

# Subordinate legislation tabled between 10 November 2015 – 1 December 2015

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## 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Role of the Committee

The Agriculture and Environment Committee is a portfolio Committee established by the Legislative Assembly on 27 March 2015 under the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*.<sup>1</sup> It consists of government and non-government members. The Committee's primary areas of responsibility are: agriculture and fisheries; sport and racing; environment and heritage protection; and national parks and the Great Barrier Reef.<sup>2</sup>

Section 93(1) of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* provides that a portfolio Committee is responsible for examining each Bill and item of subordinate legislation in its portfolio area to consider –

- a) the policy to be given effect by the legislation
- b) the application of fundamental legislative principles to the legislation, and
- c) for subordinate legislation its lawfulness.

## 1.2 Aim of this report

This report advises of portfolio subordinate legislation (SL) tabled between 10 November 2015 and 1 December 2015 (as listed below) that the Committee has examined.

SL nos 150 to 153 were tabled on 10 November 2015 and have a disallowance date of 17 March 2016. SL nos 155 to 167 tabled on 1 December 2015 have a disallowance date of 20 April 2016. The report incorporates advice provided to the Committee by the Technical Scrutiny Secretariat.

## 2 Findings and recommendations

The Committee recommends that the Legislative Assembly note the subordinate legislation tabled between 10 November 2015 and 1 December 2015 considered by the Committee. The Committee did not identify any issues regarding consistency with fundamental legislative principles, nor with the lawfulness of the subordinate legislation.

## 3 Subordinate legislation considered

The following table lists the subordinate legislation considered by the Committee and the deadline in each case for Members to give notice in the House of a disallowance motion under Standing Order 59.<sup>3</sup>

SL No	Subordinate Legislation	Tabled On	New Disallowance Date
150	Nature Conservation Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2015	10/11/2015	17/03/2016
151	Forestry (State Forests) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2015	10/11/2015	17/03/2016
152	Food Production (Safety) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2015	10/11/2015	17/03/2016
153	Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment (Postponement) Regulation 2015	10/11/2015	17/03/2016
155	Water Reform and Other Legislation Amendment (Postponement) Regulation 2015	1/12/2015	20/04/2016
159	Exotic Diseases in Animals (Asian Honey Bee) Repeal Notice 2015	1/12/2015	20/04/2016
164	Environmental Protection and Another Regulation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2015	1/12/2015	20/04/2016

Section 88 Parliament of Queensland Act 2001 and Standing Order 194.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Schedule 6 of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Section 50 of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992* provides that the Legislative Assembly may pass a resolution disallowing subordinate legislation if notice of a disallowance motion is given by a Member within 14 sitting days after the legislation is tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

SL No	Subordinate Legislation	Tabled On	New Disallowance Date
165	Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Amendment Regulation (No. 4) 2015	1/12/2015	20/04/2016
166	Forestry (State Forests) Amendment Regulation (No. 3) 2015	1/12/2015	20/04/2016
167	Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Amendment Regulation (No. 4) 2015	1/12/2015	20/04/2016

# 4 Issues for consideration

The Committee identified no potential fundamental legislative principle and/or other issues with the SL contained in the table above.

Glenn Butcher MP

Chair

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