



New South Wales

Parliamentary Committees Legislation Amendment Bill 1995

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to increase by 2 the number of members of the Legislative Assembly on the following Parliamentary Committees:

- the Committee on the Health Care Complaints Commission (under the *Health Care Complaints Act 1993*)
- the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption (under the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988*)
- the Committee on the Office of the Ombudsman (under the *Ombudsman Act 1974*)

As a result of the proposed amendments the membership of each of the Committees will increase from 9 to 11, with 8 being members of the Legislative Assembly and 3 being members of the Legislative Council. The Bill will also make the following consequential amendments:

- each Act mentioned above is amended to increase by 1 the number of members required to constitute a quorum of the Committee concerned (so as to ensure that a quorum is still a majority)
- the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988 is amended to provide for a corresponding increase in the membership of the Standing Ethics Committee under that Act (membership of which currently comprises, among others, all the Legislative Assembly members of the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption).

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides that the proposed Act will commence on the date of assent.

Clause 3 gives effect to the Schedules of amendments to various Acts.

Schedules 1–3 contain amendments to the Acts referred to above to give effect to the object described above.