

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Biodiversity Offsets Scheme) Bill 2024**

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Proposed amendments

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No. 1 **Serious and irreversible impacts—climate change**

Page 5, Schedule 1. Insert after line 8—

**[14A] Section 6.2(i)**

Omit “principles prescribed by the regulations under this Act of serious and irreversible impacts on biodiversity values”.

Insert instead “principles of serious and irreversible impacts on biodiversity values set out in section 6.5 and prescribed by the regulations”.

No. 2 **Serious and irreversible impacts—climate change**

Page 6, Schedule 1. Insert after line 7—

**[19A] Section 6.5 Serious and irreversible impacts on biodiversity values**

Insert “this section and the” after “with” in section 6.5(1).

**[19B] Section 6.5(1A)**

Insert after section 6.5(1)—

(1A) An impact must be regarded as serious and irreversible if it is likely to contribute to the risk of a threatened species or ecological community becoming extinct because the species or community is at particular risk of extinction due to climate change.

No. 3 **Biodiversity assessment method—animal welfare considerations**

Page 6, Schedule 1. Insert after line 18—

**[20A] Section 6.7 Minister may establish biodiversity assessment method**

Insert “, amending or replacing” after “establishing” in section 6.7(3).

**[20B] Section 6.7(3)(a1)**

Insert after section 6.7(3)(a)—

(a1) have regard to the welfare of animals, and

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**[20C] Section 6.7(3)**

Omit "This subsection does not affect the validity of a biodiversity assessment method established by the Minister."