

Sydney Water Catchment Management Amendment Bill 2003

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 *Sydney Water Catchment Management Act 1998*:

(a) to allow the Sydney Catchment Authority to generate and supply hydroelectricity and undertake any associated activities, whether on its own account or with others, and

(b) to provide for the payment into the Sydney Catchment Management Fund of any money received by the Authority from the generation and supply of hydro-electricity, and to allow money to be paid out of the Fund for the purpose of capital and recurrent expenditure in relation to hydro-electric plants and associated infrastructure and works.

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.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendments to the *Sydney Water Catchment Management Act 1998* (the **Principal Act**) set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendments

Schedule 1 [1] amends the definition of **catchment infrastructure works** in section 3 of the Principal Act to include hydro-electric plants or associated infrastructure or works.

Schedule 1 [2] amends section 16 (1) of the Principal Act to include as a specific function of the Sydney Catchment Authority the generation and supply of hydroelectricity and the undertaking of any associated activities, whether on its own account or with others.

Schedule 1 [3] amends section 24B of the Principal Act to provide that any money received by the Authority from the generation and supply of hydroelectricity is to be paid into the Sydney Catchment Management Fund established under the Act. (Section 24C of the Principal Act allows payments out of the Fund for a number of specified purposes including capital and recurrent expenditure in relation to the Authority's works. The amendment proposed to be made by Schedule 1 [1] will allow such payments to be made in respect of hydroelectric plants and associated infrastructure and works.)