

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are to amend the *Industrial Relations Act 1996*:

- (a) to enable the Industrial Relations Commission (the **Commission**) to rescind awards that have no current application to any employer or employee, and
- (b) to provide that all awards declared to be non-operative awards under that Act are taken to have been rescinded by the Commission.

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 the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Industrial Relations Act 1996 No 17

Schedule 1 [6] enables the Commission to rescind an obsolete award or an obsolete part of an award.

Schedule 1 [1]–[5], [7]–[9] and [13] repeal the provisions of the Act that protect certain awards that have no current application to any employer or employee from being rescinded by the Commission and require the Commission to review and keep a register of such awards.

Schedule 1 [10] enables savings and transitional regulations to be made as a consequence of the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 [11] and [12] contain specific transitional provisions that provide that all awards declared to be non-operative awards under the Act before the commencement of the proposed Act are taken to have been rescinded by the Commission.