1. The conservation and management of protected plants and animals – collectively termed ‘protected wildlife’ – in Queensland is regulated under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (NC Act) and subordinate legislation – the *Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2017*, the *Nature Conservation (Wildlife Management) Regulation 2006* and the *Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulation 2006*, collectively known the Nature Conservation Regulations.
2. In accordance with the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*, the *Nature Conservation (Wildlife Management) Regulation 2006* and the *Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulation 2006* were due to expire on 1 September 2018. Their expiration was delayed on account of the common assessment method review of the NC Act, allowing for a consolidated suite of amendments.
3. To review the continued need, effectiveness and efficiency of the Nature Conservation Regulations, a consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was released between 24 May and 29 June 2018 seeking public comment on options for the future of the animal-keeping framework. The major focus of the review was to deliver improvements to Queensland’s licencing framework for the recreational keep and commercial sale of native animals.
4. The Decision Regulatory Impact Statement highlights the need to develop a regulatory framework that better meets the needs of pet keepers, hobbyists, and larger-scale and commercial operations.
5. The new regulations and the licencing framework reforms under the *Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020* meet the requirements for a statutory review of expiring regulations under the Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation.
6. Cabinet endorsed releasing the Decision Regulatory Impact Statement: Reviewing the framework for the management of protected wildlife (animals) in Queensland under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.
7. Cabinet endorsed that the *Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020* be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
8. Cabinet noted that the *Nature Conservation (Plants) Regulation 2020* and the *Nature Conservation (Protected Area Management) Amendment Regulation 2020* will be progressed to the Governor in Council for approval.
9. *Attachments*
	* [*Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020*](Attachments/Reg.PDF)
	* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)
	* [Human Rights Certificate](Attachments/HRCert.PDF)
	* [Decision Regulatory Impact Statement: Reviewing the framework for the management of protected wildlife (animals) in Queensland under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*](Attachments/RIS.PDF)