

**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**NATURE CONSERVATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1986**

**ORDINANCE NO 65      1986**

**EXPLANATION STATEMENT**

The Nature Conservation Ordinance 1980 (the 'Principal Ordinance') makes provisions for the protection and conservation of wildlife, and provides for the declaration of reserved areas and wilderness zones for that purpose. The Nature Conservation (Amendment) Ordinance 1986 (the Amending Ordinance) amends the Principal Ordinance to require the preparation of a plan of management for reserves declared under section 51(1) of the Principal Ordinance, and gives members of the public an opportunity to make representations in respect of any draft plan of management.

The Amending Ordinance permits scrutiny by both Houses of Parliament of any revocation of a reserved area.

The effect of each of the provisions in the Amending Ordinance is outlined in the attachment.

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Section 1 cites the short title of the Amending Ordinance as the Nature Conservation (Amendment) Ordinance 1986.

Section 2 defines the Principal Ordinance for the purpose of the Amending Ordinance as the Nature Conservation Ordinance 1980.

Section 3 inserts a divisional heading before section 51 of the Principal Ordinance.

Section 4 inserts new sections 52A to 52J inclusive.

- New section 52A requires the Minister to adopt the existing Namadgi National Park Management Plan within 14 days of the date of commencement of the Amending Ordinance.
- New section 52B requires the Conservator to prepare a plan of management in respect of areas already declared or as soon as possible after an area has been declared under section 51 of the Principal Ordinance. The plan may make provision for an area proposed to be added to a reserve.
- New section 52C requires identification of proposed or existing buildings, a description of works or operations that may be conducted and matters that the Conservator must consider when preparing a plan of management.
- New section 52D gives the public the opportunity of making representations in respect of a plan of management, and requires the Conservator to give due consideration to such representations before forwarding them to the Minister. Before accepting the plan the Minister may refer the plan back to the Conservator for further consideration.
- New section 52E brings a plan of management into force on the date specified by notice in the Gazette.

- . New section 52F permits the Minister by notice in the Gazette to revoke or amend a plan of management.
- . New section 52G permits the Minister to revoke a declaration made under sub-section 51(1) of the Principal Ordinance.
- . New section 52H requires any revocation of a declaration of a reserved area to be laid before both Houses of Parliament for review.
- . New section 52J requires the Conservator to perform his or her duties in accordance with the plan of management.

Section 5 inserts a divisional heading before section 53 of the Principal Ordinance.