

Nature Conservation Amendment Bill 2013

Clause Notes

Clause 1 Short Title

This Act may be cited as the *Nature Conservation Amendment Bill 2013*.

Clause 2 Commencement

The Act commences on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3 Principal Act

The Principal Act, which this Act amends, is the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*.

Clause 4 Section 32 Amended (Removal of Mandatory Minimum Penalties)

This clause removes mandatory minimum penalties for offences under Section 32 of the Principal Act.

The offences are as follows:

- the importation of a restricted animal without a permit (s32(2))
- the possession of a restricted animal, or allowing a restricted animal or a ferret to go at large in the state, without a permit (s32(3))
- not complying with a permit condition relating to a restricted animal or a ferret (s32(7))
- the removal of, or taking away, a seized restricted animal without a permit (s32(13)).

The current minimum penalties are 200 penalty units or imprisonment for a term of 2 years for each animal for which an offence has been committed.

The clause does not alter the maximum penalty for each offence. The maximum penalties are 500 penalty units, or imprisonment for a term of 5 years, or both.

Clause 5 Repeal of Act

This Act will be repealed 365 days after the Act commences.