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Proposed timeline for EPBC Act reforms

Our commitments

STAGE 1

mid-2020 - mid 2021

Delivering the foundations for reform

In Stage 1, the government will build the foundations for reform of Australia's national environmental law. **The Stage 1 reforms will set the framework for the government's reform pathway and timeline.**As an initial step, the EPBC Act will be amended to establish the framework for making national environmental standards and to deliver single touch approvals underpinned by strong assurance, which aligns with the Independent Review of the EPBC Act.

STAGE 2

mid-2021 - late 2022

Delivering priority reforms and engaging on further reform

In Stage 2, the government will deliver its priority reforms, focussed on implementing single touch approvals underpinned by effective protections through national environmental standards and strong assurance. This stage will see the government work in consultation with states, territories, the Parliament of Australia, and stakeholders on key themes and recommendations of the EPBC Act Review to deliver the priority reforms, and setting the agenda for the next stage of improvements to the EPBC Act.

STAGE 3

late 2022 - end 2023

Building on the foundations for reform

In Stage 3, the government will deliver its next stage of reforms, which will include making a final MNES Standard and the first set of other Standards developed by the Review. The government will continue to implement its reform pathway informed by the key reform areas in the EPBC Act Review and stakeholder consultation and feedback.

STAGE 4

2024

Completing the reform

In Stage 4, the government will complete its reform of the EPBC Act in response to the EPBC Act Review. The focus will be on improving the operation of Australia's environmental law and the effectiveness of national protections, while improving overall efficiency, and alignment creating greater certainty. Ongoing reform will continue following Stage 4.

