 17 *Note* An area of land ceases to be in a future urban area if the [territory plan](#) is
- 18 varied because of the approval of an estate development plan for the area
- 19 (see [Planning and Development Act 2007](#), s 96).

8 **Meaning of *built-up urban area***

(1) In this Act:

built-up urban area—

(a) means an area in any of the following zones identified in the [territory plan](#):

(i) residential zone (RZ);

(ii) commercial zone (CZ);

(iii) community facility zone (CFZ);

(iv) industrial zone (IZ);

(v) urban open space zone (PRZ1); and

(b) includes an area that is a road verge in either of the following zones:

(i) a zone mentioned in paragraph (a);

(ii) a transport and service zone (TSZ); but

(c) does not include the following areas:

(i) nature reserves;

(ii) an area in the hills, ridges and buffer zone (NUZ3);

(iii) rural leases.

(2) Despite the definition of ***built-up urban area***, paragraph (c), the Minister may declare an area mentioned in paragraph (c) to be a built-up urban area.

(3) A declaration is a notifiable instrument.

(4) In this section:

nature reserve means an area of public land reserved in the [territory plan](#) for a nature reserve under the [Planning and Development Act 2007](#), section 315 (c).

1 *road verge* means the area between the trafficable part of a road and
2 the boundary of a lease adjacent to the road.

3 *rural lease*—see the *Planning and Development Act 2007*,
4 section 234.

5 **9 Meaning of *protected tree***

6 In this Act:

7 *protected tree* means—

8 (a) each of the following trees located on land in built-up urban
9 areas:

10 (i) a registered tree;

11 (ii) a regulated tree;

12 (iii) a tree on public unleased land (a *public tree*); and

13 (b) a registered tree or a remnant tree located on land in—

14 (i) a future urban area; or

15 (ii) an area that is the subject of an estate development plan.

16 **10 Meaning of *registered tree***

17 In this Act:

18 *registered tree* means a tree that is registered or provisionally
19 registered under part 4 (Registration of trees).

1 **11 Meaning of *regulated tree***

2 (1) In this Act:

3 *regulated tree* means—

4 (a) a living tree on leased land that—

5 (i) is at least 8m high; or

6 (ii) has a canopy at least 8m wide; or

7 (iii) has 1 trunk that, 1.4m above natural ground level, has—

8 (A) a circumference of at least 1m; or

9 (B) a diameter of at least 318mm; or

10 (iv) has 2 or more trunks and, 1.4m above natural ground level,
11 the average circumference of the trunks is at least 625mm,
12 and—

13 (A) the sum of the circumferences of each trunk is at least
14 1m; or

15 (B) the sum of the diameters of each trunk is at least
16 318mm; or

17 (v) regardless of the size of the tree—has been planted for not
18 more than 5 years—

19 (A) under a canopy contribution agreement; or

20 (B) in accordance with a tree protection condition of a
21 development approval; or

22 (b) a dead native tree on leased land that, 1.4m above natural ground
23 level, has a trunk with—

24 (i) a circumference of at least 1.88m; or

25 (ii) a diameter of at least 600mm.

- 1 (2) However, a tree is not a regulated tree if it is—
- 2 (a) a pest plant under the *Pest Plants and Animals Act 2005*; or
- 3 (b) a registered tree.
- 4 (3) In this section:
- 5 *circumference* of a trunk—
- 6 (a) includes bark that is intact but does not include vines; and
- 7 (b) is measured using a measuring tape wrapped around the tree
- 8 meeting at 2 points.
- 9 *native plant*—see the *Nature Conservation Act 2014*, section 14.
- 10 *native tree* means a tree that is—
- 11 (a) a native plant; and
- 12 (b) at least 2m high.

13 **12 Meaning of *remnant tree***

14 In this Act:

15 *remnant tree* means a native tree that is a remnant of, or has

16 regenerated from, the original vegetation that existed on the land

17 where the tree is located.

18 **Examples**

19 *Eucalyptus blakelyi*, *Eucalyptus mannifera*, *Eucalyptus rossii*, *Eucalyptus*

20 *macrorhyncha*, *Eucalyptus melliodora*, *Eucalyptus polyanthemos*, *Eucalyptus*

21 *albens*, *Eucalyptus dives*, *Eucalyptus bridgesiana*

- 1 **13 Meaning of *protection zone* for protected tree**
- 2 (1) For this Act, the *protection zone* for a protected tree is—
- 3 (a) the area under the canopy of the tree; and
- 4 (b) the 2m wide area surrounding the vertical projection of the
- 5 canopy; and
- 6 (c) the 4m wide area surrounding the trunk as measured at 1m above
- 7 natural ground level.
- 8 (2) However, if another protection zone is defined in a tree management
- 9 plan in force for the protected tree, that protection zone is the
- 10 *protection zone* for the tree.

Part 3 Protection of trees

Division 3.1 Definitions

14 Meaning of *damage*

(1) In this Act:

damage a protected tree includes the following:

- (a) kill or destroy the tree;
- (b) poison the tree;
- (c) ringbark the tree (whether partially or completely);
- (d) fell or remove the tree;
- (e) remove a hollow from the tree;
- (f) minor damage or anything else done to or in relation to the tree that—
 - (i) is likely to cause it to die; or
 - (ii) significantly reduces its life expectancy; or
 - (iii) significantly and adversely affects its health, stability or general appearance.

Examples

- 1 damage a protected tree's trunk or canopy by means of a machine
- 2 damage a protected tree's root system by cutting or ripping its roots or compacting the soil
- 3 deface a protected tree by attaching items, such as nails or wire, to the tree or graffitiing the tree
- 4 contaminate soil around a protected tree by spilling chemicals or washing down construction products, such as cement, around the tree

1 (2) However, *damage* does not include—

2 (a) minor pruning of a regulated tree; or

3 (b) any cultural heritage practice undertaken in relation to a
4 protected tree.

5 **Example—par (b)**

6 scarring or similarly modifying a tree

7 (3) In this section:

8 *hollow* means a cavity in the trunk or branch of a tree.

9 *major pruning*, of a tree, means pruning other than lopping,
10 pollarding or minor pruning.

11 *minor damage*, to a tree, means—

12 (a) removing, cutting or breaking a branch of the tree; or

13 (b) cutting branches or stems of the tree between branch unions
14 (*lopping*); or

15 (c) removing branches of the tree to a previously pruned or lopped
16 point (*pollarding*); or

17 (d) major pruning of the tree; or

18 (e) defacing the tree.

19 *minor pruning*, of a tree, means pruning that—

20 (a) only involves removing deadwood; or

21 (b) does not involve removing any limbs that have a diameter
22 greater than 100mm; or

23 (c) does not adversely affect the general appearance of the tree; or

- 1 (d) for the first pruning of the tree in the calendar year—affects less
2 than 10% of the canopy and does not alter the overall shape of
3 the canopy; or
4 (e) for a fruit tree—is done for fruit production.

5 **15 Meaning of *prohibited groundwork***

- 6 (1) For this Act, a person does *prohibited groundwork* in the protection
7 zone for a protected tree if the person—
8 (a) contaminates the soil in the protection zone with something that
9 is poisonous to trees; or
10 (b) damages the tree's root system in the protection zone; or
11 (c) engages in conduct that would compact the soil in at least 10%
12 of the protection zone; or
13 (d) excavates to a depth greater than 100mm over an area 4m² or
14 larger, other than in cultivating the soil for horticultural
15 purposes; or
16 (e) raises the soil level by more than 100mm above the natural
17 ground level over an area 4m² or larger, other than in cultivating
18 the soil for horticultural purposes; or
19 (f) does anything else prescribed by regulation that—
20 (i) is likely to cause the tree to die; or
21 (ii) significantly reduces the tree's life expectancy; or
22 (iii) significantly and adversely affects the tree's health,
23 stability or general appearance.

24 **Examples—par (b)—damages protected tree's root system**

- 25 1 cuts or rips a protected tree's root system, whether by machine or otherwise
26 2 reduces the permeable surface around a protected tree
27 3 compacts or contaminates the soil around a protected tree

Examples—par (c)—conduct that would compact soil

- 1 park a heavy vehicle on the soil in a protected tree's protection zone
- 2 install a concrete slab or non-permeable pavers over a protected tree's protection zone
- 3 store heavy materials in a protected tree's protection zone
- 4 use a compaction machine on the soil in a protected tree's protection zone
- 5 place a shipping container in a protected tree's protection zone

Examples—pars (d) and (e)—cultivation for horticultural purposes

- 1 preparing garden beds for planting
- 2 planting trees and shrubs

(2) For this Act, a person does *prohibited groundwork* in a declared site if the person—

- (a) excavates to a depth greater than 100mm over an area 4m² or larger, other than in cultivating the soil for horticultural purposes; or
- (b) raises the soil level by more than 100mm above the natural ground level over an area 4m² or larger, other than in cultivating the soil for horticultural purposes; or
- (c) does anything else prescribed by regulation.

Examples—pars (a) and (b)—cultivation for horticultural purposes

- 1 preparing garden beds for planting
- 2 planting trees and shrubs

1 **Division 3.2 Prohibited activities**

2 **Subdivision 3.2.1 Prohibited activities—offences**

3 **16 Offences—damaging protected trees**

4 (1) A person commits an offence if—

5 (a) the person engages in conduct that damages a protected tree; and

6 (b) the person intends to damage the protected tree.

7 Maximum penalty: 500 penalty units.

8 (2) A person commits an offence if—

9 (a) the person engages in conduct that damages a protected tree; and

10 (b) the person is reckless about whether engaging in the conduct
11 would damage the protected tree.

12 Maximum penalty: 300 penalty units.

13 (3) A person commits an offence if—

14 (a) the person engages in conduct; and

15 (b) the person is reckless about whether engaging in the conduct
16 would damage a protected tree.

17 Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.

18 (4) A person commits an offence if—

19 (a) the person engages in conduct that damages a protected tree; and

20 (b) the person is negligent about whether engaging in the conduct
21 would damage the protected tree.

22 Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.

- 1 (5) A person commits an offence if the person engages in conduct that
2 damages, or is likely to damage, a protected tree.

3 Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- 4 (6) For subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4), strict liability applies to the
5 circumstance that the tree is a protected tree.

- 6 (7) An offence against subsection (5) is a strict liability offence.

7 **17 Offences—doing prohibited groundwork**

- 8 (1) A person commits an offence if—

9 (a) the person does prohibited groundwork; and

10 (b) the prohibited groundwork is done in—

11 (i) the protection zone for a protected tree; or

12 (ii) a declared site; and

13 (c) the person has intention in relation to the circumstance
14 mentioned in paragraph (b).

15 Maximum penalty: 300 penalty units.

- 16 (2) A person commits an offence if—

17 (a) the person does prohibited groundwork; and

18 (b) the prohibited groundwork is done in—

19 (i) the protection zone for a protected tree; or

20 (ii) a declared site; and

21 (c) the person is reckless in relation to the circumstance mentioned
22 in paragraph (b).

23 Maximum penalty: 200 penalty units.

- 1 (3) A person commits an offence if—
- 2 (a) the person does prohibited groundwork; and
- 3 (b) the prohibited groundwork is done in—
- 4 (i) the protection zone for a protected tree; or
- 5 (ii) a declared site; and
- 6 (c) the person is negligent in relation to the circumstance mentioned
- 7 in paragraph (b).
- 8 Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.
- 9 (4) A person commits an offence if the person does prohibited
- 10 groundwork in—
- 11 (a) the protection zone for a protected tree; or
- 12 (b) a declared site.
- 13 Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.
- 14 (5) An offence against subsection (4) is a strict liability offence.

15 **Subdivision 3.2.2 Prohibited activities—exceptions**

16 **18 Exceptions—tree damaging and prohibited groundwork**

17 **offences**

- 18 (1) Sections 16 and 17 do not apply to the following:
- 19 (a) anything done in relation to a protected tree, other than a
- 20 registered tree or a remnant tree, as part of civil infrastructure
- 21 works on unleased territory land or national land;
- 22 (b) an activity carried out by an administrative unit authorised by
- 23 the Minister under section 19;
- 24 (c) an activity approved under section 28 or section 32 that is done
- 25 in accordance with the conditions (if any) of the approval
- 26 (whether or not done by the applicant for the approval);

- 1 (d) anything done in accordance with—
- 2 (i) a tree management plan; or
- 3 (ii) a tree protection direction; or
- 4 (iii) a tree protection condition of a development approval; or
- 5 (iv) a direction under the *Plant Diseases Act 2002*, section 13
- 6 (Direction for seizure, disinfection, destruction etc of
- 7 plants etc);
- 8 (e) anything done in relation to a protected tree under—
- 9 (i) a plant pruning direction under the *Public Unleased Land*
- 10 *Act 2013*, section 31 (Direction to prune tree etc
- 11 overhanging public unleased land); or
- 12 (ii) a plant removal direction under the *Public Unleased Land*
- 13 *Act 2013*, section 34 (Direction to remove tree etc
- 14 endangering public on public unleased land);
- 15 (f) anything done in relation to a protected tree under—
- 16 (i) any of the following provisions of the *Utilities Act 2000*:
- 17 (A) section 105 (Installation of network facilities);
- 18 (B) section 106 (Maintenance of network facilities);
- 19 (C) section 231 (Installation of territory network
- 20 facilities);
- 21 (D) section 232 (Maintenance of territory network
- 22 facilities); or
- 23 (ii) a territory network protection notice given under the
- 24 *Utilities Act 2000*, section 249;

(g) anything done in relation to a protected tree under any of the following provisions of the *Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014* for protecting life or property if it is not practicable because of the urgency of the situation to obtain an approval under section 32:

(i) a network protection notice given under section 32;

(ii) section 41D (Clearance from aerial lines—vegetation);

(iii) section 41H (Maintenance of electrical infrastructure within network boundary—powers);

(iv) section 41I (Inspection of electrical infrastructure outside network boundary);

(h) anything done in the exercise or purported exercise by a relevant person of a function under the *Emergencies Act 2004* for the purpose of—

(i) protecting life or property; or

(ii) controlling, extinguishing or preventing the spread of a fire.

Note Despite the exceptions mentioned in s (1), a tree may still be protected under the *Heritage Act 2004* if the tree is a heritage tree (see dict, def *heritage tree*).

(2) In this section:

emergency controller—see the *Emergencies Act 2004*, dictionary.

relevant person means any of the following:

(a) an emergency controller;

(b) a member of the ambulance service;

(c) a member of the fire and rescue service;

(d) a member of the rural fire service;

(e) a member of the SES;

- 1 (f) any other person under the control of—
- 2 (i) an emergency controller; or
- 3 (ii) the chief officer (ambulance service); or
- 4 (iii) the chief officer (fire and rescue service); or
- 5 (iv) the chief officer (rural fire service); or
- 6 (v) the chief officer (SES);
- 7 (g) a police officer.

8 **19 Authorisation to carry out prohibited activities**

- 9 (1) The Minister may authorise an administrative unit to carry out an
- 10 activity that would or may—
- 11 (a) damage a protected tree; or
- 12 (b) be prohibited groundwork in—
- 13 (i) the protection zone for a protected tree; or
- 14 (ii) a declared site.
- 15 (2) The authorisation must state—
- 16 (a) the activity that the administrative unit may carry out; and
- 17 (b) any conditions of the authorisation.
- 18 (3) An authorisation is a disallowable instrument.

- 1 **Division 3.3** **Approved activities**
- 2 **Subdivision 3.3.1** **Approved activities—general**
- 3 **20** **Criteria for approval of activities**
- 4 (1) The Minister may determine criteria (the *approval criteria*) for
- 5 approving an activity that would or may—
- 6 (a) damage a protected tree; or
- 7 (b) be prohibited groundwork in—
- 8 (i) the protection zone for a protected tree; or
- 9 (ii) a declared site.
- 10 (2) A determination is a disallowable instrument.
- 11 **21** **Application for approval of tree damaging etc activity**
- 12 (1) A person may apply, in writing, to the decision-maker in relation to a
- 13 protected tree for approval to carry out an activity on leased land that
- 14 would or may—
- 15 (a) damage the protected tree; or
- 16 (b) be prohibited groundwork in—
- 17 (i) the protection zone for a protected tree; or
- 18 (ii) a declared site.
- 19 *Note* A tree may be protected under the *Heritage Act 2004* if the tree is a
- 20 heritage tree (see dict, def *heritage tree*).
- 21 (2) The application must include—
- 22 (a) if the protected tree is on the applicant's land—written evidence
- 23 that the applicant is the lessee of the land; or

- 1 (b) if the protected tree is on leased land other than the applicant's
2 land—written evidence, signed by the lessee of the land, that the
3 lessee agrees to—
4 (i) the application being made; and
5 (ii) the activity to be carried out; or
6 (c) if the protected tree is on the common property in a units plan—
7 written evidence, executed by the owners corporation for the
8 units plan, that the owners corporation agrees to—
9 (i) the application being made; and
10 (ii) the activity to be carried out.

11 (3) In this section:

12 *applicant's land* means the land for which the applicant is the lessee.

13 *common property*—see the *Unit Titles Act 2001*, section 13.

14 *execute*, a document by an owners corporation, means executed in a
15 way mentioned in the *Unit Titles (Management) Act 2011*,
16 section 9A.

17 *owners corporation*, for a units plan—see the *Unit Titles*
18 *(Management) Act 2011*, dictionary.

19 *units plan*—see the *Unit Titles Act 2001*, dictionary.

20 **22 Approval application—more information**

- 21 (1) The decision-maker for an application under section 21 may, by
22 written notice given to the applicant, require the applicant to give the
23 decision-maker more information or a document that the
24 decision-maker reasonably needs to decide the application, within the
25 time stated in the notice.
26 (2) If the applicant fails to comply with the requirement within the time
27 stated in the notice, the decision-maker may refuse to consider the
28 application further.

- 1 **23 Approval application—assessment of tree**
- 2 The decision-maker for an application under section 21 must, after
- 3 receiving the application, assess the tree to which the application
- 4 relates.
- 5 **Examples—assessing tree**
- 6 Assessing a tree may include assessing any of the following:
- 7 • the health, condition and structure of the tree;
- 8 • the ecological significance of the tree;
- 9 • the tree’s location, including the tree’s proximity to infrastructure, services
- 10 and construction activity;
- 11 • whether the tree is a protected tree;
- 12 • whether the tree satisfies the approval criteria.
- 13 **24 Approval application—advisory panel advice**
- 14 The decision-maker for an application under section 21 may ask the
- 15 advisory panel for advice in relation to the application.
- 16 **25 Approval application—referral to other entities**
- 17 (1) The decision-maker for an application under section 21 must, after
- 18 assessing a tree to which the application relates, give a copy of the
- 19 application to the following:
- 20 (a) if the application relates to a heritage tree—the heritage council;
- 21 (b) if the application relates to an Aboriginal cultural tree—the
- 22 heritage council and each representative Aboriginal
- 23 organisation.

1 (2) However, the decision-maker is not required to give a copy of the
2 application to an entity mentioned in subsection (1) if the
3 decision-maker is satisfied—

4 (a) that—

5 (i) the applicant has adequately consulted the entity about the
6 application not earlier than 6 months before the day the
7 application is made; and

8 (ii) the entity agrees in writing to the activity proposed in the
9 application; or

10 (b) if the entity is the heritage council—that the activity proposed
11 in the application is included in a development application given
12 to the council under the *Planning and Development Act 2007*,
13 section 148.

14 (3) A written agreement to an activity mentioned in subsection (2) (a) (ii)
15 is taken to be advice on the application received in accordance with
16 section 26.

17 **26 Approval application—time for referral entity to give**
18 **advice**

19 If an application under section 21 is given to an entity under
20 section 25, the entity must give the decision-maker the entity's advice
21 on the application not later than—

22 (a) 15 working days after the day the decision-maker gives the
23 application to the entity; or

24 (b) if a regulation prescribes a shorter period—the end of the shorter
25 period.

27 Approval application—effect of no response by heritage council

If the heritage council does not give advice in accordance with section 26 on an application given to it, the council is taken to have given advice that it supports the application.

28 Approval application—decision

(1) Within 35 working days after the day the decision-maker for an application under section 21 receives the application, the decision-maker must decide whether to approve the activity to which it relates.

(2) In working out the 35-working day period, any period when a requirement under section 22 (1) was not complied with is disregarded.

(3) However, the decision-maker may, by written notice given to the applicant, extend the period for deciding an application for a stated period if, while the decision-maker is considering the application—

(a) the tree to which the application relates is damaged; and

(b) the decision-maker is reasonably satisfied that additional time is needed to investigate the circumstances that led to the tree's damage.

Note The period for deciding an application may also be extended or suspended in extraordinary circumstances (see s 138).

(4) In making a decision on the application, the decision-maker must take into account the following:

(a) the approval criteria;

(b) the advice (if any) of the advisory panel;

(c) the advice (if any) of an entity to which the application was given under section 25;

(d) anything else the decision-maker considers relevant.

1 (5) An approval may be given subject to conditions stated in the approval.

2 (6) This section is subject to section 35 (Decision on approval
3 application—canopy contribution agreements).

4 *Note* Under s 35, if the decision-maker approves the removal of a protected
5 tree under this section, the applicant must enter into a canopy contribution
6 agreement with the decision-maker in relation to the tree's removal.

7 **29 Approval application—notice of decision**

8 (1) If the decision-maker for an application under section 21 relating to a
9 declared site approves the application, the decision-maker must give
10 written notice of the decision to the following:

11 (a) the applicant;

12 (b) the lessee of, or custodian for, the land where the site is located;

13 (c) the planning and land authority.

14 (2) If the decision-maker approves any other application made under
15 section 21, the decision-maker must give written notice of the
16 decision to the following:

17 (a) the applicant;

18 (b) the lessee of, or custodian for, the land where the tree is located;

19 (c) the lessee of, or custodian for, the land where the activity is to
20 be carried out;

21 (d) the occupier of land that—

22 (i) adjoins the land where the tree is located; and

23 (ii) is within 50m of the tree;

24 (e) if the application relates to a heritage tree—the heritage council;

25 (f) if the application relates to an Aboriginal cultural tree—the
26 heritage council and each representative Aboriginal
27 organisation.

1 (3) However, the decision-maker need not give more than 1 notice to a
2 particular person.

3 (4) The decision-maker may give written notice of the decision to anyone
4 else the decision-maker considers appropriate.

5 **30 Operation of approval**

6 (1) Subject to section 133 (Applications for internal review), an approval
7 of an application under section 21 takes effect on the date stated in
8 the notice of decision.

9 (2) The date stated in the notice must be at least 14 working days after
10 the day the notice is given to the applicant.

11 (3) Unless cancelled sooner, the approval remains in force for the period
12 stated in the approval.

13 (4) The decision-maker may, in writing, extend the approval for a stated
14 period if satisfied that the approved activity still satisfies the approval
15 criteria.

16 (5) The approval may be extended under subsection (4) even if it has
17 already ended.

18 **31 Cancellation of approval**

19 (1) The decision-maker may cancel an approval of an application under
20 section 21 if satisfied that the approved activity does not satisfy, or
21 no longer satisfies, the approval criteria.

22 (2) For an approval in relation to a declared site, the decision-maker must
23 give notice of the cancellation to the following:

24 (a) the applicant;

25 (b) the lessee of, or custodian for, the land where the site is located;

26 (c) the planning and land authority.

- 1 (3) For any other approval, the decision-maker must give notice of the
2 cancellation to the following:
- 3 (a) the applicant;
- 4 (b) the lessee of, or custodian for, the land where the tree is located;
- 5 (c) the lessee of, or custodian for, the land where the activity was
6 approved to be carried out;
- 7 (d) the occupier of land that—
- 8 (i) adjoins the land where the tree is located; and
- 9 (ii) is within 50m of the tree;
- 10 (e) if the application relates to a heritage tree—the heritage council;
- 11 (f) if the application relates to an Aboriginal cultural tree—the
12 heritage council and each representative Aboriginal
13 organisation.
- 14 (4) However, the decision-maker need not give more than 1 notice to a
15 particular person.
- 16 (5) Notice may be given orally or in writing.
- 17 (6) However, if notice is given orally, the decision-maker must give
18 written notice as soon as practicable after the oral notice is given.
- 19 (7) For subsections (2) (a) and (3) (a), it is sufficient if the decision-maker
20 sends the notice to the applicant at the address last given to the
21 decision-maker by the applicant.
- 22 (8) The decision-maker may give notice of the cancellation to anyone
23 else the decision-maker considers appropriate.
- 24 (9) Subject to section 133 (Applications for internal review), the
25 cancellation takes effect on the date stated in the written notice of
26 cancellation.
- 27 (10) The date stated in the written notice must be at least 7 working days
28 after the day the notice is given to the applicant.

- 1 **32 Approval in urgent circumstances or for minor works**
- 2 (1) A person may apply to the decision-maker in relation to a protected
- 3 tree for approval for an activity that would or may—
- 4 (a) damage the protected tree; or
- 5 (b) be prohibited groundwork in—
- 6 (i) the protection zone for the protected tree; or
- 7 (ii) a declared site.
- 8 (2) The application may be made orally or in writing.
- 9 (3) However, if the application is made orally, the applicant must make
- 10 a written application as soon as practicable after the oral application
- 11 is made.
- 12 (4) The decision-maker may approve the activity if satisfied that—
- 13 (a) the circumstances require the application to be considered
- 14 urgently; and
- 15 (b) the activity is necessary to protect the health or safety of people
- 16 or animals, or public or private property.
- 17 (5) The decision-maker may also approve an activity that is, or may be,
- 18 major pruning or prohibited groundwork in the protection zone for a
- 19 protected tree if the decision-maker is satisfied the activity will have
- 20 little or no adverse impact on the health or stability of the tree.
- 21 (6) The approval may be given orally or in writing but the decision-maker
- 22 must make a written record of any oral approval as soon as practicable
- 23 after giving it.
- 24 (7) The approval may be given subject to conditions stated in the
- 25 approval.
- 26 (8) If the application relates to a heritage tree, the decision-maker must
- 27 give written notice of the approval to the heritage council.

- 4 **major pruning**—see section 14 (3).

8 Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- 9 (2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

12 **34** Definitions—sdiv 3.3.2

13 In this subdivision:

14 **canopy contribution** means an action taken under a canopy
15 contribution agreement to counterbalance the loss of canopy coverage
16 as a result of the removal of a protected tree from the urban forest.

17 **decision-maker**, in relation to a development proposal to remove a
18 protected tree under the *Planning and Development Act 2007*, means
19 the conservator.

20 *financial settlement*, in relation to a canopy contribution
21 agreement—see section 36 (2) (b).

22 *on-site canopy contribution*, in relation to a canopy contribution
23 agreement—see section 36 (2) (a).

1 **35 Decision on approval application—canopy contribution**
2 **agreements**

3 (1) This section applies if—

4 (a) a person applies for approval to remove a protected tree under
5 section 21 (1) (a); and

6 (b) the decision-maker in relation to the protected tree approves the
7 removal of the tree under section 28.

8 (2) This section also applies if—

9 (a) a person applies under the *Planning and Development Act 2007*,
10 chapter 7 (Development approvals) for approval of a
11 development that proposes to remove a protected tree; and

12 (b) the planning and land authority approves the development
13 proposal in accordance with the *Planning and Development*
14 *Act 2007*.

15 *Note* For a simplified outline of part 6 (Development applications—
16 conservator’s advice) and the *Planning and Development Act 2007*,
17 chapter 7 (Development approvals), see s 106.

18 (3) The applicant must enter into an agreement (a ***canopy contribution***
19 ***agreement***) with the decision-maker in relation to the tree’s removal.

20 *Note* The decision-maker in relation to a development proposal to remove a
21 protected tree under the *Planning and Development Act 2007* is the
22 conservator (see s 34, def ***decision-maker***).

23 (4) However, the applicant need not enter into a canopy contribution
24 agreement if—

25 (a) the decision-maker is satisfied that—

26 (i) the tree to which the application relates is planted in a
27 group of trees and removal of the tree would benefit the
28 health of the other trees in the group; or

- 1 (ii) the circumstances of the application require the tree to be
2 removed urgently to protect the health or safety of people
3 or animals, or public or private property; or
- 4 (b) if the approval relates to a public tree—an administrative unit
5 has approved the removal of the tree at the applicant's cost; or
- 6 (c) the tree to which the approval relates is dead; or
- 7 (d) the tree to which the approval relates is subject to advice given
8 to the conservator by the heritage council or a representative
9 Aboriginal organisation under the *Heritage Act 2004*, part 10A
10 (Tree damaging activity etc).
- 11 *Note* An applicant may also apply to the decision-maker for an exemption from
12 the requirement to enter into a canopy contribution agreement (see s 39).

13 **36 Canopy contribution agreements—conditions**

- 14 (1) This section applies if a decision-maker enters into a canopy
15 contribution agreement with an applicant under section 35 in relation
16 to a protected tree.
- 17 (2) The canopy contribution agreement must state that it is subject to
18 either or both of the following conditions, as decided by the
19 decision-maker:
- 20 (a) the applicant must make a contribution (an *on-site canopy*
21 *contribution*) to the tree canopy on the land where the protected
22 tree is located;
- 23 (b) the applicant must pay an amount (a *financial settlement*) to the
24 Territory.
- 25 (3) If the canopy contribution agreement is subject to a condition that the
26 applicant make an on-site canopy contribution—
- 27 (a) the agreement must state how many trees are to be planted on
28 the land; and

- 1 (b) the on-site canopy contribution must comply with any
2 requirements prescribed by regulation.
- 3 (4) If the canopy contribution agreement is subject to a condition that the
4 applicant pay a financial settlement—
- 5 (a) the agreement must state the amount of the financial settlement
6 to be paid; and
- 7 (b) the decision-maker must take into account any matter prescribed
8 by regulation in deciding the amount.
- 9 (5) A regulation may prescribe the following, or how to work out the
10 following:
- 11 (a) for an on-site canopy contribution—the number of trees, and the
12 size of the trees, to be planted on land; and
- 13 (b) for a financial settlement—the amount to be paid.

14 **37 Canopy contribution agreements—amendment**

- 15 (1) A person who enters into a canopy contribution agreement with a
16 decision-maker in relation to a protected tree may, not later than
17 15 working days after the day the agreement is entered into, apply to
18 the decision-maker to amend a condition of the agreement to
19 change—
- 20 (a) the number of trees the person must plant on the person's land;
21 or
- 22 (b) the amount of financial settlement payable by the person under
23 the agreement.
- 24 (2) The decision-maker must, not later than 15 working days after the day
25 the decision-maker receives an application for amendment—
- 26 (a) decide whether to amend the condition; and
- 27 (b) tell the person about the decision; and

1 (c) if the decision is not to amend the condition—give reasons for
2 the decision.

3 *Note* The period for deciding an application may also be extended or
4 suspended in extraordinary circumstances (see s 138).

5 **38 Canopy contribution agreements—payment management**
6 **plans**

7 (1) If a person enters into a canopy contribution agreement with a
8 decision-maker that is subject to a condition that the person pay a
9 financial settlement, the person may apply, in writing, to the
10 decision-maker to enter into an arrangement (a *payment*
11 *management plan*) to pay the financial settlement by instalments.

12 (2) On application under subsection (1), the decision-maker must—

13 (a) approve the application; or

14 (b) refuse the application.

15 (3) The decision-maker must, within a reasonable period, give the
16 applicant written notice of—

17 (a) a decision under subsection (2); and

18 (b) for a decision under subsection (2) (a)—the period of the
19 payment management plan and the amount of each instalment;
20 and

21 (c) for a decision under subsection (2) (b)—the reasons for the
22 decision.

23 (4) A regulation may prescribe—

24 (a) the information that must be included in the application; and

25 (b) matters the decision-maker must take into account when
26 considering the application.

39 Canopy contribution agreements—exemption

- (1) An applicant under section 21 may apply to the decision-maker for an exemption from the requirement to enter into a canopy contribution agreement.
- (2) The decision-maker must, as soon as practicable after receiving an application under subsection (1), decide whether to exempt the applicant from the requirement to enter into a canopy contribution agreement.
- (3) In deciding whether to exempt the applicant, the decision-maker must consider—
 - (a) whether the applicant is disadvantaged by any social or financial hardship; and
 - (b) any matters prescribed by regulation.

40 Canopy contribution agreements—use of financial settlement amounts

An amount paid under a financial settlement must be used for 1 or more of the following purposes:

- (a) tree planting;
- (b) tree care and maintenance;
- (c) removal of trees for new plantings;
- (d) engaging or educating the community about protecting trees;
- (e) supporting the urban forest ecosystem;

Examples—par (e)

- 1 undertaking plantings and developing programs to support biodiversity
- 2 controlling erosion through nature corridor planting
- 3 removing pest plants

- (f) administering or managing canopy contribution agreements or tree bond agreements.

- 1 **41 Canopy contribution agreements—annual reporting**
- 2 A report prepared by the director-general under the *Annual Reports*
3 *(Government Agencies) Act 2004* for a financial year must include—
- 4 (a) the total amount paid under financial settlements for the year;
5 and
- 6 (b) the total amount used for a purpose mentioned in section 40 for
7 the year; and
- 8 (c) the total number of trees, and the location of each tree, agreed to
9 be planted under any on-site canopy contributions for the year;
10 and
- 11 (d) the total number of trees, and the location of each tree, approved
12 for removal under canopy contribution agreements for the year;
13 and
- 14 (e) the total number of exemptions from the requirement to enter
15 into a canopy contribution agreement, and the reason for each
16 exemption, given under section 39 for the year; and
- 17 (f) any other information prescribed by regulation.
- 18 **42 Offence—contravene canopy contribution agreement**
- 19 A person commits an offence if the person engages in conduct that
20 contravenes, or is likely to contravene, a canopy contribution
21 agreement.
- 22 Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.

1 **Division 3.4 Directions**

2 **Subdivision 3.4.1 Tree protection directions**

3 **43 Criteria for tree protection directions**

- 4 (1) The conservator may determine criteria for the giving of tree
5 protection directions.
- 6 (2) A determination is a notifiable instrument.

7 **44 Tree protection directions**

- 8 (1) A decision-maker in relation to a protected tree may give a direction
9 (a *tree protection direction*) to do or not do something to protect the
10 protected tree to—
- 11 (a) the lessee or occupier of the land where the tree is located; or
- 12 (b) anyone carrying out an activity that may affect the tree.

13 **Example**

14 to erect a fence around a tree

- 15 (2) A tree protection direction must be given in accordance with any
16 criteria determined under section 43.
- 17 (3) A tree protection direction may be given orally or in writing.
- 18 (4) However, if the direction is given orally, the decision-maker must
19 give the direction in writing as soon as practicable and not later than
20 7 days after the oral direction is given.
- 21 (5) The written direction must state the period for which it is in force.

(6) In this section:

protected tree includes a tree that has been nominated for registration under section 54, if the conservator has not—

- (a) decided whether to provisionally register the tree under section 55; or
- (b) refused to consider the nomination under section 54.

45 Tree protection directions—service

- (1) A written tree protection direction may be given to the lessee or occupier of the land where a protected tree is located by leaving it, secured conspicuously, on or at the land.
- (2) A written tree protection direction may be given to anyone carrying out an activity that may affect a protected tree by leaving it, secured conspicuously, at the place where the activity is being carried out.

46 Offence—fail to comply with tree protection direction

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person intentionally, recklessly or negligently fails to comply with a tree protection direction.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (2) This section does not apply if the person has a reasonable excuse for failing to comply with the direction.

Note The defendant has an evidential burden in relation to the matters mentioned in s (2) (see [Criminal Code](#), s 58).

47 Contravention of tree protection direction—action by authorised person

- (1) This section applies if a person fails to comply with a tree protection direction requiring the person to do something in relation to a protected tree.

- 1 (2) An authorised person, or anyone else authorised by the
2 decision-maker for the protected tree for this section, may enter the
3 land where the tree is located and—
- 4 (a) do the thing stated in the direction; or
- 5 (b) do or finish any work stated in the direction.
- 6 (3) The reasonable cost incurred by the Territory in doing anything under
7 subsection (2) is a debt owing to the Territory by the person to whom
8 the direction was given.
- 9 (4) The decision-maker must give written notice of the action proposed
10 under subsection (2) at least 1 working day before the day the action
11 is to begin to—
- 12 (a) the person given the tree protection direction; and
- 13 (b) the lessee or occupier of the land where the tree is located.
- 14 (5) The decision-maker may give written notice of the proposed action to
15 anyone else the decision-maker considers appropriate.
- 16 (6) The notice must include the following:
- 17 (a) a statement about the operation of this section;
- 18 (b) the purpose and nature of the proposed action;
- 19 (c) the time or times when the action is proposed to be taken;
- 20 (d) a statement about the obligations of the authorised person and
21 the Territory under subsection (8).
- 22 (7) A person may waive the right to all or part of the minimum period of
23 notice under subsection (4).

(8) Section 129 (Damage etc to be minimised) and section 130 (Compensation for exercise of enforcement powers) apply to any action taken under subsection (2) as if—

(a) it were the exercise of a function under part 7 (Enforcement) by an authorised person or a person assisting an authorised person; and

(b) any changes prescribed by regulation, and all other necessary changes, were made.

Subdivision 3.4.2 Tree reparation directions

48 Tree reparation directions

(1) This section applies if—

(a) a person causes damage to a protected tree; and

(b) the damage is not authorised under an approval under this Act or another territory law.

Examples—approvals that may authorise damage

1 an approval given to the person under s 28 or s 32

2 a tree management plan

3 a tree protection direction

4 a tree protection condition of a development approval

5 a direction under the *Plant Diseases Act 2002*, s 13

6 a public unleased land permit

(2) The authorised person may direct (a *tree reparation direction*) the person to—

(a) repair the damage; or

(b) if the tree is beyond repair—remove or replace the tree.

- 1 (3) A tree reparation direction must—
- 2 (a) be in writing; and
- 3 (b) identify the protected tree to which the direction relates; and
- 4 (c) describe the damage to the tree; and
- 5 (d) state the thing required to be done; and
- 6 (e) state the period for compliance with the direction.

7 **49 Offence—fail to comply with tree reparation direction**

- 8 (1) A person commits an offence if—
- 9 (a) an authorised person gives the person a tree reparation direction;
- 10 and
- 11 (b) the person fails to comply with the direction.

12 Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- 13 (2) This section does not apply if the person has a reasonable excuse for
- 14 failing to comply with the direction.

15 *Note* The defendant has an evidential burden in relation to the matters

16 mentioned in s (2) (see [Criminal Code](#), s 58).

- 17 (3) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

18 **50 Repair of damage etc by Territory**

- 19 (1) This section applies if—
- 20 (a) an authorised person gives a person a tree reparation direction;
- 21 and
- 22 (b) the person fails to comply with the direction.

- 1 (2) The director-general may—
- 2 (a) do the thing required to be done; and
- 3 (b) recover the reasonable costs of doing the thing from the person.
- 4 *Note* An amount owing under a law may be recovered as a debt in a court of
- 5 competent jurisdiction or the ACAT (see [Legislation Act](#), s 177).

1 **Part 4** **Registration of trees**

2 **Division 4.1** **Preliminary**

3 **51** **Definitions—pt 4**

4 In this part:

5 *cancellation criteria*—see section 52 (1) (b).

6 *provisional registration period*—see section 58 (1).

7 *registration criteria*—see section 52 (1) (a).

8 *restricted information* means information restricted under section 74
9 (Restricted information—Aboriginal cultural trees).

10 *site declaration*—see section 69 (2).

11 **52** **Criteria for registration and cancellation of registration**

12 (1) The Minister may determine—

13 (a) criteria (the *registration criteria*) for the registration of a tree;
14 and

15 (b) criteria (the *cancellation criteria*) for the cancellation of a tree's
16 registration.

17 (2) A determination is a disallowable instrument.

Division 4.2 Tree register

53 Tree register

- (1) The conservator must keep a register of trees (the *tree register*).
- (2) The tree register must include the following:
 - (a) for each provisionally registered tree—
 - (i) everything required to be entered in the register under section 57 (2); and
 - (ii) the tree management plan (if any) for the tree;
 - (b) for each registered tree—
 - (i) everything required to be entered in the register under section 62 (2); and
 - (ii) the tree management plan (if any) for the tree;
 - (c) for each declared site—
 - (i) a description of the area that is the declared site; and
 - (ii) the date the site declaration was made;
 - (d) the following information about any activity in relation to a provisionally registered or registered tree, or a declared site, for which an approval under division 3.3 (Approved activities) is in force:
 - (i) the approved activity;
 - (ii) any conditions to which the approval is subject;
 - (iii) the period of the approval;
 - (e) any changes to the information in the register that are necessary to keep the register up-to-date.
- (3) The tree register may also include any other information the conservator considers relevant.

- 1 (4) The conservator may correct a mistake or omission in the tree register
2 subject to any requirement prescribed by regulation.
- 3 (5) If anything required to be entered in the tree register in relation to a
4 tree is restricted information, the conservator must include a
5 statement in the register to that effect.
- 6 (6) In this section:
7 *registered tree* does not include a provisionally registered tree.

8 **Division 4.3 Registration**

9 **54 Nomination for registration**

- 10 (1) Anyone (including the conservator) may nominate a tree for
11 registration.
- 12 (2) A nomination must be—
13 (a) in writing; and
14 (b) given to the conservator.
- 15 (3) The conservator may refuse to consider a nomination if satisfied the
16 nomination is frivolous or vexatious.

17 **55 Provisional registration—decision**

- 18 (1) Within 6 months after the day the conservator receives a nomination
19 for a tree, the conservator must decide whether to provisionally
20 register the tree.
- 21 *Note* Under s 57, the conservator is required to provisionally register
22 Aboriginal cultural trees.
- 23 (2) The conservator may, by written notice given to the nominator,
24 require the nominator to give the conservator more information or a
25 document that the conservator reasonably needs to decide whether to
26 provisionally register the tree.

- 1 (3) If the nominator fails to comply with a requirement under
2 subsection (2), the conservator may refuse to consider the nomination
3 further.
- 4 (4) If the conservator requires a nominator to give more information, the
5 conservator may, by written notice given to the nominator, extend the
6 6-month period mentioned in subsection (1) by a stated period.
- 7 (5) The conservator may provisionally register a tree only if the
8 conservator is satisfied the tree satisfies the registration criteria.

9 **56 Provisional registration—notice of decision**

- 10 (1) The conservator must give written notice of a decision under
11 section 55 to—
- 12 (a) the person who nominated the tree for registration; and
- 13 (b) if the conservator decides to provisionally register the tree—
- 14 (i) the lessee of, or custodian for, the land that includes all or
15 part of the protection zone for the tree; and
- 16 (ii) for a heritage tree—the heritage council.
- 17 (2) However, the conservator need not give more than 1 notice to a
18 particular person.
- 19 (3) The conservator may give written notice of the decision to anyone
20 else the conservator considers appropriate.
- 21 (4) The conservator must also give public notice of a decision.
- 22 (5) A notice under this section must include—
- 23 (a) enough information to allow the tree to be identified; and
- 24 (b) a statement to the effect that any comments on the tree's
25 proposed registration may be given to the conservator on or
26 before the closing date stated in the notice.

- (6) The closing date must be at least 21 working days after the day public notice is given under subsection (4).

57 Provisional registration

- (1) This section applies to a tree if—
- (a) it is an Aboriginal cultural tree; or
 - (b) for a tree other than an Aboriginal cultural tree—the conservator decides to provisionally register the tree.

- (2) The conservator must provisionally register the tree by entering the following information in the tree register:

- (a) enough information to allow the tree to be identified;

Note Information about the location or nature of an Aboriginal cultural tree is restricted information unless the conservator declares in writing that it is not (see s 74).

- (b) if practicable, the tree's botanical name and any relevant horticultural information;

- (c) a description of the protection zone for the tree;

- (d) an indication that the registration is provisional;

- (e) the period of the provisional registration.

- (3) The conservator must give written notice of provisional registration of an Aboriginal cultural tree to the heritage council and each representative Aboriginal organisation.

58 Provisional registration—period

- (1) A tree is provisionally registered for a period of 1 year beginning on the day the tree is provisionally registered (the *provisional registration period*).

- 1 (2) However, the provisional registration period ends if, within the
2 year—
3 (a) the tree is registered; or
4 (b) the conservator decides not to register the tree and either—
5 (i) the appeal period for the decision has ended and no appeal
6 has been made; or
7 (ii) any appeal has been finally decided and is unsuccessful.
8 *Note* A provisional registration period may also be extended by the conservator
9 under s 59 (3) or s 60 (4).
10 (3) The conservator may provisionally register a tree more than once.
11 (4) For subsection (3), another nomination under section 54 is not
12 needed.

13 **59 Consultation on proposed registration**

- 14 (1) After making a decision under section 55, the conservator must ask
15 the following for advice in relation to the tree's proposed registration:
16 (a) the advisory panel;
17 (b) for a heritage tree—the heritage council;
18 (c) for an Aboriginal cultural tree—the heritage council and each
19 representative Aboriginal organisation.
20 (2) The conservator may ask any other person to give the conservator
21 advice, information or a document that the conservator reasonably
22 needs to decide whether to register the tree.
23 (3) The conservator may, by written notice, extend a tree's provisional
24 registration period by a stated period if an entity mentioned in this
25 section reasonably needs more time to give the conservator the
26 entity's advice, information or a document.

- 1 **60 Registration—decision**
- 2 (1) The conservator must decide whether to register a provisionally
- 3 registered tree by the end of the tree’s provisional registration period.
- 4 (2) The conservator may, by written notice given to the person who
- 5 nominated the tree for registration, require the nominator to give the
- 6 conservator more information or a document that the conservator
- 7 reasonably needs to decide whether to register the tree.
- 8 (3) If the nominator fails to comply with a requirement under
- 9 subsection (2), the conservator may refuse to further consider
- 10 whether to register the tree.
- 11 (4) If the conservator requires a nominator to give more information, the
- 12 conservator may, by written notice given to the nominator, extend the
- 13 tree’s provisional registration period by a stated period.
- 14 (5) In deciding whether to register the tree, the conservator must take into
- 15 account—
- 16 (a) any advice on the proposed registration given to the conservator
- 17 by the advisory panel, the heritage council or any representative
- 18 Aboriginal organisation; and
- 19 (b) any comments received on the proposed registration on or
- 20 before the closing date stated in the notice under section 56.
- 21 (6) The conservator may register the tree only if the conservator is
- 22 satisfied the tree satisfies the registration criteria.
- 23 **61 Registration—notice of decision**
- 24 (1) The conservator must give written notice of a decision under
- 25 section 60 to the following:
- 26 (a) the person who nominated the tree for registration;
- 27 (b) the lessee of, or custodian for, the land where the tree is located;

- 1 (c) if the tree is on leased land—the occupier of, or custodian for,
2 land that—
- 3 (i) adjoins the land where the tree is located; and
4 (ii) is within 50m of the tree;
- 5 (d) anyone who gave the conservator—
- 6 (i) written comments about the proposed registration; and
7 (ii) contact details for notification of the conservator’s
8 decision;
- 9 (e) if the heritage council gave advice on the proposed
10 registration—the heritage council;
- 11 (f) if a representative Aboriginal organisation gave advice on the
12 proposed registration—the representative Aboriginal
13 organisation;
- 14 (g) the registrar-general.
- 15 (2) However, the conservator need not give more than 1 notice to a
16 particular person.
- 17 (3) The conservator may give written notice of the decision to anyone
18 else the conservator considers appropriate.
- 19 (4) If the decision is to register the tree, the conservator must also give
20 public notice of the decision.
- 21 (5) A notice under this section must not include restricted information.

- 1 **62 Registration**
- 2 (1) This section applies if—
- 3 (a) the conservator decides to register a tree; and
- 4 (b) either—
- 5 (i) the appeal period for the decision has ended and no appeal
- 6 has been made; or
- 7 (ii) any appeal has been finally decided and is unsuccessful.
- 8 (2) The conservator must register the tree by entering the following
- 9 information in the tree register:
- 10 (a) a photograph or other image of the tree;
- 11 (b) the tree's location;
- 12 (c) the tree's botanical name and any relevant horticultural
- 13 information;
- 14 (d) a description of the protection zone for the tree;
- 15 (e) a statement about the tree's significance.

16 **Division 4.4 Cancellation of registration—**

17 **generally**

- 18 **63 Proposal for cancellation of registration**
- 19 (1) Anyone (including the conservator) may propose that a tree's
- 20 registration be cancelled.
- 21 (2) A proposal must be—
- 22 (a) in writing; and
- 23 (b) given to the conservator.
- 24 (3) The conservator may refuse to consider a proposal if satisfied the
- 25 proposal is frivolous or vexatious.

64 Notice of proposed cancellation of registration

- (1) Before considering a proposal to cancel a tree's registration, the conservator must give written notice of the proposed cancellation to the following:
 - (a) the person who proposed the cancellation;
 - (b) the lessee of, or custodian for, the land where the tree is located;
 - (c) if the tree is on leased land—the occupier of land that—
 - (i) adjoins the land where the tree is located; and
 - (ii) is within 50m of the tree.
- (2) However, the conservator need not give more than 1 notice to a particular person.
- (3) The conservator may give written notice of the proposed cancellation to anyone else the conservator considers appropriate.
- (4) The conservator must also give public notice of the proposed cancellation.
- (5) A notice under this section must include—
 - (a) an indication of whether the conservator is satisfied that the proposed cancellation is likely to satisfy the cancellation criteria; and
 - (b) if the conservator considers there may be grounds for making a site declaration in relation to the cancellation—an indication of that fact; and
 - (c) a statement to the effect that any comments about the proposed cancellation may be given to the conservator by the closing date stated in the notice.
- (6) The closing date must be at least 21 working days after the day public notice is given under subsection (4).
- (7) A notice under this section must not include restricted information.

- 1 **65 Consultation on proposed cancellation of registration**
- 2 (1) After giving notice under section 64, the conservator must ask the
- 3 advisory panel for advice in relation to the proposed cancellation and
- 4 any proposed site declaration.
- 5 (2) The conservator must also ask the following for advice in relation to
- 6 the proposed cancellation:
- 7 (a) for a heritage tree—the heritage council;
- 8 (b) for an Aboriginal cultural tree—the heritage council and each
- 9 representative Aboriginal organisation.
- 10 **66 Cancellation of registration etc—decision**
- 11 (1) Within 6 months after the day the conservator gives public notice of
- 12 a proposed cancellation of a tree’s registration under section 64 (4),
- 13 the conservator must decide whether to cancel the tree’s registration.
- 14 (2) In deciding whether to cancel the tree’s registration (and whether to
- 15 make a site declaration in relation to the cancellation), the conservator
- 16 must take into account—
- 17 (a) any advice on the proposed cancellation or site declaration given
- 18 to the conservator by the advisory panel, the heritage council or
- 19 any representative Aboriginal organisation; and
- 20 (b) any comments received on the proposed cancellation or site
- 21 declaration on or before the closing date stated in the notice
- 22 under section 64.
- 23 (3) The conservator may cancel the tree’s registration only if the
- 24 conservator is satisfied the cancellation satisfies the cancellation
- 25 criteria.

67 Cancellation of registration—notice of decision

- (1) The conservator must give written notice of a decision under section 66 to the following:
- (a) the person who proposed the cancellation;
 - (b) the lessee of, or custodian for, the land where the tree is located;
 - (c) if the tree is on leased land—the occupier of land that—
 - (i) adjoins the land where the tree is located; and
 - (ii) is within 50m of the tree;
 - (d) anyone who gave the conservator—
 - (i) written comments about the proposed cancellation of registration; and
 - (ii) contact details for notification of the conservator's decision;
 - (e) if the heritage council gave advice on the proposed cancellation—the heritage council;
 - (f) if a representative Aboriginal organisation gave advice on the proposed registration—the representative Aboriginal organisation.
- (2) However, the conservator need not give more than 1 notice to a particular person.
- (3) The conservator may give written notice of the decision to anyone else the conservator considers appropriate.
- (4) If the decision is to cancel the registration, the conservator must also give public notice of the decision.
- (5) A notice under this section must not include restricted information.

1 **68 Cancellation of registration**

- 2 (1) This section applies if—
- 3 (a) the conservator decides to cancel a tree's registration; and
- 4 (b) either—
- 5 (i) the appeal period for the decision has ended and no appeal
- 6 has been made; or
- 7 (ii) any appeal has been finally decided and is unsuccessful.
- 8 (2) The conservator must cancel the tree's registration by removing the
- 9 entry about the tree from the tree register.
- 10 (3) However, if the conservator makes a site declaration in relation to the
- 11 tree, the entry about the tree must remain in the register while the site
- 12 declaration is in force but must include a statement that the tree's
- 13 registration has been cancelled.

14 **69 Site declarations**

- 15 (1) This section applies if—
- 16 (a) a registered tree is damaged by conduct other than conduct
- 17 mentioned in section 18 (1); and
- 18 (b) if the tree's registration is cancelled after the damage happens—
- 19 the conservator is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the
- 20 cancellation is reasonably attributable to the damage caused by
- 21 the conduct.
- 22 (2) The conservator may declare the following areas to be a declared site
- 23 (a *site declaration*):
- 24 (a) for a registered tree—the protection zone for the tree;
- 25 (b) if the tree's registration is cancelled—the area that was the
- 26 protection zone for the tree immediately before the registration
- 27 was cancelled.

- 1 (3) A site declaration is a notifiable instrument.
- 2 (4) Also, the conservator—
- 3 (a) must give written notice of the site declaration to—
- 4 (i) the lessee of the land where the tree is located; and
- 5 (ii) the planning and land authority; and
- 6 (b) may give written notice of the site declaration to anyone else the
- 7 conservator considers appropriate.
- 8 (5) A site declaration has effect for—
- 9 (a) at least 5 years; or
- 10 (b) if a longer period is stated in the declaration—the longer period.

11 **Division 4.5 Cancellation of registration—natural**

12 **death of tree**

13 **70 Cancellation of registration of dead tree**

- 14 (1) If the conservator is satisfied on reasonable grounds that a registered
- 15 tree has died of natural causes, the conservator may cancel the tree's
- 16 registration.
- 17 (2) Division 4.4 does not apply to the cancellation.

18 **71 Cancellation of registration of dead tree—notice**

- 19 (1) The conservator must give written notice of a decision under
- 20 section 70 to the following:
- 21 (a) the lessee of, or custodian for, the land where the tree is located;
- 22 (b) if the tree is on leased land—the occupier of land that—
- 23 (i) adjoins the land where the tree is located; and
- 24 (ii) is within 50m of the tree.

- 1 (2) However, the conservator need not give more than 1 notice to a
2 particular person.
- 3 (3) The conservator may give written notice of the decision to anyone
4 else the conservator considers appropriate.
- 5 (4) The conservator must also give public notice of the decision.
- 6 (5) A notice under this section must not include restricted information.

7 **72 Cancellation of registration of dead tree—tree register**

8 If the conservator cancels a tree's registration under section 70, the
9 conservator must remove the entry about the tree from the tree
10 register.

11 **Division 4.6 Restricted information**

12 **73 Application—div 4.6**

13 This division applies to an Aboriginal cultural tree that—
14 (a) is registered; or
15 (b) has been nominated for registration.

16 **74 Restricted information—Aboriginal cultural trees**

- 17 (1) Information about the location or nature of an Aboriginal cultural tree
18 is restricted information unless the conservator declares in writing
19 that it is not.
- 20 (2) Before making a declaration under subsection (1), the conservator
21 must ask each representative Aboriginal organisation for advice in
22 relation to the proposed declaration.
- 23 (3) The conservator must take reasonable steps to give a copy of the
24 declaration to the following:
- 25 (a) the person who nominated the tree for registration;

- 1 (b) the lessee or occupier of, or custodian for, the land where the
2 tree is located;
- 3 (c) the heritage council;
- 4 (d) each representative Aboriginal organisation.

5 **75 Offence—disclose restricted information without**
6 **approval**

- 7 (1) A person commits an offence if the person—
- 8 (a) discloses restricted information about an Aboriginal cultural tree
9 to another person; and
- 10 (b) knows that the information is restricted information.
- 11 Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- 12 (2) This section does not apply if the disclosure is—
- 13 (a) in accordance with an approval under section 76; or
- 14 (b) for the exercise of a function under this Act or another territory
15 law; or
- 16 (c) by an Aboriginal person to another Aboriginal person.

17 *Note* The defendant has an evidential burden in relation to the matters
18 mentioned in s (2) (see [Criminal Code](#), s 58).

19 **76 Approval to disclose restricted information**

- 20 (1) A person may apply, in writing, to the conservator for approval to
21 disclose restricted information about an Aboriginal cultural tree to
22 another person.
- 23 (2) An application must—
- 24 (a) identify the restricted information proposed to be disclosed; and
25 (b) state the reason for the disclosure; and

- 1 (c) state the nature of the disclosure, including the person to whom
2 it would be disclosed.
- 3 (3) The conservator may, by written notice given to the applicant,
4 approve the disclosure of restricted information about the tree if
5 satisfied that the disclosure will not have a substantial adverse effect
6 on the values for which the tree is or may be registered.
- 7 (4) Before approving the disclosure of restricted information about an
8 Aboriginal cultural tree, the conservator must ask the following for
9 advice in relation to the proposed disclosure:
- 10 (a) each representative Aboriginal organisation;
11 (b) the heritage council.
- 12 **77 Limited access to restricted information—land for sale**
- 13 (1) This section applies if—
- 14 (a) land is offered for sale; and
15 (b) an Aboriginal cultural tree is located on the land; and
16 (c) there is restricted information about the tree; and
17 (d) an interested person for the land applies to the conservator for
18 access to any restricted information about the tree that relates to
19 the conservation and use of the land.
- 20 (2) The conservator may give the applicant—
- 21 (a) the restricted information sought; and
22 (b) a written explanation about the operation of this part.
- 23 (3) The conservator must ask each representative Aboriginal organisation
24 for advice in relation to the proposed disclosure before giving the
25 applicant the restricted information.

- 1 (4) In this section:
- 2 *interested person*—each of the following is an *interested person* for
- 3 land where an Aboriginal cultural tree is located:
- 4 (a) someone considering buying an interest in the land;
- 5 (b) the person who nominated the tree for registration;
- 6 (c) the lessee of, or custodian for, the land where the tree is located;
- 7 (d) the heritage council;
- 8 (e) each representative Aboriginal organisation.

Part 5 Management of trees

Division 5.1 Tree management plans

78 Tree management plans—proposal or application

(1) The conservator may, on the conservator's own initiative, propose a plan (a *tree management plan*) for a registered tree that may—

(a) provide for activities that may be carried out in relation to the tree; and

(b) include conditions about how the activities are to be carried out.

Note Anything done in relation to a protected tree in accordance with a tree management plan for the tree is an exception to the offences under sdiv 3.2.1 (Prohibited activities—offences) (see s 18 (1) (d) (i)).

(2) The following may apply, in writing, to the conservator for a tree management plan:

(a) for a registered tree on public unleased land—the custodian for the land where the tree is located;

(b) for a protected tree on leased land—

(i) the lessee of the land where the tree is located; or

(ii) anyone else.

(3) For subsection (2) (b) (ii), the application must include written evidence from the lessee of the land where the tree is located that the lessee is aware of the application.

(4) The conservator may refuse to consider an application if satisfied that an adequate tree management plan is already in force for the tree.

Note If the planning and land authority approves a development application that relates to a regulated tree, the authority may also approve a tree management plan for the tree under the *Planning and Development Act 2007*, s 162 (6).

79 Tree management plans—more information for application

- (1) The conservator may, by written notice given to the applicant, require the applicant to give the conservator more information or a document that the conservator reasonably needs to decide the application.
- (2) If the applicant fails to comply with a requirement under subsection (1), the conservator may refuse to consider the application further.

80 Tree management plans—assessment of tree

If the conservator proposes, or receives an application for, a tree management plan, the conservator must assess the tree to which the proposal or application relates.

Examples—assessing tree

Assessing a tree may include assessing any of the following:

- the health, condition and structure of the tree;
- the ecological significance of the tree;
- the tree's location, including the tree's proximity to infrastructure, services and construction activity;
- whether the tree is a protected tree.

81 Tree management plans—advisory panel advice on proposal or application

The conservator may ask the advisory panel for advice in relation to the proposal or application.

82 Tree management plans—referral of proposal or application to other entities

- (1) This section applies if the conservator—
 - (a) assesses a tree to which a proposal or application for approval of a tree management plan relates; and
 - (b) is satisfied that the tree requires a tree management plan.

- 1 (2) The conservator must give a copy of the proposal or application to the
2 following:
- 3 (a) if the proposal or application relates to a heritage tree—
4 the heritage council;
- 5 (b) if the proposal or application relates to an Aboriginal cultural
6 tree—the heritage council and each representative Aboriginal
7 organisation.
- 8 (3) However, the conservator is not required to give a copy of the
9 application to an entity mentioned in subsection (2) if the conservator
10 is satisfied—
- 11 (a) that—
- 12 (i) the applicant has adequately consulted the entity about the
13 application not earlier than 6 months before the day the
14 application is made; and
- 15 (ii) the entity agrees in writing to the activity proposed in the
16 application; or
- 17 (b) if the entity is the heritage council—that the activity proposed
18 in the application is included in a development application given
19 to the council under the *Planning and Development Act 2007*,
20 section 148.
- 21 (4) A written agreement to an activity mentioned in subsection (3) (a) (ii)
22 is taken to be advice on the application received in accordance with
23 section 83.

83 Tree management plans—time for referral entity to give advice

If a copy of a proposal or application is given to an entity under section 82, the entity must give the conservator the entity's advice on the proposal or application not later than—

- (a) 25 working days after the day the conservator gives the proposal or application to the entity; or
- (b) if a regulation prescribes a shorter period—the end of the shorter period.

84 Tree management plans—effect of no response by heritage council

If the heritage council does not give advice in accordance with section 83 on a proposal or application given to it, the heritage council is taken to have given advice that it supports the proposal or application.

85 Tree management plans—decision

- (1) If the conservator proposes, or receives an application for, a tree management plan, the conservator must decide whether to approve the plan.
- (2) For an application for a tree management plan, the conservator must make the decision within 40 working days after the day the conservator receives the application.
- (3) In working out the 40-working day period, any period when a requirement under section 79 (1) was not complied with is disregarded.

Note The period for deciding an application may also be extended or suspended in extraordinary circumstances (see s 138).

(4) In making the decision, the conservator must take into account the following:

- (a) the guidelines determined under section 88;
- (b) the advice (if any) of the advisory panel;
- (c) the advice (if any) of an entity to which the proposal or application was given under section 82;
- (d) anything else the conservator considers relevant.

(5) A tree management plan may be approved subject to a condition.

Example—condition

a tree management plan must include landscape treatments, such as understory planting, mulching and irrigation, to protect and nurture a tree

(6) If the conservator approves a tree management plan for a registered tree, the conservator must include details of the plan in the tree register.

86 Tree management plans—notice of decision

(1) The conservator must give written notice of the decision on a tree management plan to the applicant (if any).

(2) If the decision is to approve the tree management plan, the conservator must also give written notice of the decision to the following:

- (a) the lessee of, or custodian for, the land where the tree is located;
- (b) if the tree is on leased land—the occupier of land that—
 - (i) adjoins the land where the tree is located; and
 - (ii) is within 50m of the tree;
- (c) for a heritage tree—the heritage council;
- (d) for an Aboriginal cultural tree—the heritage council and each representative Aboriginal organisation.

1 (3) However, the conservator need not give more than 1 notice to a
2 particular person.

3 (4) The conservator may give written notice of the decision to anyone
4 else the conservator considers appropriate.

5 **87 Tree management plans—operation**

6 Subject to section 133 (Applications for internal review), a tree
7 management plan takes effect on the date the conservator approves
8 the tree management plan.

9 **88 Tree management plans—guidelines**

10 (1) The conservator may make guidelines for tree management plans.

11 (2) The guidelines may set out things that must or may be included in a
12 tree management plan.

13 *Note* The guidelines may apply, adopt or incorporate an instrument as in force
14 from time to time (see s 142).

15 (3) A guideline is a notifiable instrument.

16 **89 Tree management plans—doing groundwork in
17 protection zone**

18 (1) An entity providing a utility service must provide a tree management
19 plan to the conservator before starting any groundwork in—

20 (a) the protection zone for a protected tree; or

21 (b) a declared site.

22 (2) In this section:

23 *utility service*—see the *Utilities Act 2000*, dictionary.

- 1 **90 Offence—contravene tree management plan**
- 2 (1) A person commits an offence if the person engages in conduct that
- 3 contravenes, or is likely to contravene, a tree management plan.
- 4 Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.
- 5 (2) This section does not apply if the person has a reasonable excuse for
- 6 contravening the tree management plan.
- 7 *Note* The defendant has an evidential burden in relation to the matters
- 8 mentioned in s (2) (see [Criminal Code](#), s 58).
- 9 (3) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

10 **Division 5.2 Tree bonds**

11 **91 Definitions—div 5.2**

12 In this division:

13 *public unleased land permit*—see the [Public Unleased Land](#)

14 [Act 2013](#), section 40.

15 *tree bond agreement*—see section 92 (2).

16 **92 Tree bonds and tree bond agreements**

- 17 (1) This section applies if—
- 18 (a) any of the following have been proposed or applied for, or are
- 19 in force:
- 20 (i) a tree management plan;
- 21 (ii) a public unleased land permit;
- 22 (iii) a tree protection condition of a development approval; and

- 1 (b) a decision-maker in relation to a protected tree is satisfied on
2 reasonable grounds that the tree is at risk of damage because of
3 an activity to be carried out for the plan, permit or development
4 mentioned in paragraph (a).

5 **Examples—activities that may be carried out**
6 demolition, excavation, construction

- 7 (2) The decision-maker may require the applicant for the plan, permit or
8 development mentioned in subsection (1) (a) to enter into an
9 agreement (a *tree bond agreement*) with the Territory to—

10 (a) protect the protected tree from damage while carrying out any
11 activity for the plan, permit or development; and

12 (b) pay the Territory a bond (a *tree bond*) as security for the
13 performance of the obligation to protect the protected tree.

- 14 (3) The decision-maker may, by written notice given to the applicant,
15 require the applicant to give the decision-maker any document or
16 other thing prescribed by regulation before the agreement is entered
17 into.

- 18 (4) The applicant must not carry out any activity for a plan, permit or
19 development mentioned in subsection (1) (a) before entering into a
20 tree bond agreement.

21 **93 Tree bond agreements—form and period**

- 22 (1) A tree bond agreement must—

23 (a) be in writing; and

24 (b) be signed by both parties to the agreement; and

25 (c) state the amount of tree bond for the agreement.

- 1 (2) A tree bond agreement has effect—
- 2 (a) on the date it is signed; and
- 3 (b) for the period decided by the decision-maker and stated in the
- 4 agreement, unless ended earlier in accordance with section 95.
- 5 (3) For subsection (2) (b), the end of the period must not be more than
- 6 3 years after the day any activity carried out under a plan or permit
- 7 mentioned in section 92 (1) (a) is completed.
- 8 (4) A tree bond agreement may be amended in writing by the parties,
- 9 including by extending the period of the agreement.
- 10 (5) A regulation may prescribe—
- 11 (a) the amount of a tree bond; and
- 12 (b) matters the decision-maker must or may take into account when
- 13 deciding—
- 14 (i) a tree bond amount; or
- 15 (ii) the period for which a tree bond has effect.

16 **94 Tree bond agreements—guidelines**

- 17 (1) The Minister may make guidelines for tree bond agreements.
- 18 (2) The guidelines may set out—
- 19 (a) documents that must be given to the decision-maker before
- 20 entering into a tree bond agreement; and
- 21 (b) the rights and responsibilities of parties to a tree bond
- 22 agreement; and
- 23 (c) any other requirement for a tree bond agreement.
- 24 *Note* The guidelines may apply, adopt or incorporate an instrument as in force
- 25 from time to time (see s 142).
- 26 (3) A guideline is a notifiable instrument.

95 Tree bonds—release

- (1) The amount of a tree bond paid by a person under a tree bond agreement must be refunded to the person as soon as practicable after the tree bond agreement ends if—
- (a) an authorised person has inspected the tree; and
 - (b) the decision-maker is satisfied on reasonable grounds that—
 - (i) the tree is in good health; and
 - (ii) there is no sign of damage to the tree; and
 - (iii) the person has not engaged in conduct that contravenes the tree bond agreement.
- (2) The tree bond agreement may end earlier than the date stated in the agreement if—
- (a) the parties agree to the agreement ending at an earlier date (the *earlier end date*); and
 - (b) an authorised person has inspected the tree and is satisfied that—
 - (i) the tree is in good health; and
 - (ii) there is no sign of any damage to the tree; and
 - (iii) the person has not engaged in conduct that contravenes the tree bond agreement.
- (3) However, the earlier end date must be at least 6 months after the day any activity carried out under a plan or permit mentioned in section 92 (1) (a) is completed.

96 Tree bonds—refusal to release

- (1) This section applies if—
- (a) a tree bond agreement has ended; and
 - (b) an authorised person has inspected the tree; and

- 1 (c) the decision-maker is satisfied on reasonable grounds that—
2 (i) the tree—
3 (A) is not in good health; or
4 (B) has been damaged; and
5 (ii) the tree's ill health or damage was likely caused by a failure
6 of the person to comply with the tree bond agreement; or
7 (iii) the person under the tree bond agreement has engaged in
8 conduct that contravenes the tree bond agreement.
- 9 (2) The decision-maker may do either or both of the following:
10 (a) ask the person to do something to restore the tree;
11 (b) refuse to refund part or all of the amount of the tree bond to the
12 person.
- 13 (3) If the decision-maker asks the person to do something to restore the
14 tree and the person fails to satisfactorily do the thing, the
15 decision-maker may refuse to refund all or part of the total amount of
16 the tree bond to the person.

17 **Division 5.3 Tree advisory panel**

18 **97 Advisory panel—establishment**

19 The Tree Advisory Panel is established.

20 **98 Advisory panel—appointment of members**

- 21 (1) The Minister must appoint the members of the advisory panel.

22 *Note 1* For laws about appointments, see the [Legislation Act](#), pt 19.3.

23 *Note 2* Certain Ministerial appointments require consultation with an Assembly
24 committee and are disallowable (see [Legislation Act](#), div 19.3.3).

- 1 (2) Each member must be appointed for—
2 (a) at least 1 year; but
3 (b) not longer than 4 years.
4 (3) A panel member's conditions of appointment are the conditions stated
5 in the appointment, subject to any determination under the
6 [Remuneration Tribunal Act 1995](#).

7 **99 Advisory panel—membership**

- 8 (1) The tree advisory panel must have at least 3 members.
9 (2) The Minister must ensure that—
10 (a) each member of the advisory panel has extensive knowledge of
11 and experience in 1 or more of the following fields:
12 (i) arboriculture;
13 (ii) forestry;
14 (iii) horticulture; and
15 (b) at least 1 member has extensive knowledge of and experience in
16 arboriculture or forestry; and
17 (c) the members between them include people with extensive
18 knowledge of and experience in at least 2 fields mentioned in
19 paragraph (a).

20 **100 Advisory panel—functions**

- 21 The advisory panel has the following functions:
22 (a) to give any advice requested by the conservator, including
23 advice on the following:
24 (i) an application for approval of an activity under
25 division 3.3;

- 1 (ii) an application for approval of a tree management plan
2 under division 5.1;
- 3 (iii) the proposed registration of a tree;
- 4 (iv) the proposed cancellation of a tree's registration;
- 5 (v) an application for review of a decision under section 134;
- 6 (b) to give other advice to the conservator on anything relevant to
7 the conservator's functions in relation to tree protection.

8 **101 Advisory panel—ending appointments**

9 The Minister may, by written notice to a member of the advisory
10 panel, end the member's appointment for—

- 11 (a) misbehaviour; or
- 12 (b) physical or mental incapacity, if the incapacity substantially
13 affects the exercise of the member's functions; or
- 14 (c) contravening section 102.

15 **102 Advisory panel—disclosure of members interests**

- 16 (1) If a member of the advisory panel has a material interest in an issue
17 in relation to which the advisory panel has been asked to advise the
18 conservator, the member or advisory panel must disclose the nature
19 of the interest to the conservator as soon as practicable after the
20 member or the advisory panel becomes aware of the relevant facts.
- 21 (2) The member must not advise, or further advise, the conservator in
22 relation to the issue, unless the conservator directs otherwise.
- 23 (3) Within 14 working days after the end of each financial year, the
24 conservator must give the Minister a statement of any disclosure of
25 interest made under this section, and any direction given by the
26 conservator, during the financial year.

(4) In this section:

material interest—an advisory panel member has a ***material interest*** in an issue if the member has—

- (a) a direct or indirect financial interest in the issue; or
- (b) a direct or indirect interest of any other kind if the interest could conflict with the proper exercise of the advisory panel's functions in relation to advising the conservator about the issue.

103 Advisory panel—procedures

A regulation may prescribe procedures of the advisory panel, including how decisions are made by the panel.

Examples—what a regulation may prescribe

- 1 the quorum at meetings of the advisory panel
- 2 who is to preside at meetings of the advisory panel
- 3 how questions are to be resolved at meetings of the advisory panel

104 Advisory panel—delegation

The advisory panel may delegate any of its functions to a member of the advisory panel in accordance with any requirement prescribed by regulation.

Note For laws about delegations, see the [Legislation Act](#), pt 19.4.

1 **Part 6** **Development applications—**
2 **conservator's advice**

3 **105** **Meaning of *development*—pt 6**

4 In this part:

5 ***development*** means a proposed development to which an application
6 for development approval under the *Planning and Development*
7 *Act 2007*, chapter 7 applies.

8 **106** **Simplified outline—pt 6**

9 The following notes provide a simplified outline of this part and the
10 *Planning and Development Act 2007*, chapter 7 (Development
11 approvals).

12 *Note 1* *Conservator to be given copy of development application*

13 The planning and land authority may be required to give the conservator
14 a copy of each development application for a development proposal in
15 the merit or impact track (see *Planning and Development Act 2007*,
16 s 148). This requirement does not apply to a development application for
17 a development proposal in the code track (see *Planning and Development*
18 *Act 2007*, s 117 (c)).

19 *Note 2* *Conservator to give advice on application*

20 The conservator gives advice to the planning and land authority in
21 relation to the development and tree protection (see s 107 and s 108)
22 (see also *Planning and Development Act 2007*, s 149 to s 151A).

23 *Note 3* *Conservator's advice to be considered*

24 The conservator's advice is to be considered by the planning and land
25 authority (or the Minister) in approving or refusing to approve a
26 development application (see *Planning and Development Act 2007*,
27 s 120 (f) and s 129 (f)).

Note 4 Development approvals

A development approval that is inconsistent with the conservator's advice in relation to a registered tree or declared site must not be given (see [Planning and Development Act 2007](#), s 119 (1) (c) and (3) and s 128 (1) (b) (iii) and (5)).

However, for a development proposal in the merit track that is related to light rail, the conservator's advice in relation to a registered tree or declared site need not be followed in certain circumstances (see [Planning and Development Act 2007](#), s 119A).

A development approval that is inconsistent with the conservator's advice in relation to a regulated tree may be given only in the circumstances set out in the [Planning and Development Act 2007](#), s 119 (2), s 119A (2) and s 128 (4).

107 Land subject to development—conservator may give advice about tree protection

(1) This section applies if the conservator is satisfied on reasonable grounds that a development involves, or is likely to involve, an activity that would or may—

(a) damage a protected tree; or

(b) be prohibited groundwork in—

(i) the protection zone for a protected tree; or

(ii) a declared site.

(2) The conservator may give the planning and land authority written advice in relation to the development in accordance with section 108.

Note If the planning and land authority refers a development application to the conservator under the [Planning and Development Act 2007](#), s 148, the conservator must, not later than 15 working days after being given the application, give the planning and land authority advice in relation to the development application (see [Planning and Development Act 2007](#), s 149).

- 1 (3) In this section:
- 2 *protected tree*, in relation to a development, means a protected tree—
- 3 (a) on the land subject to the development; or
- 4 (b) on land adjoining the land subject to the development.
- 5 **108 Conservator's advice about tree protection**
- 6 (1) This section applies if the conservator gives advice—
- 7 (a) under section 107 in relation to a development; or
- 8 (b) under the *Planning and Development Act 2007*, section 149 in
- 9 relation to a development application.
- 10 (2) The advice must include advice about tree protection requirements
- 11 for each protected tree with a protection zone on, or partly on, the
- 12 land subject to the development.
- 13 (3) Without limiting subsection (2), the advice may—
- 14 (a) include information about the trees on the land; and
- 15 (b) set out the changes (if any) the conservator considers should be
- 16 made to any tree management plan or proposed tree
- 17 management plan that relates to the development application,
- 18 taking into account—
- 19 (i) the guidelines approved under section 88
- 20 (Tree management plans—guidelines); and
- 21 (ii) the advice (if any) of the advisory panel; and
- 22 (iii) anything else the conservator considers relevant.

1 **109 Offences—contravene tree protection condition of**
2 **development approval**

3 (1) This section applies if—

- 4 (a) the conservator gives advice under section 107 in relation to a
5 development; and
6 (b) the development has development approval; and
7 (c) the approval is subject to a condition (a *tree protection*
8 *condition*) requiring a person to do or not do something in
9 relation to—
10 (i) a protected tree; or
11 (ii) the protection zone for a protected tree; or
12 (iii) a declared site.

13 **Example—par (c)—tree protection condition**

14 a condition that the applicant comply with tree protection requirements of a
15 tree management plan

16 (2) A person commits an offence if the person contravenes a tree
17 protection condition of the development approval.

18 Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

19 (3) Subsection (2) does not apply if the person has a reasonable excuse
20 for contravening the tree protection condition.

21 *Note* The defendant has an evidential burden in relation to the matters
22 mentioned in s (3) (see [Criminal Code](#), s 58).

23 (4) A person commits an offence if the person—

- 24 (a) is responsible for the development; and
25 (b) fails to take reasonable steps to tell each person carrying out
26 work on the development site about the tree protection
27 condition.

28 Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- 1 (5) An offence against subsection (2) or (4) is a strict liability offence.
- 2 (6) In this section:
- 3 *responsible*—a person is *responsible* for a development if—
- 4 (a) the person conducts a business or undertaking; and
- 5 (b) the business or undertaking has management or control of the
- 6 site where work for the development is being carried out.

1 **Part 7** **Enforcement**

2 **Division 7.1** **Preliminary**

3 **110** **Definitions—pt 7**

4 In this part:

5 *connected*—a thing is *connected* with an offence if—

- 6 (a) the offence has been committed in relation to it; or
- 7 (b) it will provide evidence of the commission of the offence; or
- 8 (c) it was used, is being used, or is intended to be used, to commit
- 9 the offence.

10 *occupier*, of premises, includes—

- 11 (a) a person believed on reasonable grounds to be an occupier of the
- 12 premises; and
- 13 (b) a person apparently in charge of the premises.

14 *Note* The dictionary defines *premises* as including land.

15 *offence* includes an offence that there are reasonable grounds for

16 believing has been, is being, or will be, committed.

17 *warrant* means a warrant issued under division 7.4 (Warrants).

18 **Division 7.2** **Authorised people**

19 **111** **Appointment of authorised people**

20 The director-general may appoint a public servant as an authorised

21 person for this Act.

22 *Note* For laws about appointments, see the [Legislation Act](#), pt 19.3.

1 **112 Identity cards**

2 (1) The director-general must give each authorised person an identity
3 card stating the person's name and that the person is an authorised
4 person.

5 (2) The identity card must show—

- 6 (a) a recent photograph of the person; and
7 (b) the card's date of issue and expiry; and
8 (c) anything else prescribed by regulation.

9 (3) A person commits an offence if the person—

- 10 (a) stops being an authorised person; and
11 (b) does not return the person's identity card to the director-general
12 as soon as practicable (but within 7 days) after the day the
13 person stops being an authorised person.

14 Maximum penalty: 1 penalty unit.

15 (4) Subsection (3) does not apply to a person if the person's identity card
16 is—

- 17 (a) lost or stolen; or
18 (b) destroyed by someone else.

19 *Note* The defendant has an evidential burden in relation to the matters
20 mentioned in s (4) (see [Criminal Code](#), s 58).

21 (5) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

22 **113 Authorised person must show identity card on exercising**
23 **power**

24 (1) If an authorised person exercises a power under this Act that affects
25 an individual, the authorised person must first show the authorised
26 person's identity card to the individual.

- 1 (2) If an authorised person exercises a power under this Act that affects
2 a person, other than an individual, the authorised person must first
3 show the authorised person's identity card to an individual the
4 authorised person believes on reasonable grounds is an employee,
5 officer or agent of the person.

6 **Examples—person other than an individual**
7 corporation, partnership

8 **Division 7.3 Powers of authorised people**

9 **114 Power to enter premises**

- 10 (1) For this Act, an authorised person may—
11 (a) at any reasonable time, enter premises to—
12 (i) inspect a tree, or the area near a tree, that is registered or
13 proposed to be registered; or
14 (ii) give a tree protection direction to the lessee or occupier of
15 the premises; or
16 (b) at any reasonable time, enter premises that the public is entitled
17 to use or that are open to the public (whether or not on payment
18 of money); or
19 (c) at any time, enter premises with the occupier's consent; or
20 (d) enter premises in accordance with a warrant.
21 (2) However, subsection (1) (a) or (b) does not authorise entry into a part
22 of premises that is being used only for residential purposes.
23 (3) An authorised person may, without the occupier's consent, enter land
24 around the premises to ask for consent to enter the premises.
25 (4) To remove any doubt, an authorised person may enter premises under
26 subsection (1) without payment of an entry fee or other charge.

- 1 (5) An authorised person who enters premises under this section may
2 inspect the premises or anything on it.

3 **115 Production of identity card**

4 An authorised person and any other person (other than a police
5 officer) accompanying the authorised person must not remain at
6 premises entered under this part if the authorised person does not
7 produce their identity card when asked by the occupier.

8 **116 Consent to entry**

- 9 (1) This section applies if the authorised person intends to ask the
10 occupier of premises to consent to the authorised person entering the
11 premises.
- 12 (2) Before asking for consent, the authorised person must—
- 13 (a) produce their identity card; and
- 14 (b) tell the occupier—
- 15 (i) the purpose of the entry; and
- 16 (ii) that anything found and seized under this part may be used
17 in evidence in court; and
- 18 (iii) that consent may be refused.
- 19 (3) If the occupier consents, the authorised person must ask the occupier
20 to sign a written acknowledgment (an *acknowledgment of*
21 *consent*)—
- 22 (a) that the occupier was told—
- 23 (i) the purpose of the entry; and
- 24 (ii) that anything found and seized under this part may be used
25 in evidence in court; and
- 26 (iii) that consent may be refused; and

- 1 (b) that the occupier consented to the entry; and
2 (c) stating the time and date when consent was given.
3 (4) If the occupier signs an acknowledgment of consent, the authorised
4 person must, as soon as practicable, give a copy to the occupier.
5 (5) A court must find that the occupier did not consent to entry to the
6 premises by the authorised person under this part if—
7 (a) a question arises, in a proceeding in the court, whether the
8 occupier consented to the entry; and
9 (b) an acknowledgment of consent for the entry is not produced in
10 evidence; and
11 (c) it is not proved that the occupier consented to the entry.

12 **117 General powers on entry to premises**

- 13 (1) An authorised person who enters premises under this part may, for
14 this Act, do 1 or more of the following in relation to the premises or
15 anything at the premises:
16 (a) inspect or examine anything;
17 (b) take measurements or conduct tests;
18 (c) take samples;
19 (d) make sketches, drawings or any other kind of record (including
20 photographs, films, audio, video or other recordings);
21 (e) require the occupier, or anyone else at the premises, to give the
22 authorised person reasonable help to exercise a power under this
23 part.

24 *Note* The [Legislation Act](#), s 170 and s 171 deal with the application of the
25 privilege against self-incrimination and client legal privilege.

- 1 (2) A person must take reasonable steps to comply with a requirement
2 made of the person under subsection (1) (e).

3 Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

4 **118 Power to seize things**

- 5 (1) An authorised person who enters premises under this part with the
6 occupier's consent may seize anything at the premises if—

7 (a) the authorised person is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the
8 thing is connected with an offence against this Act; and

9 (b) seizure of the thing is consistent with the purpose of the entry
10 told to the occupier when seeking the occupier's consent.

- 11 (2) An authorised person who enters premises under a warrant under this
12 part may seize anything at the premises that the authorised person is
13 authorised to seize under the warrant.

- 14 (3) An authorised person who enters premises under this part (whether
15 with the occupier's consent, under a warrant or otherwise) may seize
16 anything at the premises if satisfied on reasonable grounds that—

17 (a) the thing is connected with an offence against this Act; and

18 (b) the seizure is necessary to prevent the thing from being—

19 (i) concealed, lost or destroyed; or

20 (ii) used to commit, continue or repeat the offence.

- 21 (4) Having seized a thing, an authorised person may—

22 (a) remove the thing from the premises where it was seized
23 (the *place of seizure*) to another place; or

24 (b) leave the thing at the place of seizure but restrict access to it.

25 *Note* If an authorised person seizes a thing, the authorised person must give a
26 receipt for it to the person from whom it was seized (see s 125).

- 1 (5) A person commits an offence if—
- 2 (a) the person interferes with a seized thing, or anything containing
- 3 a seized thing, to which access has been restricted under
- 4 subsection (4); and
- 5 (b) the person does not have an authorised person's approval to
- 6 interfere with the thing.

7 Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

- 8 (6) An offence against subsection (5) is a strict liability offence.

9 **119 Direction to give personal details**

- 10 (1) This section applies if an authorised person believes on reasonable
- 11 grounds that a person—
- 12 (a) has committed, is committing or is about to commit an offence
- 13 against this Act; or
- 14 (b) may be able to assist in the investigation of an offence against
- 15 this Act.
- 16 (2) The authorised person may direct the person to give the authorised
- 17 person, immediately, any of the following details:
- 18 (a) the person's full name;
- 19 (b) the person's home address;
- 20 (c) the person's date of birth.

21 *Note 1* The authorised person must first show the person the authorised person's

22 identity card (see s 113).

23 *Note 2* It is an offence to make a false or misleading statement or give false or

24 misleading information (see [Criminal Code](#), pt 3.4).

- 1 (3) If the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds that a
2 personal detail given by a person in response to a direction under
3 subsection (2) is false or misleading, the authorised person may direct
4 the person to produce evidence immediately of the correctness of the
5 detail.
- 6 (4) If an authorised person gives a direction to a person, the authorised
7 person must tell the person that it is an offence if the person fails to
8 comply with the direction.
- 9 (5) If an authorised person gives a direction to a person, the authorised
10 person must give the direction in a language, or in a way of
11 communication, that the authorised person believes on reasonable
12 grounds the person is likely to understand.

13 **120 Offence—fail to comply with direction to give personal**
14 **details**

- 15 (1) A person commits an offence if the person fails to comply with a
16 direction under section 119.
- 17 Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.
- 18 (2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

19 **Division 7.4 Warrants**

20 **121 Warrants generally**

- 21 (1) An authorised person may apply to a magistrate for a warrant to enter
22 premises.
- 23 (2) The application must—
- 24 (a) be sworn; and
- 25 (b) state the grounds on which the warrant is sought.

- 1 (3) The magistrate may refuse to consider the application until the
2 authorised person gives the magistrate all the information the
3 magistrate requires about the application in the way the magistrate
4 requires.
- 5 (4) The magistrate may issue a warrant only if satisfied there are
6 reasonable grounds for suspecting—
- 7 (a) there is a particular thing or activity connected with an offence
8 against this Act; and
- 9 (b) the thing or activity—
- 10 (i) is, or is being engaged in, at the premises; or
- 11 (ii) may be, or may be engaged in, at the premises within the
12 next 14 days.
- 13 (5) The warrant must state the following:
- 14 (a) that an authorised person may, with any necessary assistance
15 and force, enter the premises and exercise the authorised
16 person's powers under this part;
- 17 (b) the offence for which the warrant is issued;
- 18 (c) the things that may be seized under the warrant;
- 19 (d) the hours when the premises may be entered;
- 20 (e) the date, within 14 days after the day of the warrant's issue, the
21 warrant ends.

22 **122 Warrants—announcement before entry**

- 23 (1) An authorised person must, before anyone enters premises under a
24 warrant—
- 25 (a) announce that the authorised person is authorised to enter the
26 premises; and

- 1 (b) give anyone at the premises an opportunity to allow entry to the
2 premises; and
- 3 (c) if the occupier of the premises, or someone else who apparently
4 represents the occupier, is present at the premises—identify
5 themselves to the person.
- 6 (2) The authorised person is not required to comply with subsection (1)
7 if the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds that
8 immediate entry to the premises is required to ensure—
- 9 (a) the safety of anyone (including the authorised person or any
10 person assisting the authorised person); or
- 11 (b) that the effective execution of the warrant is not frustrated.

12 **123 Details of warrant to be given to occupier etc**

13 If the occupier of premises, or someone else who apparently
14 represents the occupier, is present at the premises while a warrant is
15 being executed, the authorised person or a person assisting must make
16 available to the person—

- 17 (a) a copy of the warrant; and
- 18 (b) a document setting out the rights and obligations of the person.

19 **124 Occupier entitled to be present during search etc**

- 20 (1) If the occupier of premises, or someone else who apparently
21 represents the occupier, is present at the premises while a warrant is
22 being executed, the person is entitled to observe the search being
23 conducted.
- 24 (2) However, the person is not entitled to observe the search if—
- 25 (a) to do so would impede the search; or
- 26 (b) the person is under arrest, and allowing the person to observe
27 the search being conducted would interfere with the objectives
28 of the search.

- 1 (3) This section does not prevent 2 or more areas of the premises being
2 searched at the same time.

3 **Division 7.5 Return and forfeiture of things seized**

4 **125 Receipt for things seized**

- 5 (1) As soon as practicable after an authorised person seizes a thing under
6 this part, the authorised person must give a receipt for it to the person
7 from whom it was seized.
- 8 (2) If, for any reason, it is not practicable to comply with subsection (1),
9 the authorised person must leave the receipt, secured conspicuously,
10 at the place of seizure under section 118 (Power to seize things).
- 11 (3) A receipt under this section must include the following:
- 12 (a) a description of the thing seized;
- 13 (b) an explanation of why the thing was seized;
- 14 (c) the authorised person's name, and how to contact the authorised
15 person;
- 16 (d) if the thing is moved from the premises where it is seized—
17 where the thing is to be taken.

18 **126 Moving things to another place for examination or** 19 **processing under warrant**

- 20 (1) A thing found at premises entered under a warrant may be moved to
21 another place for examination or processing to decide whether it may
22 be seized under the warrant if—
- 23 (a) both of the following apply:
- 24 (i) there are reasonable grounds for believing that the thing is
25 or contains something to which the warrant relates;

- 1 (ii) it is significantly more practicable to do so considering the
2 timeliness and cost of examining or processing the thing at
3 another place and the availability of expert assistance; or
4 (b) the occupier of the premises agrees in writing.
- 5 (2) The thing may be moved to another place for examination or
6 processing for not longer than 72 hours.
- 7 (3) An authorised person may apply to a magistrate for an extension of
8 time if the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds that the
9 thing cannot be examined or processed within 72 hours.
- 10 (4) The authorised person must give notice of the application to the
11 occupier of the premises, and the occupier is entitled to be heard on
12 the application.
- 13 (5) If a thing is moved to another place under this section, the authorised
14 person must, if practicable—
- 15 (a) tell the occupier of the premises the address of the place where,
16 and time when, the examination or processing will be carried
17 out; and
- 18 (b) allow the occupier or the occupier's representative to be present
19 during the examination or processing.
- 20 (6) The provisions of this part relating to the issue of warrants apply, with
21 any necessary changes, to the giving of an extension under this
22 section.
- 23 **127 Access to things seized**
- 24 A person who would, apart from the seizure, be entitled to inspect a
25 thing seized under this part may—
- 26 (a) inspect the thing; and
27 (b) photograph the thing; and

- 1 (c) if the thing is a document—take extracts from, or make copies
2 of, the thing.

3 **128 Return of things seized**

- 4 (1) A thing seized under this part must be returned to its owner, or
5 reasonable compensation must be paid by the Territory to the owner
6 for the loss of the thing, if—

- 7 (a) an infringement notice for an offence connected with the thing
8 is not served on the owner within 1 year after the day of the
9 seizure and—

- 10 (i) a prosecution for an offence connected with the thing is not
11 begun within the 1-year period; or

- 12 (ii) a prosecution for an offence connected with the thing is
13 begun within the 1-year period but the court does not find
14 the offence proved; or

- 15 (b) an infringement notice for an offence connected with the thing
16 is served on the owner within 1 year after the day of the seizure,
17 the infringement notice is withdrawn and—

- 18 (i) a prosecution for an offence connected with the thing is not
19 begun within the 1-year period; or

- 20 (ii) a prosecution for an offence connected with the thing is
21 begun within the 1-year period but the court does not find
22 the offence proved; or

- 23 (c) an infringement notice for an offence connected with the thing
24 is served on the owner and not withdrawn within 1 year after the
25 day of the seizure, liability for the offence is disputed in
26 accordance with the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*, section 132
27 (Disputing liability for infringement notice offence) and—

- 28 (i) an information is not laid in the Magistrates Court against
29 the person for the offence within 60 days after the day
30 notice is given under that section; or

- 1 (ii) the Magistrates Court does not find the offence proved.
- 2 (2) If anything seized under this part is not required to be returned or
- 3 reasonable compensation is not required to be paid under
- 4 subsection (1), the thing—
- 5 (a) is forfeited to the Territory; and
- 6 (b) may be sold, destroyed or otherwise disposed of as the
- 7 director-general directs.

8 **Division 7.6 Miscellaneous**

9 **129 Damage etc to be minimised**

- 10 (1) In the exercise, or purported exercise, of a function under this part, an
- 11 authorised person must take reasonable steps to ensure that the
- 12 authorised person, and any person assisting the authorised person,
- 13 causes as little inconvenience, detriment and damage as is practicable.
- 14 (2) If an authorised person, or a person assisting an authorised person,
- 15 damages anything in the exercise or purported exercise of a function
- 16 under this part, the authorised person must give written notice of the
- 17 particulars of the damage to the person the authorised person believes
- 18 on reasonable grounds is the owner of the thing.
- 19 (3) If the damage happens at premises entered under this part in the
- 20 absence of the occupier, the notice may be given by leaving it, secured
- 21 conspicuously, at the premises.

22 **130 Compensation for exercise of enforcement powers**

- 23 (1) A person may claim compensation from the Territory if the person
- 24 suffers loss or expense because of the exercise, or purported exercise,
- 25 of a function under this part by—
- 26 (a) an authorised person; or
- 27 (b) a person assisting an authorised person.

- 1 (2) Compensation may be claimed and ordered in a proceeding for—
2 (a) compensation brought in a court of competent jurisdiction; or
3 (b) an offence against this Act brought against the person making
4 the claim for compensation.
- 5 (3) A court may order the payment of reasonable compensation for the
6 loss or expense only if it is satisfied it is just to make the order in the
7 circumstances of the particular case.
- 8 (4) A regulation may prescribe matters that may, must or must not be
9 taken into account by the court in considering whether it is just to
10 make the order.

1 **Part 8** **Notification and review of**
2 **decisions**

3 **131** **Definitions—pt 8**

4 In this part:

5 *internally reviewable decision* means a decision mentioned in
6 schedule 1, part 1.1, column 3 under a provision of this Act mentioned
7 in column 2 in relation to the decision.

8 *internal review notice*—see the [ACT Civil and Administrative](#)
9 [Tribunal Act 2008](#), section 67B (1).

10 *reviewable decision* means a decision mentioned in schedule 1,
11 part 1.2, column 3 under a provision of this Act mentioned in
12 column 2 in relation to the decision.

13 **132** **Internal review notices**

14 If a decision-maker makes an internally reviewable decision, the
15 decision-maker must give an internal review notice to each entity
16 mentioned in schedule 1, part 1.1, column 4 in relation to the decision.

17 *Note* The decision-maker must also take reasonable steps to give an internal
18 review notice to any other person whose interests are affected by the
19 decision (see [ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008](#), s 67B).

20 **133** **Applications for internal review**

21 (1) An entity mentioned in schedule 1, part 1.1, column 4 in relation to
22 an internally reviewable decision may apply to the decision-maker for
23 review of the decision.

24 (2) The application must be made within 14 working days after the day
25 the entity is given the internal review notice.

- 1 (3) The application must—
2 (a) be in writing; and
3 (b) state the applicant's name and address; and
4 (c) set out the applicant's reasons for making the application.
5 (4) The making of an application for review of an internally reviewable
6 decision automatically stays the operation of the decision until the
7 application is finally dealt with.

8 **134 Internal review**

- 9 (1) As soon as practicable after receiving an application for review of an
10 internally reviewable decision, the decision-maker must—
11 (a) if the decision-maker is the conservator—
12 (i) for an advisable decision—ask the advisory panel, in
13 writing, for advice on the application; or
14 (ii) for any other decision—
15 (A) ask the advisory panel, in writing, for advice on the
16 application; or
17 (B) review the decision; or
18 (b) if the decision-maker is the director-general—review the
19 decision.
20 (2) If the conservator asks the advisory panel for advice, the advisory
21 panel must give the conservator its advice within 30 working days
22 after the day the advisory panel receives the conservator's request.
23 (3) Within 35 working days after the relevant day, the decision-maker
24 must—
25 (a) review the decision; and
26 (b) confirm, vary or set aside the decision.

- 1 (4) For subsection (3) (a), if the conservator receives advice from the
2 advisory panel, the conservator must take into account the advice
3 when reviewing the decision.
- 4 (5) In this section:
- 5 *advisable decision* means a decision mentioned in schedule 1,
6 part 1.1, column 3, items 1, 2 and 9.
- 7 *relevant day* means—
- 8 (a) if the conservator asks the advisory panel for advice—the day
9 the conservator receives the advisory panel’s advice; or
- 10 (b) in any other case—the day the decision-maker receives the
11 application for review.

12 **135 Reviewable decision notices**

13 If a decision-maker makes a reviewable decision, the decision-maker
14 must give a reviewable decision notice only to each entity mentioned
15 in schedule 1, part 1.2, column 4 in relation to the decision.

16 *Note* The decision-maker must also take reasonable steps to give a reviewable
17 decision notice to any other person whose interests are affected by the
18 decision (see [ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008](#), s 67A).

19 **136 Applications for review**

20 An entity mentioned in schedule 1, part 1.2, column 4 in relation to a
21 reviewable decision may apply to the ACAT for review of the
22 decision.

Part 9 Miscellaneous

137 Power to apply or disapply Act to entities or activities

- (1) The Minister may declare that this Act, or a provision of this Act—
 - (a) applies to a stated entity or a stated activity; or
 - (b) does not apply to a stated entity or a stated activity.
- (2) A declaration is a disallowable instrument.

138 Power to extend or suspend time periods in extraordinary circumstances

- (1) This section applies if the Minister believes on reasonable grounds that the effective administration of this Act is, or may be, affected by extraordinary circumstances.

Examples—extraordinary circumstances

bushfire, pandemic, severe storm

- (2) The Minister may declare that a time period mentioned in this Act by which an entity must or may do something is extended or suspended for a stated period.
- (3) A declaration is a disallowable instrument.

139 Code of practice—protected tree disputes

- (1) The Minister may approve a code of practice for dealing with protected tree disputes.
- (2) For subsection (1), a dispute is a *protected tree dispute* if the dispute—
 - (a) is between the lessees of 2 or more adjoining leases in a residential area; and
 - (b) relates to a protected tree whose protection zone crosses a common boundary between the leases.

1 (3) A code of practice is a disallowable instrument.

2 (4) In this section:

3 *residential area* means an area in a zone identified in the [territory](#)
4 [plan](#) as a residential zone (RZ).

5 **140 Criminal liability of executive officers**

6 (1) An executive officer of a corporation commits an offence if—

7 (a) the corporation commits a relevant offence; and

8 (b) the officer was reckless about whether the relevant offence
9 would be committed; and

10 (c) the officer was in a position to influence the conduct of the
11 corporation in relation to the commission of the relevant
12 offence; and

13 (d) the officer failed to take reasonable steps to prevent the
14 commission of the relevant offence.

15 Maximum penalty: The maximum penalty that may be imposed for
16 the commission of the relevant offence by an individual.

17 (2) This section applies whether or not the corporation is prosecuted for,
18 or convicted of, the relevant offence.

19 (3) In deciding whether the executive officer took (or failed to take)
20 reasonable steps to prevent the commission of the relevant offence, a
21 court must consider the following:

22 (a) any action the officer took directed towards ensuring the
23 following (to the extent that the action is relevant to the act or
24 omission):

25 (i) that the corporation arranges regular professional
26 assessments of the corporation's compliance with the
27 provision to which the relevant offence relates;

- 1 (ii) that the corporation implements any appropriate
2 recommendation arising from such an assessment;
- 3 (iii) that the corporation's employees, agents and contractors
4 have a reasonable knowledge and understanding of the
5 requirement to comply with the provision to which the
6 relevant offence relates;

- 7 (b) any action the officer took when the officer became aware that
8 the relevant offence was, or might be, about to be committed.

- 9 (4) Subsection (3) does not limit the matters the court may consider.

- 10 (5) This section does not apply if the corporation would have a defence
11 to a prosecution for the relevant offence.

12 *Note* The defendant has an evidential burden in relation to the matters
13 mentioned in s (5) (see [Criminal Code](#), s 58).

- 14 (6) In this section:

15 ***executive officer***, of a corporation, means a person (however
16 described) who is concerned with, or takes part in, the corporation's
17 management, whether or not the person is a director of the
18 corporation.

19 ***relevant offence*** means an offence against any of the following:

- 20 (a) section 16 (1), (2), (3) or (4) (Offence—damaging protected
21 trees);
- 22 (b) section 17 (1), (2) or (3) (Offence—doing prohibited
23 groundwork).

24 **141 Delegation of decision-maker's functions**

- 25 (1) The decision-maker in relation to a protected tree may delegate the
26 decision-maker's functions under this Act to—

- 27 (a) a public employee; or
- 28 (b) an authorised person; or

- 1 (c) a person prescribed by regulation.
- 2 *Note* For laws about delegations, see the [Legislation Act](#), pt 19.4.
- 3 (2) However, the decision-maker must not delegate the function of—
- 4 (a) deciding whether to register a tree under section 60; or
- 5 (b) deciding whether to cancel a tree's registration under section 66;
- 6 or
- 7 (c) reviewing a decision under section 134.

8 **142 Incorporation of documents**

- 9 (1) A statutory instrument under this Act may apply, adopt or incorporate
- 10 an instrument as in force from time to time.

11 *Note* The text of an applied, adopted or incorporated law or instrument,

12 whether applied as in force from time to time or at a particular time, is

13 taken to be a notifiable instrument if the operation of the [Legislation Act](#),

14 s 47 (5) or (6) is not disappplied (see s 47 (7)).

- 15 (2) The [Legislation Act](#), section 47 (6) does not apply in relation to an
- 16 Australian Standard applied, adopted or incorporated in a statutory
- 17 instrument.

18 *Note* An Australian Standard does not need to be notified under the [Legislation](#)

19 [Act](#) because s 47 (6) does not apply (see [Legislation Act](#), s 47 (7)). The

20 standards may be purchased at www.standards.org.au.

21 **143 Determination of fees**

- 22 (1) The Minister may determine fees for this Act.
- 23 (2) A determination is a disallowable instrument.

24 **144 Regulation-making power**

- 25 (1) The Executive may make regulations for this Act.
- 26 (2) A regulation may create offences and fix maximum penalties of not
- 27 more than 10 penalty units for the offences.

1 **145 Review of Act**

2 (1) The Minister must, as soon as practicable after the end of this Act's
3 2nd year of operation—

4 (a) review the operation and effectiveness of this Act; and

5 (b) present a report of the review to the Legislative Assembly.

6 *Note* A reference to an Act includes a reference to any statutory instrument
7 made or in force under the Act (see [Legislation Act](#), s 104).

8 (2) This section expires 3 years after the day it commences.

Part 10 Repeals

146 Legislation repealed

(1) The following legislation is repealed:

- *Tree Protection Act 2005* (A2005-51)
- *Magistrates Court (Tree Protection Infringement Notices) Regulation 2006* (SL2006-6).

(2) All other statutory instruments, other than the following instruments, under the *Tree Protection Act 2005* are repealed:

- (a) a determination under section 21, section 31, section 45 or section 75;
- (b) an appointment under section 69 or section 85.

Note The transitional provisions in this Act provide that certain statutory instruments made under the *Tree Protection Act 2005* are taken to be made under this Act (see s 315).

Part 20 Transitional

300 Definitions—pt 20

In this part:

commencement day means the day this Act commences.

repealed Act means the *Tree Protection Act 2005*.

301 Applications for approval made before commencement day

(1) This section applies if—

(a) before the commencement day, a person applied under the *repealed Act*, section 22 (Application for approval of tree damaging etc activity) for approval for an activity mentioned in that section; and

(b) immediately before the commencement day, the conservator had not decided the application.

(2) The *repealed Act* (including any instruments under the *repealed Act*) continues to apply in relation to the application despite its repeal.

(3) If the application is approved, the approval is taken to be an approval under this Act, section 28 (Approval application—decision).

302 Approvals in force before commencement

(1) This section applies if, immediately before the commencement day, a person has an approval under the *repealed Act*, division 3.3 (Approved activities).

(2) The approval—

(a) continues in force until the time when, under the *repealed Act*, it would have ended; and

1 (b) may be extended once under the [repealed Act](#) as if the [repealed](#)
2 [Act](#) were still in force if the application for the extension is
3 made—

4 (i) before the approval expires; and

5 (ii) not later than 6 months after the commencement day.

6 **303 Approvals in force with uncommenced extension**

7 (1) This section applies if, immediately before the commencement day—

8 (a) a person has an approval under the [repealed Act](#), division 3.3
9 (Approved activities); and

10 (b) an extension of the approval has been granted but has not
11 commenced.

12 (2) The approval—

13 (a) continues in force under the [repealed Act](#), as if the [repealed Act](#)
14 had not been repealed; and

15 (b) ends at the end of the period for which the approval was
16 extended under the [repealed Act](#) before the commencement day.

17 **304 Applications for tree management plans made before**
18 **commencement day**

19 (1) An application under the [repealed Act](#), section 32 (Proposal or
20 application for approval of tree management plan) made, but not
21 decided under the [repealed Act](#), section 35 (Decision on tree
22 management plan) immediately before the commencement day is, on
23 the commencement day, taken to be an application under this Act,
24 section 78.

25 (2) An approval of a tree management plan by the conservator under the
26 [repealed Act](#), section 35 is, on the commencement day, taken to be an
27 approval under this Act, section 85.

1 **305 Nominations for tree registration before commencement**
2 **day**

3 A nomination of a tree for registration under the [repealed Act](#),
4 section 46 (Nomination for registration) made, but not decided
5 immediately before the commencement day is, on the commencement
6 day, taken to be a nomination under this Act, section 54.

7 **306 Provisional registration of trees before commencement**
8 **day**

9 (1) This section applies if—

10 (a) before the commencement day, a person nominated a tree for
11 registration under the [repealed Act](#), section 46 (Nomination for
12 registration); and

13 (b) immediately before the commencement day, the conservator
14 decided to provisionally register the tree.

15 (2) The tree is taken, on the commencement day, to be provisionally
16 registered under this Act, section 57 (Provisional registration).

17 **307 Registration of trees before commencement day**

18 A tree that is registered under the [repealed Act](#),
19 section 54 (Registration) immediately before the commencement day
20 is, on the commencement day, taken to be registered under this Act,
21 section 62.

22 **308 Proposal to cancel tree registration made before**
23 **commencement day**

24 A proposal under the [repealed Act](#), section 55 (Proposal for
25 cancellation of registration) that a tree's registration be cancelled
26 made, but not finally dealt with, immediately before the
27 commencement day is, on the commencement day, taken to be a
28 proposal under this Act, section 63.

- 1 **309 Aboriginal heritage trees under repealed Act**
- 2 A tree that is an Aboriginal heritage tree under the [repealed Act](#) is
- 3 taken to be an Aboriginal cultural tree under this Act.
- 4 **310 Site declaration made before commencement day**
- 5 A declaration under the [repealed Act](#), section 61 (Site declarations)
- 6 that is in force immediately before the commencement day is, on the
- 7 commencement day, taken to be a declaration under this Act,
- 8 section 69.
- 9 **311 Declarations under repealed Act, s 64**
- 10 A declaration under the [repealed Act](#), section 64 (1) (Restricted
- 11 Aboriginal information) that is in force immediately before the
- 12 commencement day is, on the commencement day, taken to be a
- 13 declaration under this Act, section 74 (1).
- 14 **312 Approvals under repealed Act, s 66**
- 15 An approval of the publication of restricted information about a tree
- 16 under the [repealed Act](#), section 66 (Approval to publish restricted
- 17 information) that is in force immediately before the commencement
- 18 day is, on the commencement day, taken to be an approval under this
- 19 Act, section 76 to disclose restricted information about a tree.
- 20 **313 Tree protection directions in force before commencement**
- 21 **day**
- 22 (1) This section applies if, immediately before the commencement day,
- 23 a person had a tree protection direction under the [repealed Act](#),
- 24 section 76 (Conservator may give tree protection directions).
- 25 (2) The tree protection direction continues in force until the time when,
- 26 under the [repealed Act](#), it would have ended.

- 1 (3) Subsection (4) applies if, immediately before the commencement
2 day, a notice was given to a person under the [repealed Act](#),
3 section 79 (4) or (5) (Contravention of tree protection direction—
4 action by authorised person) in relation to a tree protection direction.
- 5 (4) The [repealed Act](#), part 10 (Tree protection directions) (including any
6 instruments under that part) continues to apply in relation to the tree
7 protection direction and the notice despite its repeal.

8 **314 Authorised people**

- 9 (1) This section applies to a person—
- 10 (a) appointed as an authorised person under the [repealed Act](#),
11 section 85; and
- 12 (b) who was an authorised person immediately before the
13 commencement day.
- 14 (2) The person is taken to have been appointed as an authorised person
15 under this Act, section 111.

16 **315 Instruments under repealed Act**

- 17 (1) A determination under the [repealed Act](#), section 21 (Criteria for
18 approval), that is in force immediately before the commencement
19 day, is taken to be a determination under this Act, section 20.
- 20 (2) A determination under the [repealed Act](#), section 31 (Guidelines for
21 tree management plans), that is in force immediately before the
22 commencement day, is taken to be a guideline under this Act,
23 section 88.
- 24 (3) A determination under the [repealed Act](#), section 45 (Criteria for
25 registration and cancellation of registration), that is in force
26 immediately before the commencement day, is taken to be a
27 determination under this Act, section 52.

- 1 (4) An appointment under the [repealed Act](#), section 69 (Members of
2 advisory panel), that is in force immediately before the
3 commencement day, is taken to be an appointment under this Act,
4 section 98 and continues in force until the end of the term of the
5 appointment under the [repealed Act](#) unless ended earlier.
- 6 (5) A determination under the [repealed Act](#), section 75 (Criteria for tree
7 protection directions), that is in force immediately before the
8 commencement day, is taken to be a determination under this Act,
9 section 43.

10 **316 Transitional regulations**

- 11 (1) A regulation may prescribe transitional matters necessary or
12 convenient to be prescribed because of the enactment of this Act.
- 13 (2) A regulation may modify this part (including in relation to another
14 territory law) to make provision in relation to anything that, in the
15 Executive's opinion, is not, or is not adequately or appropriately,
16 dealt with in this part.
- 17 (3) A regulation under subsection (2) has effect despite anything
18 elsewhere in this Act.

19 *Note* A transitional provision under s (1) continues to have effect after its
20 repeal, however, a modification under s (2) has no ongoing effect after its
21 repeal (see [Legislation Act](#), s 88).

22 **317 Expiry—pt 20**

23 This part expires 2 years after the day it commences.

24 *Note* A transitional provision is repealed on its expiry but continues to have
25 effect after its repeal (see [Legislation Act](#), s 88).

Schedule 1 Reviewable decisions

(see pt 8)

Part 1.1 Internally reviewable decisions

column 1 item	column 2 section	column 3 decision	column 4 entity
1	28	approve, or refuse to approve, activity	applicant for approval, lessee of land, heritage council, representative Aboriginal organisation
2	31	cancel approval of activity	person who held approval, lessee of land
3	36 (2)	make canopy contribution agreement subject to a condition	applicant for approval, lessee of land
4	36 (2) (a)	on-site canopy contribution decided by decision-maker	applicant for approval, lessee of land
5	36 (2) (b)	amount of financial settlement decided by decision-maker	applicant for approval, lessee of land
6	37 (2) (a)	refuse or agree to amend canopy contribution agreement condition	applicant for approval, lessee of land
7	38 (2) (b)	refuse to allow application for payment management plan	applicant for payment plan
8	39 (2)	refuse or agree to exempt applicant from canopy contribution agreement	applicant for exemption, lessee of land
9	85 (1)	approve, or refuse to approve, tree management plan	applicant for approval, lessee of land, heritage council, representative Aboriginal organisation

column 1 item	column 2 section	column 3 decision	column 4 entity
10	93 (2) (b)	period of tree bond agreement	party to tree bond agreement
11	96	refuse to pay back tree bond, in full or part	party to tree bond agreement

Part 1.2 **Reviewable decisions**

column 1 item	column 2 section	column 3 decision	column 4 entity
1	44	give tree protection direction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• person given direction• lessee or occupier of land to which direction relates
2	55	approve, or refuse to approve, provisional registration of tree	person given written notice, under s 56 (1), of registration decision
3	60	approve, or refuse to approve, registration of tree	person given written notice, under s 61 (1) (a), (b), (c), (e), (f) or (g) of registration decision
4	66	cancel, or refuse to cancel, tree's registration	person given written notice, under s 67 (1) (a), (b), (c), (e) or (f), of decision to cancel, or refuse to cancel, registration
5	69	make site declaration	lessee of land to which site declaration relates
6	76	approve, or refuse to approve, disclosure of restricted information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• applicant for approval• heritage council• representative Aboriginal organisation
7	134	confirm, vary or set aside decision mentioned in sch 1, pt 1.1, items 1 to 9	entity who is given internal review notice for decision in relation to decision to be reviewed

Dictionary

(see s 3)

Note The [Legislation Act](#) contains definitions relevant to this Act.
For example:

- ACAT
- administrative unit
- appoint
- calendar year
- chief officer (ambulance service)
- chief officer (fire and rescue service)
- chief officer (rural fire service)
- chief officer (SES)
- conservator of flora and fauna
- contravene
- corporation
- director-general (see s 163)
- document
- entity
- exercise
- function
- heritage council
- home address
- individual
- planning and land authority
- public employee
- public notice
- public servant
- reviewable decision notice
- territory land
- territory plan
- the Territory
- writing.

1 **Aboriginal cultural tree**—a tree is an **Aboriginal cultural tree** if it is
2 of cultural significance to Aboriginal people because of either or both
3 of the following:

- 4 (a) Aboriginal tradition;
- 5 (b) the history, including contemporary history, of any Aboriginal
6 people of the area where the tree is located.

7 **Examples**

8 scarred trees, modified trees

9 **Aboriginal object**, in relation to a tree—see the [Heritage Act 2004](#),
10 section 9.

11 **Aboriginal person** means a person who—

- 12 (a) is a descendant of an Aboriginal person; and
- 13 (b) identifies as an Aboriginal person; and
- 14 (c) is accepted as an Aboriginal person by an Aboriginal
15 community.

16 **Aboriginal place**, in relation to a tree that forms part of a place—see
17 the [Heritage Act 2004](#), section 9.

18 **advisory panel** means the Tree Advisory Panel established under
19 section 97.

20 **appeal**, in relation to a reviewable decision, means an application to
21 the ACAT to review the decision.

22 **appeal period** means the period within which an appeal may be made.

23 **approval criteria**—see section 20 (1).

24 **at** premises includes in or on the premises.

25 **authorised person** means an authorised person appointed under
26 section 111.

27 **built-up urban area**—see section 8.

cancellation criteria, for part 4 (Registration of trees)—see section 52 (1) (b).

canopy contribution, for subdivision 3.3.2 (Approved activities—canopy contributions)—see section 34.

canopy contribution agreement—see section 35 (3).

connected, for part 7 (Enforcement)—see section 110.

conservator means the conservator of flora and fauna.

custodian, for territory land that is public land, unleased land or both, means the administrative unit or other entity with administrative responsibility for the land.

damage a protected tree—see section 14.

decision-maker—

(a) for this Act generally—means—

(i) for a decision or other function relating to a registered tree, a regulated tree, or a remnant tree located on land outside the built-up urban area—the conservator; or

(ii) for a decision or other function relating to a public tree—the director-general; and

(b) for subdivision 3.3.2 (Approved activities—canopy contributions), in relation to a development proposal to remove a protected tree under the *Planning and Development Act 2007*—see section 34.

declared site means an area declared to be a declared site under section 69.

development—

(a) for this Act generally—see the *Planning and Development Act 2007*, section 7; and

(b) for part 6 (Development applications—conservator’s advice)—see section 105.

- 1 **development application**—see the *Planning and Development*
 2 *Act 2007*, dictionary.
- 3 **development approval**—see the *Planning and Development*
 4 *Act 2007*, dictionary.
- 5 **estate development plan**—see the *Planning and Development*
 6 *Act 2007*, section 94.
- 7 **financial settlement**, in relation to a canopy contribution agreement,
 8 for subdivision 3.3.2 (Approved activities—canopy contributions)—
 9 see section 36 (2) (b).
- 10 **future urban area**—see the *Planning and Development Act 2007*,
 11 dictionary.
- 12 **heritage register**—see the *Heritage Act 2004*, section 20.
- 13 **heritage tree** means a tree that—
- 14 (a) forms part of a place that is registered or provisionally
 15 registered, or has been nominated for registration, on the
 16 heritage register; or
- 17 (b) forms part of an Aboriginal place or is an Aboriginal object.
- 18 **internally reviewable decision**, for part 8 (Notification and review of
 19 decisions)—see section 131.
- 20 **internal review notice**, for part 8 (Notification and review of
 21 decisions)—see the *ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008*,
 22 section 67B (1).
- 23 **leased land** means leased territory land, other than land leased for
 24 rural purposes, or purposes including rural purposes.
- 25 **occupier**, of premises, for part 7 (Enforcement)—see section 110.
- 26 **offence**, for part 7 (Enforcement)—see section 110.
- 27 **on-site canopy contribution**, in relation to a canopy contribution
 28 agreement, for subdivision 3.3.2 (Approved activities—canopy
 29 contributions)—see section 36 (2) (a).

- 1 **place**, in relation to a tree that forms part of a place—see the [Heritage](#)
2 [Act 2004](#), section 8.
- 3 **premises** includes land.
- 4 **prohibited groundwork**—see section 15.
- 5 **protected tree**—see section 9.
- 6 **protection zone**, for a protected tree—see section 13.
- 7 **provisional registration period**, for part 4 (Registration of trees)—
8 see section 58 (1).
- 9 **provisionally register** a tree means provisionally register the tree
10 under section 57.
- 11 **public tree**—see section 9, definition of **protected tree**
12 paragraph (a) (iii).
- 13 **public unleased land**—see the [Public Unleased Land Act 2013](#),
14 section 8.
- 15 **public unleased land permit**, for division 5.2 (Tree bonds)—see the
16 Public Unleased Land Act 2013, section 40.
- 17 **register** a tree means register the tree under section 62.
- 18 **registered tree**—see section 10.
- 19 **registration criteria**, for part 4 (Registration of trees)—
20 see section 52 (1) (a).
- 21 **regulated tree**—see section 11.
- 22 **remnant tree**—see section 12.
- 23 **representative Aboriginal organisation** means—
- 24 (a) an organisation declared to be a representative Aboriginal
25 organisation under the [Heritage Act 2004](#), section 14; or
- 26 (b) an organisation prescribed by regulation.

- 1 **restricted information**, for part 4 (Registration of trees)—
2 see section 51.
- 3 **reviewable decision**, for part 8 (Notification and review of
4 decisions)—see section 131.
- 5 **site declaration**, for part 4 (Registration of trees)—see section 69 (2).
- 6 **tree** includes a palm tree.
- 7 **tree bond**—see section 92 (2) (b).
- 8 **tree bond agreement**, for division 5.2 (Tree bonds)—
9 see section 92 (2).
- 10 **tree management plan**—
- 11 (a) for this Act generally—see section 78 (1); and
- 12 (b) for this Act other than section 78—includes a tree management
13 plan approved under the *Planning and Development Act 2007*,
14 section 162 (6).
- 15 **tree protection condition**, of a development approval—
16 see section 109 (1) (c).
- 17 **tree protection direction**—see section 44 (1).
- 18 **tree register**—see section 53 (1).
- 19 **tree reparation direction**, for subdivision 3.4.2 (Tree reparation
20 directions)—see section 48 (2).
- 21 **urban forest**—see section 7.
- 22 **warrant**, for part 7 (Enforcement)—see section 110.

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 3 August 2022.

2 Notification

Notified under the [Legislation Act](#) on 2022.

3 Republications of amended laws

For the latest republication of amended laws, see www.legislation.act.gov.au.
