

## CLAUSE NOTES

### *Natural Resource Management Amendment Bill 2017*

- Clause 1                    **Short Title**  
This Act may be cited as the *Natural Resource Management Amendment Act 2017*.
- Clause 2                    **Commencement**  
This Act commences on the day on which this Act receives Royal Assent.
- Clause 3                    **Principal Act**  
The Principal Act referred to is the *Natural Resource Management Act 2002*.
- Clause 4                    **Long title amended**  
The long title of the Principal Act is amended by omitting “the Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Council and regional”.
- Clause 5                    **Section 3 amended (Interpretation)**  
Section 3 of the Act is amended to omit the definitions of accreditation criteria, Council, and Ministerial Council. The terms ‘relevant committee’ and ‘special advisory committee’ have been inserted after the definition of ‘regional strategy’.
- Clause 6                    **Part 2 Repealed**  
Part 2 sets out the establishment, membership, general functions and powers of the Council and reporting requirements, and will be repealed. The membership and meetings of the Council, which are contained in Schedule 2 of the Act, are referred to in section 7 Part 2, therefore Schedule 2 is also repealed.
- Clause 7                    **Part 3: Heading amended**  
Part 3 is amended by omitting “REGIONAL COMMITTEES” from the heading and substituting “COMMITTEES”
- Clause 8                    **Part 3 Division 1: Heading amended**  
Division 1 is amended by omitting “*Establishment*” from the heading and substituting “*Regional Committees*”.
- Clause 9                    **Section 11 amended (Annual Report)**  
The words “and the Council” have been omitted from Subsection (3). Also omitted from subsection (4) “at the same time as the report under section (8)(2) is tabled” and substituting “within 10 sitting-days after receiving the report”.

- Clause 10**                      **Part 3, Division 2 inserted**  
The Division 2 insertion in Part 3 contains section 11A which sets out ministerial powers to establish special advisory committees, as well as their membership, meeting requirements, powers and functions.
- Clause 11**                      **Section 12 amended (Preparation of draft regional strategy)**  
Section 12(2) of the Act is amended by omitting paragraph (a) which refers to the Council.
- Clause 12**                      **Section 13 amended (Draft regional strategy)**  
Section 13(2) is amended to omit from section 13(2) the term “region and” and substituting “region”. Section 13(2)(b), which refers to the accreditation criteria, is omitted.
- Clause 13**                      **Section 14 amended (Accreditation of regional strategy).**  
References to the Council in subsections 1 and 4(b) have been omitted and replaced with “the Minister”. Subsection (2), which refers to the Council making recommendations to the Minister on a draft regional strategy, is omitted.
- Clause 14**                      **Section 15 repealed**  
Section 15, which refers to the accreditation criteria, is repealed.
- Clause 15**                      **Section 17 amended (Natural resource management principles)**  
The reference to “Council and regional committees” in subsection 1(b) has been omitted and replaced with “relevant committees”. Subsection 3, which refers to the need for the Minister to consult the Council, has been omitted.
- Clause 16**                      **Section 18 amended (Priorities for natural resource management)**  
This section has been amended by omitting the need for the Minister to consult the Council, and substituting “Council and regional committees” with the term “relevant committees”.
- Clause 17**                      **Section 19 amended (Disclosure of interest)**  
The section is amended by omitting references to the “Council and regional committee” and substituting “relevant committee”.
- Clause 18**                      **Section 20 amended (Review of the Act)**  
The amendments in this section enable the Act to be reviewed every ten years rather than seven, and removes the need to evaluate the accreditation criteria. Reference to the Council is also omitted.
- Clause 19**                      **Schedule 2 repealed**  
Schedule 2, which sets out the membership and meeting requirements of the Council, is repealed.

Clause 20

**Repeal of the Act**

This Act is repealed on the three hundred and sixty fifth day from the day on which it commences.