

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
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AIR POLLUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL NO 2 1996

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

The objective of this Bill is to implement the legislative requirements resulting from outcomes of the Bushfire Fuel Management Task Force. The Bill amends section 27A of the *Air Pollution Act 1984* to allow for burning plant matter for the purposes of conserving biological diversity. The Bill also deletes a redundant subsection that now forms part of the bushfire fuel management planning provisions within the *Bushfire Act 1936*.

Details of the Bill are:

Short title and Commencement

Clause 1 & 2 Clause 1 and 2 are formal requirements. Clause 1 refers to the short title of the Bill, and clause 2 sets out the date of commencement of the Bill as being the date the Act is notified in the Gazette

Principal Act

Clause 3 Identifies the principal Act as the *Air Pollution Act 1984*.

Permits for burning plant matter

Clause 4 This clause adds to section 27A the burning of plant matter to conserve biological diversity or ecological integrity as an approved reason to burn plant matter. The clause also deletes subsection (3) of section 27A as it is redundant.