

National Parks (Amendment) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Outline

The purposes of this Bill are to establish new parks, to enlarge and vary the boundaries of existing parks and to amend the *National Parks Act 1975*.

Notes on Clauses

Clause 1 outlines the purposes of the Act.

Clause 2 provides for the Act to come into operation on the 28th day after the day on which it received the Royal Assent excepting certain sections dealing with new parks and major additions which come into operation on a day or days to be proclaimed.

Clause 3 names the *National Parks Act 1975* as the Principal Act.

Clause 4 provides for new and enlarged parks, as follows:

<i>Sub-clause</i>	<i>Part of Schedule</i>	<i>Associated Section of the Bill</i>	<i>Park</i>	<i>Particulars</i>
<i>Schedule Two</i>				
(1)	A	2 (1) 4 (10)	19. Mt Richmond	Purchased land
<i>Schedule Three</i>				
(2)	B (a)	2 (1)	2. Warrandyte	Purchased land
	B (c)	2 (1)	16. Discovery Bay	Purchased land
	B (e)	2 (1) 4 (11)	18. Gippsland Lakes	Donated and purchased land
	B (h)	2 (1) 2 (14)	22. Pink Lakes	Excision for Government road
(3)	B (b)	2 (2) 2 (13)	8. Warby Range	Donated land
(4)	(B) (d)	2 (2) 4 (11) 4 (12)	17A. Black Range	LCC Recs B2 and B2 (f) South West District 2 Study Area
(5)	B (f)	2 (2) 4 (11) 4 (12) 5 (1)	19B. Angahook-Lorne	LCC Rec A4 Corangamite Study Area LCC Rec A2 Melbourne Study Area
(6)	B (g)	2 (2) 4 (11)	21B. Mt Lawson	LCC Rec A7 and A8 North Eastern District (Benalla-Upper Murray Review)
(7)	B (i)	2 (2) 4 (11) 4 (12)	22B. Arapiles-Toosan	LCC Rec B1 South West Study Area

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(8)	B (j)	2 (2) 4 (11)	24B. French Island	LCC Rec A12 Melbourne Study Area
(9)	B (k)	2 (2) 4 (11) 4 (12) 5 (2)	26B. Barmah	LCC Rec A2 Murray Valley Study Area

Sub-clauses (10), (11) and (12) are the usual machinery clauses to close certain unused roads and to revoke areas of reserved forests to be included in the parks.

Sub-clause (13) is a provision required in connection with land dealings for an area to be included in the Warby Range State Park.

Sub-clause (14) is a provision relating to a road reserve omitted from the new description of Pink Lakes State Park.

Clause 5 amends section 25B (1) of the Principal Act, adding to the list of parks from which forest produce may be taken in accordance with the Schedule. The parks in question are—

<i>Sub-clause</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of park</i>
(1)	19B	Angahook—Lorne
(2)	26B	Barmah

Clause 6 updates section 31 of the Principal Act for metric conversion, and inserts a new sub-section providing for rights of access by abutting land owners over French Island State Park.

Clause 7 corrects an error in the Principal Act.

The Schedule Parts A and B provide for changes to the Schedules to the Principal Act. Part C describes land to be added to Warby Range State Park when dealings are completed.