

STATE DEVELOPMENT AND REGIONAL INDUSTRIES COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 19, 57TH PARLIAMENT

NATURE CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Introduction

On 24 February 2022, the Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (the Bill) was introduced into Parliament.

The Bill was subsequently referred to the State Development and Regional Industries Committee (the Committee) with a report back date of 8 April 2022.

On 8 April 2022, the Committee tabled its Report No. 19 in relation to the Bill.

Recommendations

The Committee made two recommendations. The Queensland Government Response to the Committee's recommendations is provided below:

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends the Nature Conservation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 be passed.

Government Response

The Government thanks the Committee for this recommendation.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the Department of Environment and Science:

- develop clear and accessible guidelines for beekeeping on sites in national parks, within the next 12 months, to ensure potential risks to the natural environment are appropriately managed
- adopt a clear strategy and plan to identify and secure alternative apiary sites over the period of the 20 year extension.

Government Response

The Government accepts this recommendation.

The Department of Environment and Science has established an interagency working group to:

- develop a code or guidelines within the next 12 months. Consultation will occur with industry stakeholders, to ensure best practice is implemented to minimise impacts from beekeeping in national parks.
- investigate opportunities that may exist on other land tenures for beekeeping and identify other initiatives that may support the industry to progressively relocate beekeeping from national parks over the next 20 years.