

1999
THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Ms Tucker)

**Nature Conservation (Amendment)
Bill 1999**

A BILL

FOR

An Act to amend the *Nature Conservation Act 1980*

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Nature Conservation (Amendment) Act*
5 1999.

2. Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it is notified in the *Gazette*.

3. Principal Act

In this Act, "Principal Act" means the *Nature Conservation Act*
10 1980.¹

Job No.: 1999/051

4. Conservator of Flora and Fauna

Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting after subsection (2) the following subsection:

“(2A) Only a person—

- 5 (a) who is a graduate of an Australian or overseas University
 in a course of study relevant to nature conservation; and
 (b) who has employment experience in nature conservation;
 may perform the functions of the Conservator.”; and
10 (b) by omitting from subsection (3) “The Conservator” and
 substituting “Subject to subsection (2A), the Conservator”.

5. Insertion

After section 7 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

“7A. Statement of Conservator’s qualifications and experience

15 Where a person is appointed to hold the office mentioned in
 subsection 7 (2), or engaged to perform the duties of that office, the Minister
 shall cause to be laid before the Legislative Assembly, within 6 sitting days
 after the appointment or engagement, a statement of the professional
 qualifications and experience of the person so appointed or engaged.”.

6. Insertion

20 After Part 9 of the Principal Act the following Part is inserted:

“PART 10—TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

“85. Saving

25 “(1) Subsection 7 (2A) does not apply in relation to a person who,
 immediately before the commencement day, held the office mentioned in
 subsection 7 (2) or was engaged to perform the duties of that office.

 “(2) This section expires 6 months after the commencement day.

 “(3) In this section—

 ‘commencement day’ means the day on which the *Nature Conservation
 (Amendment) Act 1999* commences.”.

NOTE

Principal Act

1. Reprinted as at 1 June 1998. See also Act No. 54, 1998.

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