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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Biodiversity legislation

A summary of the recently commenced biodiversity conservation and native vegetation management legislation has been added:

- *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (No 63)*
- *Local Land Services (Amendment) Act 2016 (No 64)*
- *Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non Rural Areas) 2017*

The summary includes:

- Remodelling of biodiversity laws
- Planning
 - Biodiversity assessment and approvals
 - Biodiversity development assessment report
 - Environmental assessment under Pt 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act*
 - Biodiversity assessment for State significant development or infrastructure
 - Consultation with Minister for the Environment if a Minister is consent authority
 - under Pt 4 or determining authority under Pt 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act
 - Biodiversity offsets
 - Preparation of species impact statements
- Staged Development
 - *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Staged Development Applications) Act 2017*

- Planning Panels
 - *Environmental Planning and Assessment and Electoral Legislation Amendment (Planning Panels and Enforcement) Act 2017*

See [RD.80].

Local Government – conduct of elections

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment and Electoral Legislation Amendment (Planning Panels and Enforcement) Act 2017* amended the following Acts in relation to conduct of elections:

- *Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912*; and
- *Local Government Act 1993*.

See [RD.90].

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The index has been reviewed and revised throughout for currency.

