

Zoological Parks Board Amendment Bill 2000

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Zoological Parks Board Act 1973* as follows:

- (a) to reconstitute the Zoological Parks Board of New South Wales,
- (b) to provide for the Deputy Chairperson of the Board to be appointed by the Minister rather than, as at present, elected by the members,
- (c) to make miscellaneous minor and consequential amendments.

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.

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendments to the *Zoological Parks Board Act 1973* set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendments

Schedule 1 [1] repeals and replaces section 6 of the Act, which provides for the constitution of the Zoological Parks Board of New South Wales (the Board). The Board is to consist of ten members (rather than thirteen, as at present) all of whom are to be appointed by the Minister.

Five members are to be persons who have, in the opinion of the Minister, appropriate qualifications, knowledge, expertise or experience. One is to be a person who has, in the opinion of the Minister, expertise in zoology, veterinary science or animal welfare, or in related research. Two are to be nominated by organisations that voluntarily provide support to zoological parks in New South Wales. Two are to be nominated by the councils of the local government areas that include those zoological parks.

In making the appointments, the Minister is to have regard to the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the Board set out in the Act.

Schedule 1 [2] amends section 7 of the Act, to provide for the appointment of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson by the Minister.

Schedule 1 [3], [4], [5] and [7] make consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 [6] makes a minor amendment by way of statute law revision.

Schedule 1 [8] makes a consequential amendment relating to the quorum of the Board.

Schedule 1 [9] inserts new sections 47 and 48. Section 47 enables regulations of a savings or transitional nature to be made as a consequence of the enactment of the proposed Act. Section 48 contains provisions of a transitional nature, consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act. In particular:

- (a) section 48 (2) makes provision in relation to the persons who are to continue to hold office as members of the Board on the repeal by the proposed Act of the current provisions constituting the Board, and the persons who are to cease to hold office at that time, and
- (b) section 48 (4) provides that the persons holding office as Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson immediately before the commencement of relevant amendments made by the proposed Act are to continue to hold those offices for the balance of their terms of office as Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.