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- (5) A plan of management, and a report that includes a summary of public submissions and responses by the Authority, must be available for public inspection at, and purchase from, the office of the Authority during ordinary office hours.
- (6) The Authority must ensure that the plan of management includes, after consultation with the Director-General of National Parks and Wildlife, a proposal that land adjoining the Newington Nature Reserve is to be managed as a buffer to that reserve.

35 Adoption of plan of management

- (1) When the plan of management has been prepared, the Authority is to give public notice that the plan has been prepared and must, in the notice:
 - (a) specify the address of the place at which copies of the plan may be inspected, and
 - (b) specify the address to which representations in connection with the plan may be forwarded.
- (2) Any person may, within one month after public notice is given, or within such longer period as may be specified in the notice, make representations to the Authority concerning the plan of management.
- (3) The Authority must refer all representations to the Advisory Committee for Millennium Parklands established under section 62 for its consideration and advice.
- (4) The Authority is to submit the plan of management to the Minister together with any comments and suggested amendments of the Advisory Committee for Millennium Parklands and a report that includes a summary of public submissions and responses by the Authority.
- (5) The Minister may:
 - (a) adopt the plan of management, without alteration or with such alterations as the Minister thinks fit, or
 - (b) refer the plan of management back to the Authority for further consideration.
- (6) The Minister must not adopt the plan of management unless the Minister for the Environment has concurred in the adoption of the plan.

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