

Nature Conservation (Fees) Determination 2007 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI 2007 — 142

made under the

Nature Conservation Act 1980, Section 139 – Determination of Fees

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 139 of the *Nature Conservation Act 1980* provides the Minister with the power to determine fees for the purposes of the Act.

This determination revokes the previous fee determination (DI 2006-166) that set fees for the 2006-2007 financial year and establishes fees from 1 July 2007. The present determination also revokes DI 1997-134, which had set the admission fees for the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, but which have not been collected since the bushfires in January 2003.

The determination increases the fees payable under the Act by the current wage price index for Canberra issued by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from 1 July 2007 (4.0%), consistent with the Government's announcement on indexing of fees and charges as part of the 2006-07 ACT Budget. The increases are rounded down to the nearest 5 cents.

The types (as distinct from the amounts) of fees set out in this determination are substantially the same as those in the previous financial year, however, their description in the determination has been changed to more accurately reflect the legislative basis for those fees.

The new fee determination takes effect on from 1 July 2007.