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Addendum to the Ministerial Statement of Expectations to the Director of National Parks issued 28 October 2024

Environment and Water Portfolio

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The Ministerial Statement of Expectations (the Statement) was issued to the Director of National Parks (the Director) on 28 October 2024. This addendum to the Statement is issued to the Director to outline my additional expectations, as the Minister for Environment and Water, for how the Director will deliver the whole-of-government policy objective for Commonwealth regulators to better balance risk mitigation with efficiency, growth and dynamism.

**Prioritising productivity**

In delivering its regulatory functions, I expect that the Director will:

- Take a proportionate and risk-based approach to regulation to balance risk mitigation with efficiency, growth and dynamism.
- Consider the impact on productivity of regulatory activities, including:
  - adjusting regulatory posture where appropriate to create a regulatory environment that enables productivity growth.
  - proactively reducing unnecessary regulatory burden, including looking for ways to support innovation, small business and new market entrants.
  - increasing the recognition of suitable risk assessments, standards and conformity assessment procedures to lower barriers to trade.

**Regulator performance best practice**

In alignment with the Regulator Performance Resource Management Guide (RMG 128), I expect the Director to:

- Consider appropriate performance and service standards measurement for their regulatory activities, including in relation to any reform proposals.
- Align regulatory approach and implementation with the six principles of the Regulatory Policy, Practice and Performance Framework for the regulator's role, regulatory posture, specific legislative objectives, functions, and environment.

- Identify and address international regulations and the global regulatory operating environment, and engaging with international regulatory bodies, relevant to the regulator's role, functions, and environment.

### **Supporting regulatory reforms**

The Director is supporting a range of critical regulatory reforms alongside administering current regulatory arrangements. In progressing these reforms, I expect the Director to work with the Department of Finance, where appropriate, to implement and report on reform proposals to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden.

I expect the Director to continue leading policy design and ensuring strong governance of implementation for priority regulatory reforms.