

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department Environment and Science
Name of the proposal	Wet Tropics (Consequential Amendments) Amendment Management Plan 2023
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	<p><i>Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022 (NCOLA)</i></p> <p><i>Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2023 (EPOLA)</i></p> <p><i>Wet Tropics World Heritage Protection and Management Act 1993 (Wet Tropics Act) (Act being amended by the two amendment Acts)</i></p> <p>Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998 (the Plan) (Plan being amended by the above amendment Plan)</p>
Date	15 August 2023

For proposals noted in table below

Complete and delete rows where applicable. No further analysis is required.

Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	<p>EPOLA and NCOLA each contain amendments to the Wet Tropics Act that are approved to commence by Proclamation. The amendments to the Wet Tropics Act have been delayed, to commence at the same time as consequential changes to the subordinate legislation, the <i>Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998 (the Plan)</i>.</p> <p>This IAS relates only to the consequential amendments to the Plan, that is, the obligations in the Act have previously been assessed and the consequential changes to the Plan are therefore minor and machinery in nature.</p> <p>Background - Wet Tropics Act amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> remove the exemption to the prohibited uses under the Wet Tropics Act, the effect of which will be to remove the opportunity to exercise a licence, permit or other authority made under the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> subject to the consequential amendment being made to the Plan reflect National Cabinet changes to arrangements between the State and the Commonwealth, including replacing the Ministerial Council remove the outdated version of the <i>Management scheme intergovernmental agreement for the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area (Intergovernmental Agreement)</i> from a schedule in the Act

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ clarify the maximum term for a director and correcting minor errors ◦ provide a method to resolve any inconsistency between a plan made under the Wet Tropics Act and a plan or instrument made under Part 7 of the <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>. <p>The consequential Plan amendments to which this Impact Analysis applies are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ remove mining licence, permit or other authority under the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> from the section 27 of the Plan (allowed activities). This action completes a change to the Wet Tropics Act that previously allowed mining authorised under the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> to be exempted from the prohibited uses in the world heritage area ◦ replace the responsibilities of the obsolete Ministerial Council with an equivalent arrangement of the State Minister (for Environment) and Commonwealth Minister (for Environment), including relevant terminology updates. This change was instigated by the National Cabinet Reform process and the altered intergovernmental arrangements arising from the Conran Review ◦ clarify references to 'agreement' where agreement refers to the 'Intergovernmental Agreement' ◦ apply administrative updates to respond to changed numbering or section-references in the Wet Tropics Act ◦ reference the new location of the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Authority's website rather than in a schedule of the Act ◦ clarify the definition of primary goal by identifying which part of the Intergovernmental Agreement it refers to and replace references to the <i>Public Service Act 2008</i> with the new <i>Public Sector Act 2022</i>.
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*Refer to *The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy* for regulatory proposals not requiring regulatory impact analysis (for example, public sector management, changes to existing criminal laws, taxation).

Impact assessment

All proposals – complete:

	First full year	First 10 years**
Direct costs – Compliance costs*	0	0
Direct costs – Government costs	0	0

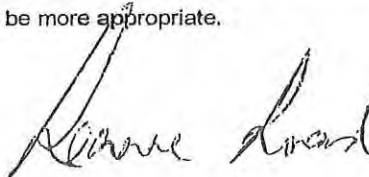
* The *direct costs calculator tool* should be used to calculate direct costs of regulatory burden. If the proposal has no costs, report as zero.

**Agency to note where a longer or different timeframe may be more appropriate.



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Date: 18/9/2023



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