

Nature Conservation (Fees) Determination 2024

Disallowable instrument DI2024-117

made under the

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This explanatory statement relates to the *Nature Conservation (Fees) Determination 2024* as presented to the Legislative Assembly. It has been prepared to assist the reader of the instrument. It does not form part of the instrument and has not been endorsed by the Assembly.

The Statement must be read in conjunction with the instrument. It is not, and is not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the instrument. What is said about a provision is not to be taken as an authoritative guide to the meaning of a provision, this being a task for the courts.

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 2024-25 financial year.

The regulatory fees in the determination which applied in the 2023-24 financial year, have been increased by 3.85% for the 2024-25 financial year based on the wage price index (WPI) as per Government policy, plus an additional 0.35% as per the decision in the 2023-24 Budget.

All other fees in the determination which applied in the 2023-24 financial year, have been increased by 3.50% for the 2024-25 financial year based on the wage price index (WPI) as per Government policy.

This instrument waives fees for entry into Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024 to holders of an annual entry pass that expired in 2023 or 2024.

The instrument continues the waiver on daily entry fees to the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve on Australia Day, Reconciliation Day and Tidbinbilla Open Day.

The instrument commences on 1 July 2024.

This instrument revokes the *Nature Conservation (Fees) Determination 2023 (No2)* (DI2023-216).

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**).

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

No human rights are impacted by this instrument.