

SCHEDULE 1

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES TO THE AGREEMENT

- “Policy” under **Definitions** clause 3.2 is **redefined** *from* “Fire Management Policies and Procedures for lands under the care and control of the Minister for Environment and Conservation as set out in Attachment C” *to* “Fire Management Environmental Assessment and Management Procedure.”
- Note current ministerial and portfolio titles:
 - Cwth Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities;
 - SA Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation;
 - Cwth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities; and
 - SA Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
- **Strategic Assessment Endorsement Criteria** (Attachment B to the Agreement) is updated with the latest criteria provided by the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (following) to simplify and clarify the endorsement criteria; and
- Attachment C which details the entire suite of DENR policies and procedures for prescribed and ecological burning is **removed** from the Agreement.

Strategic Assessment Endorsement Criteria

When deciding whether to endorse a policy, plan, or program the Minister must be satisfied that the assessment report adequately addresses the impacts to which the agreement relates, and that any recommendations to modify the policy, plan or program have been responded to appropriately.

In determining whether or not to endorse the policy, plan or program the Minister will have regard to the extent to which the policy, plan or program meets the Objects of the EPBC Act. In particular, that it:

- protects the environment, especially matters of national environmental significance;
- promotes ecologically sustainable development;
- promotes the conservation of biodiversity; and
- provides for the protection and conservation of heritage.

Accordingly, the policy, plan or program should avoid actions from being taken in any location that have an impact on matters of national environmental significance.

Where potential impacts cannot be avoided, then the impacts should be reduced to an acceptable level through effective mitigation.

The policy, plan or program must contain an effective system of adaptive management that also includes addressing uncertainty and contingency management. This system should include procedures for monitoring, independent auditing and public reporting on implementation.