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Planning and Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2020

A Bill for

An Act to amend legislation about planning and the environment

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

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Planning and Environment Legislation Amendment Act 2020*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day after its notification day.

Note The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14), s 75 (1)).

3 Legislation amended

This Act amends the following legislation:

 [Animal Diseases Act 2005](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2005-18)

 [City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act 2017](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2017-12)

 [Fertilisers (Labelling and Sale) Act 1904](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/1904-33)

 [Fisheries Act 2000](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2000-38)

 [Gas Safety Act 2000](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2000-67)

 [Nature Conservation Act 2014](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2014-59)

 [Planning and Development Act 2007](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2007-24)

 [Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2014-60)

 [Waste Management and Resource Recovery Act 2016](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2016-51).

Part 2 Animal Diseases Act 2005

4 Definitions—pt 5A  
Section 62A, definition of beekeeper

substitute

beekeeper means a person who owns beehives in which European honey bees (Apis mellifera) are kept.

5 Sections 62B (2) (a) and 62I (e)

omit

[Apiaries Act 1985](https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/browse/asMade/acts/A) (NSW)

substitute

[Biosecurity Act 2015](https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2015/24) (NSW)

Part 3 City Renewal Authority and Suburban Land Agency Act 2017

6 Appointment of authority CEO  
New section 28 (3A)

insert

(3A) The chair of the authority board is a public sector employer in relation to the authority CEO for the [Public Sector Management Act 1994](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/1994-37), section 152 (Certain office-holders have management powers).

7 Appointment of agency CEO  
New section 56 (3A)

insert

(3A) The chair of the agency board is a public sector employer in relation to the agency CEO for the [Public Sector Management Act 1994](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/1994-37), section 152 (Certain office-holders have management powers).

Part 4 Fertilisers (Labelling and Sale) Act 1904

8 Dictionary  
Section 1A, notes

substitute

Note 1 The dictionary at the end of this Act defines certain terms used in this Act.

Note 2 A definition in the dictionary applies to the entire Act unless the definition, or another provision of the Act, provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears (see [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14), s 155 and s 156 (1)).

9 Meaning of fertiliser  
Section 2

omit

10 Vendor to give statement  
New section 3 (4)

insert

(4) A vendor does not commit an offence under subsection (2) if the statement provided to the purchaser substantially complies with the code of practice approved under section 4A.

11 New section 4A

insert

4A Code of practice

(1) The Minister may approve a code of practice relating to fertiliser labelling for this Act.

(2) An approval is a disallowable instrument.

Note A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14).

12 Dictionary, definition of fertiliser

omit

Part 5 Fisheries Act 2000

13 Declaration of possession limit  
Section 16A (2)

substitute

(2) A declaration is a disallowable instrument.

Note A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14).

Part 6 Gas Safety Act 2000

14 Construction occupations registrar may require information and documents  
Section 38 (1)

omit

authority

substitute

registrar

15 Appointment of inspectors  
Section 40 (3) (c)

substitute

(c) the construction occupations registrar has certified, in writing, that the registrar is satisfied that the person—

(i) has satisfactorily completed adequate training; and

(ii) is competent to exercise the functions of an inspector proposed to be given to the person.

Part 7 Nature Conservation Act 2014

16 Sections 140 (1) (b) (ii) and 141 (1) (b) (ii)

omit

growing

17 Draft reserve management plan—planning reports and strategic environmental assessments  
Section 178

omit

18 Offence—weapons and traps in reserve  
New section 217 (2A)

insert

(2A) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person only because—

(a) the person possesses or uses a landing net; and

(b) the possession or use is for landing a fish that is already hooked.

Note The defendant has an evidential burden in relation to the matters mentioned in s (2A) (see [Criminal Code](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2002-51), s 58).

19 Section 217 (4), new definition of landing net

insert

landing net means a net consisting of a hoop or ring that is attached to netting or other soft material and which is to be used for the purpose of landing a fish that is already hooked.

20 Direction to leave reserve  
Section 325 (3)

omit

Part 8 Planning and Development Act 2007

21 Meaning of associated document—pt 3.6  
Section 30 (1) (g)

substitute

(g) design advice and the response to that design advice, as required under section 139 (2) (s) to accompany the application;

22 Form of development applications  
Section 139 (2) (s), except notes

substitute

(s) if the design review panel provided the proponent with design advice about the development proposal under section 138AM—be accompanied by—

(i) the design advice; and

(ii) the proponent’s response, in writing, to the design advice.

23 Section 188 heading

substitute

188 Development approvals continue unless ended but may be extended

24 Section 188 (2)

substitute

(2) On application made before the end of the development approval, or on its own initiative, the planning and land authority may extend the period under the approval for—

(a) for an approval mentioned in section 184—the development or any stage of the development to start in accordance with the approval; or

(b) for an approval mentioned in section 185—the lease to be varied in accordance with the approval; or

(c) for an approval mentioned in section 186 or section 187—the use in accordance with the approval to begin or happen.

(3) The planning and land authority may not extend a period under subsection (2) if the day on which the period ends, as extended, is more than 5 years after the day the development approval takes effect.

(4) To remove any doubt, a development approval to which this section applies continues unless the approval ends in accordance with a section mentioned in subsection (1) (including any extension granted under subsection (2)).

(5) The planning and land authority may make guidelines about the application of subsection (2).

(6) A guideline is a notifiable instrument.

Note A notifiable instrument must be notified under the [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14).

Part 9 Utilities (Technical Regulation) Act 2014

25 New section 77A

insert

77A Delegation by technical regulator

The technical regulator may delegate the technical regulator’s functions to a public servant.

Part 10 Waste Management and Resource Recovery Act 2016

26 Section 14

substitute

14 Meaning of waste facility

In this Act:

waste facility—

(a) means a site used by a waste management business for the storage, sorting, treatment, processing, or disposal of waste; but

(b) does not include a reverse vending machine.

27 Definitions—pt 10A  
Section 64B, definition of collection point operator

substitute

collection point operator, for a collection point, means—

(a) if a collection point arrangement is in force for the collection point—the person who has entered into the collection point arrangement with a network operator for the collection point; or

(b) if a collection point arrangement is not in force for the collection point—the network operator who administers and operates the collection point.

28 Section 64D

substitute

64D Meaning of collection point—pt 10A

In this part:

collection point means—

(a) a waste facility used for the collection and handling of containers delivered to the facility for payment of a refund amount; or

(b) sites used for the collection and transport of containers to a waste facility for sorting and processing; or

(c) a reverse vending machine.

29 Content of network operator agreements  
Section 64N (1)

omit

establishment

substitute

administration

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 7 May 2020.

2 Notification

Notified under the [Legislation Act](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2001-14) on 2020.

3 Republications of amended laws

For the latest republication of amended laws, see [www.legislation.act.gov.au](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/).

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