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Water Amendment (Long-term Average Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment) Bill 2012

(Government)

(1) Schedule 1, item 10, page 6 (line 11), at the end of subsection 23A(2), add:

; and (d) a requirement for the Authority not to propose an adjustment under paragraph (1)(a)
or (b) without:

(i) inviting members of the public to make submissions to the Authority on the
proposed adjustment; and

(ii) providing a reasonable amount of time for those submissions to be made and
considered by the Authority.

[mandatory public consultation on adjustments]

(2) Schedule 1, item 10, page 6 (line 20), omit “is adopted”, substitute “may be adopted”.

[ministerial discretion to adopt amendment]

(3) Schedule 1, item 10, page 9 (lines 12 to 18), omit subsection 23B(6), substitute:

(6) As soon as practicable after receiving the amendment, the Minister must:

(a) consider the amendment; and

(b) either:

(i) adopt, in writing, the amendment; or

(ii) give the Authority notice, in writing, that the Minister has decided not to adopt
the amendment.

Note: If a long-term average sustainable diversion limit for the water resources of a particular water
resource plan area (or a particular part of those water resources) is amended, the long-term annual
diversion limit for those water resources is also amended (see table item 7 of the table in
subsection 22(1)).

[ministerial discretion to adopt amendment]

(4) Schedule 1, item 13, page 9 (lines 28 to 32), omit the item.

[disallowance of amendment]