

Australian Capital Territory

Nature Conservation (Fees) Determination 2020 (No 3)

Disallowable instrument DI2020-232

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 determine the fees for licences and entry fees under the Act for the 2019-20 financial year.

This instrument waives fees for holders of an annual pass for entry to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve that expires 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.

Following the Orroral Valley bushfire earlier this year, and upgrades to the visitor centre in response to COVID-19, the ACT Government put a temporary hold on all entry fees into the reserve.

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

Fees in the determination have been increased by 2% for the 2020-21 financial year based on the wage price index as per government's advice; appropriate rounding has been made in relation to the increases.

The instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

This instrument revokes the *Nature Conservation (Fees) Determination 2020 (No 2)* (DI2020-199).

A determination made under section 368 of the Act is a disallowable instrument and must be presented to the Legislative Assembly within 6 sitting days after its notification pursuant to section 64 of the *Legislation Act 2001* (the ***Legislation Act***).

Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS)

A RIS is not required for this fee determination due to section 36 (1) (k) of the Legislation Act, 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.