

Australian Capital Territory

Nature Conservation (Fees) Determination 2020 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2020-91

made under the

Nature Conservation Act 2014, s 368 (Determination of fees etc)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 368 of the *Nature Conservation Act 2014* (the *Act*) permits the Minister to determine fees for the purposes of the Act.

The purpose of this instrument is to waive fees for holders of an annual pass for entry to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve in 2020 for a period of 5 months following the expiry of their pass. This is to account for the period when the reserve was closed during the bushfire in the reserve and the neighbouring Namadgi National Park and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The instrument also temporarily sets the daily entry fees for the reserve to nil, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission for both the public and staff, as cash handling is a known source of transmission.

The instrument continues the waiver on daily entry fees for Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve on Australia Day, Reconciliation Day and Tidbinbilla Open Day; and continues to waive entry fees for Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve that would otherwise be payable by pedestrians and cyclists.

The instrument commences on the day after its notification day and revokes the *Nature Conservation (Fees) Determination 2019* (DI2019-127).

A fees determination made under section 368 of the Act is a disallowable instrument.

Regulatory impact statement (RIS)

A RIS is not required for this instrument under section 36 (1) (k) of the *Legislation Act 2001*, which provides that a RIS need not be prepared for an amendment of a fee consistent with announced government policy.

Human rights

The Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role) terms of reference require consideration of human rights impacts, among other matters. In this case, no human rights are impacted.