



New South Wales

# Health Services Amendment (Local Health Districts and Boards) Bill 2011

## Explanatory note

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

## Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are:

- (a) to amend the *Health Services Act 1997*:
  - (i) to constitute local health districts and establish boards for such districts, and
  - (ii) to provide for certain statutory health corporations to be specialty networks with boards, and
  - (iii) to make related amendments and other minor amendments, and
  - (iv) to enact provisions of a savings or transitional nature, and
- (b) to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts and statutory rules.

## Outline of provisions

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

**Clause 2** provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

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## **Schedule 1      Amendment of Health Services Act 1997 No 154**

### **1.1    Principal amendments**

**Schedule 1.1** amends the *Health Services Act 1997* (the *Principal Act*):

- (a) to constitute local health districts to replace existing local health networks (see **Schedule 1.1 [1], [6] and [7]**), and
- (b) to provide for the establishment of boards for each local health district instead of the existing system of local health network governing councils (see **Schedule 1.1 [2]**), and
- (c) to provide for certain statutory health corporations to be specialty networks with boards (see **Schedule 1.1 [3], [4], [5] and [8]**), and
- (d) to update certain definitions as a consequence of these amendments (see **Schedule 1.1 [11]**), and
- (e) to enable the Governor to make regulations of a savings or transitional nature consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act (see **Schedule 1.1 [9]**), and
- (f) to enact provisions of a savings and transitional nature including, for example, provisions providing for existing local health networks to be reconstituted as local health districts (see **Schedule 1.1 [10]**).

### **1.2    Related amendments updating references and other minor amendments**

**Schedule 1.2** makes general amendments to the Principal Act so as to update provisions by replacing references to terms that have changed as a result of the amendments made by Schedule 1.1. Schedule 1.2 also makes some other minor amendments to the Principal Act.

## **Schedule 2      Consequential amendment of other Acts and statutory rules**

**Schedule 2** makes amendments to various other Acts and statutory rules that are consequential on the amendments made to the Principal Act by the proposed Act.