

# Impact Analysis Statement

## Summary IAS

### Details

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| Lead department                                       | Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI)                                                                                                             |
| Name of the proposal                                  | <i>Forestry (State Forests) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2026</i>                                                                                                    |
| Submission type                                       | Summary IAS                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument | <i>Forestry Act 1959</i><br><i>Forestry (State Forests) Regulation 1987</i><br><i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i><br><i>Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Regulation 1994</i> |
| Date of issue                                         | July 2026                                                                                                                                                                          |

| Proposal type                 | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Minor and machinery in nature | <p>The <i>Forestry (State Forests) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2026</i> (Amendment Regulation) proposes to correct the <i>Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Regulation 1994</i> in relation to Tamborine National Park; redescribe one State forest; eight national parks and one resources reserve to improve plan accuracy; dedicate one new national park; make additions to one national park; make additions to and redescribe two nature refuges; and revoke one nature refuge. The proposals are considered minor and machinery in nature with negligible costs and do not require further regulatory impact analysis.</p> <p>All areas that are proposed to be dedicated as national park are currently unallocated state land owned by DETSI. The core aim of dedicating or amending existing protected areas is to permanently preserve, to the greatest extent possible, the area's natural condition, to protect the area's cultural resources and values and provide for ecologically sustainable activities and ecotourism.</p> <p>Redescription actions are necessary to update administrative or protected area plans and descriptions, to better define the boundaries and improve accuracy.</p> <p>The proposal to revoke Curtis Island Nature Refuge is to allow the land to be dedicated as part of Curtis Island National Park. The land was formerly State lease that was forfeited, also causing the nature refuge agreement to cease. The land is now being transferred to DETSI for dedication as State-managed protected area in recognition of its conservation values.</p> <p>The regulatory amendment proposal is machinery in nature, consistent with regulatory best practice principles and the objectives of the <i>Forestry Act 1959</i> and the <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>.</p> <p>The Amendment Regulation will achieve these actions by updating schedules in the <i>Forestry (State Forests) Regulation 1987</i> and the <i>Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Regulation 1994</i> and does not result in a substantive change to regulatory policy or new impacts on business, government, or the community.</p> |

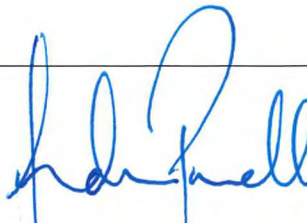
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|  | <p>Redescription actions are necessary to update administrative or protected area plans and descriptions, to better define the boundaries and improve accuracy. Details of the proposed actions are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• redescribe <u>Durikai State Forest</u> as lots 443 and 444 on AP24075, containing a total area of about 12,354.75 hectares (a decrease of about 15.25 hectares), using contemporary survey and mapping technology and standards, about 38 kilometres west of Warwick;</li> <li>• dedicate an area described as lots 8 and 11 on CP860464, containing a total area of about 713 hectares, as part of <u>Curtis Island National Park</u>, about 19 kilometres north of Gladstone. Most of the area is formerly part of Curtis Island Nature Refuge which is being revoked in this amendment to allow the areas to be dedicated as part of the national park. The area contains endangered and of concern regional ecosystems, significant wildlife refugia and areas of very high aquatic conservation significance;</li> <li>• redescribe <u>Family Islands National Park</u> as lots 1 to 11 on AP23901, containing a total area of about 623.77 hectares (a decrease of about 40.701 hectares), using contemporary survey and mapping technology and standards, about 34 kilometres north-east of Cardwell;</li> <li>• redescribe <u>Frankland Group National Park</u> as lots 1 to 5 on AP23893, containing a total area of about 85.39 hectares (a decrease of about 11.17 hectares), using contemporary survey and mapping technology and standards, about 47 kilometres south-east of Cairns;</li> <li>• redescribe <u>Goodedulla National Park</u> as lot 1 on AP23991, containing an area of about 25,763.88 hectares (a decrease of about 93.82 hectares), using contemporary survey and mapping technology and standards, about 76 kilometres west of Rockhampton;</li> <li>• redescribe <u>Goold Island National Park</u> as lots 1 and 2 on AP23899, containing a total area of about 816.02 hectares (a decrease of about 28.18 hectares), using contemporary survey and mapping technology and standards, about 54 kilometres north-east of Ingham;</li> <li>• redescribe <u>Isla Gorge National Park</u> as lot 30 on AP23964, containing an area of about 7,900.35 hectares (an increase of about 50.35 hectares), using contemporary survey and mapping technology and standards, about 200 kilometres south-west of Gladstone;</li> <li>• dedicate an area described as lot 134 on plan FD614, lot 492 on plan OL21, lot 517 on plan OL22 and lot 7 on SP149043, containing a total area of about 1,806.2186 hectares, as the new <u>Miara National Park</u>, about 30 kilometres north-west of Bundaberg. The areas contain of concern regional ecosystems, and wetlands of high ecological significance;</li> <li>• redescribe <u>Noosa National Park</u> as lots 1 to 12 on AP23967, containing a total area of about 2,892.25 hectares (an increase of about 8.9136 hectares), using contemporary survey and mapping technology and standards, about 16 kilometres north of Maroochydhore;</li> <li>• correct the <i>Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Regulation 1994</i> in relation to <u>Tamborine National Park</u>, changing the excluded plan number from lot 1 on SP149501, to lot 1 on SP149051;</li> <li>• redescribe <u>Tewantin National Park</u> as lots 1 to 7 on AP23894 and lots 13 and 14 on SP230058, containing a total area of about 5,545.5331 hectares (a decrease of about 0.2 hectares), using contemporary survey and mapping technology and standards, about 7 kilometres west of Noosa Heads;</li> </ul> |
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- redescribe Wooroonooran National Park as lots 1 to 3 and 19 on AP23993, containing a total area of about 115,113.77 hectares (a decrease of about 54.9125 hectares), using contemporary survey and mapping technology and standards, about 28 kilometres north-west of Innisfail.
- redescribe Noosa Resources Reserve as lot 13 on AP23967, containing an area of about 0.24 hectares (an increase of about 0.02 hectares), using contemporary survey and mapping technology and standards, about 15 kilometres north of Maroochydore.
- revoke the entirety of Curtis Island Nature Refuge, described as lot 11 and the part of lot 8 on CP860464, containing an area of about 517 hectares, shown on plan PA164, about 19 kilometres north of Gladstone. The conservation agreement associated with this nature refuge has expired under its terms and the nature refuge is now proposed to be revoked and dedicated as part of Curtis Island National Park;
- declare an area described as part of lot 11 on CP854026, containing an area of about 30,304.17 hectares, as part of Herbertvale Nature Refuge; and subsequently redescribe the entirety of the nature refuge as the part of lot 11 on CP854026, containing an area of about 63,228.37 hectares, shown on plan PA1225, about 260 kilometres north-west of Mount Isa. The area provides catchment protection for Lawn Hill Creek and connectivity with the adjoining Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park and nearby Boodjamulla National Park (Aboriginal Land). The area has a complex mosaic of vegetation types described across 22 regional ecosystems and suitable habitat for threatened species including the Carpentarian grasswren and purple-necked rock-wallaby;
- declare an area described as part of lot 2680 on CP883164, containing an area of about 45,164.65 hectares, as part of Norfolk Nature Refuge; and subsequently redescribe the entirety of the nature refuge, as the part of lot 2680 on CP883164, containing an area of about 75,808.85 hectares, shown on plan PA1226, about 200 kilometres north-west of Mount Isa. The area provides catchment protection for the Thornton Aggregation, a significant wetland aggregation and the Gregory River and connectivity with the adjoining Boodjamulla National Park (Aboriginal Land) and the nearby Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park. The area has a complex mosaic of vegetation types across 17 regional ecosystems and suitable habitat for threatened species including the purple-crowned fairy-wren.



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