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1 Short title

This Act is the *Agriculture Legislation Amendment (Modernising Administrative Processes) Act 2024*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this Act	The day after this Act receives the Royal Assent.	31 May 2024

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

3 Schedules

Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendment of the Primary Industries Research and Development Act 1989

Primary Industries Research and Development Act 1989

1 Section 129

Repeal the section, substitute:

129 When Selection Committees abolished

- (1) A Selection Committee is abolished by force of this subsection at the later of the following times:
 - (a) when the term of office of the Presiding Member in which the Selection Committee was established ends (disregarding any term for which the Presiding member is reappointed);
 - (b) if, when that term ends, the Selection Committee is part way through a selection process—when that selection process is complete.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b), a selection process is complete as soon as all appointments to which the selection process relates have been made.

2 Paragraph 130(2)(a)

Omit “placed in a newspaper that circulates throughout Australia”, substitute “placed in a publication, or published on a website, that it considers appropriate”.

3 Paragraph 131(4)(a)

Omit “listed within the previous 12 months”, substitute “included on a list made within the previous 18 months”.

4 After subsection 141(1)

Insert:

- (1AAA) Subsection (1) does not apply if the Selection Committee (if any) for the R&D Corporation did not conduct any operations during the immediately preceding financial year.

5 Section 142

Repeal the section.

6 Application provision—when Selection Committees abolished

- (1) The amendment of section 129 of the *Primary Industries Research and Development Act 1989* made by this Schedule applies in relation to a Selection Committee in existence (disregarding that amendment) on or after the day this Schedule commences, whether the Selection Committee was established before, on or after that day.
- (2) If subitem (1) would otherwise have the effect that a Selection Committee is abolished before the day this Schedule commences, the Selection Committee is instead abolished at the start of that day.

7 Application provision—advertisements inviting nominations of persons for appointment

The amendment of paragraph 130(2)(a) of the *Primary Industries Research and Development Act 1989* made by this Schedule applies in relation to the inviting of nominations on or after the day this Schedule commences.

8 Application provision—listing of persons suitable for nomination

The amendment of paragraph 131(4)(a) of the *Primary Industries Research and Development Act 1989* made by this Schedule applies in relation to the making of a nomination on or after the day this Schedule commences, whether a person was listed before, on or after that day.

Schedule 2—Repeal of the Rural Adjustment Act 1992

Part 1—Repeal

Rural Adjustment Act 1992

1 The whole of the Act

Repeal the Act.

2 Transitional provision—transfer of records and documents of National Rural Advisory Council to the Department

- (1) This item applies to any records or documents that were in the possession of the National Rural Advisory Council immediately before the commencement of this item.
- (2) The records and documents are to be transferred to the Department after the commencement of this item.

Note: The records and documents transferred are Commonwealth records for the purposes of the *Archives Act 1983*.

Part 2—Consequential amendments

Natural Heritage Trust of Australia Act 1997

3 Paragraph 18(b)

Omit “1992;”, substitute “1992.”.

4 Paragraph 18(d)

Repeal the paragraph.

5 Subsections 19(7) and 20(4)

Repeal the subsections (not including the notes).

6 Section 49 (heading)

Repeal the heading, substitute:

49 Appropriations for the purposes of the *Natural Resources Management (Financial Assistance) Act 1992*

7 Subsections 49(4) and (5)

Repeal the subsections.

[Minister’s second reading speech made in—
House of Representatives on 28 February 2024
Senate on 21 March 2024]

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