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RIGHT TO INFORMATION AMENDMENT (PUBLIC PROTECTED AREAS) BILL 2021

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(Brought in by Cassandra Stanwell O'Connor MP)

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Right to Information Act 2009* to ensure transparency in respect of development proposals for certain reserve tenures

Be it enacted by Her Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Right to Information Amendment (Public Protected Areas) Act 2021.*

2. Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

3. Principal Act

In this Act, the *Right to Information Act 2009** is referred to as the Principal Act.

*No. 70 of 2009

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4. Section 33A inserted

After section 33 of the Principal Act, the following section is inserted in Division 2 of Part 3:

33A. Exemptions not to apply to certain land use proposals

- (1) Despite section 33, information is not exempt information
 - (a) if it is information that relates to a proposed use or development in a conservation area, national park, nature recreation area, nature reserve, public reserve, reserved land, or State reserve; and
 - (b) if, but for this section, it would be exempt information under one or more excluded provision; and
 - (c) if it is not exempt information under any provisions of this Act, other than an excluded provision.
- (2) In the section -

conservation area has the same meaning as in the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*;

development has the same meaning as in the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*;

excli	<i>uded provision</i> means sections 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41 of this Act;
natio	<i>onal park</i> has the same meaning as in the <i>Nature Conservation Act</i> 2002;
natu	<i>re recreation area</i> has the same meaning as in the <i>Nature</i> <i>Conservation Act 2002</i> ;
natu	<i>re reserve</i> has the same meaning as in the <i>Nature Conservation Act</i> 2002;
publ	<i>ic reserve</i> has the same meaning as in the <i>Nature Conservation Act</i> 2002;
resei	<i>rved land</i> has the same meaning as in the <i>Nature Conservation Act</i> 2002;
State	e <i>reserve</i> has the same meaning as in the <i>Nature Conservation Act</i> 2002; and
use l	has the same meaning as in the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.

5. Repeal of Act

This Act is repealed on the three hundred and sixty fifth day from the day on which all of the provisions of this Act commence.