



New South Wales

Fire Brigades Amendment (Contributions) Bill 1995

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

Part 5 of the *Fire Brigades Act 1989* requires local councils and insurance companies to contribute, along with the State government, to fire brigade costs in the State. The total amount required to be contributed is based on the estimated fire brigade expenditure in relation to fire districts.

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Fire Brigades Act 1989*:

- to provide that the contributions by insurance companies and local councils to fire brigade costs will be determined on a financial year basis rather than on a calendar year basis
 - to provide for advance contribution payments to be made by councils to fire brigade costs (such advance payments are already required from insurance companies)
 - to simplify the basis on which the total of the estimates for a financial year are adjusted under section 47 of the Act
 - to remove references to the NSW Fire Brigade's working account to bring the Act into line with the current manner of operating Departmental accounts.
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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 a day or days to be proclaimed.

Clause 3 gives effect to the Schedule of amendments to the *Fire Brigades Act 1989*.

Schedule 1 makes the amendments to the *Fire Brigades Act 1989* referred to above.