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This Public Bill, originated in the Legislative Assembly and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. Legislative Assembly,



New South Wales

Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Bill 2000

No , 2000

A Bill for

An Act to establish principles of multiculturalism as the policy of the State; to constitute the Community Relations Commission of New South Wales; to provide for its objectives and functions; to repeal the *Ethnic Affairs Commission Act 1979* and to amend certain other Acts and regulations; and for other purposes.

EXAMINED

Chairman of Committees

Preamble	1
This Act:	2
(a) recognises that the people of New South Wales are of different linguistic, religious, racial and ethnic backgrounds, and	3 4
(b) promotes the equal rights and responsibilities of all the people of New South Wales within a cohesive and harmonious multicultural society in which diversity is regarded as a strength and an asset, individuals share a commitment to Australia, and English is the common language.	5 6 7 8
The Legislature of New South Wales therefore enacts:	9
Part 1 Preliminary	10
1 Name of Act	11
This Act is the Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Act 2000.	12 13
2 Commencement	14
This Act commences on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.	15 16
3 Principles of multiculturalism	17
(1) Parliament recognises that the people of New South Wales are of different linguistic, religious, racial and ethnic backgrounds, who, either individually or in community with other members of their respective groups, are free to profess, practise and maintain their own linguistic, religious, racial and ethnic heritage. It does so by supporting and promoting the following principles of multiculturalism:	18 19 20 21 22 23
(a) Principle 1	24
All individuals in New South Wales should have the greatest possible opportunity to contribute to, and participate in, all aspects of public life.	25 26 27

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	(b)	Principle 2	1
		All individuals and public institutions should respect and make provision for the culture, language and religion of others within an Australian legal and institutional framework where English	2 3 4
		is the common language.	5
	(c)	Principle 3	6
		All individuals should have the greatest possible opportunity to make use of and participate in relevant activities and programs provided or administered by the Government of New South Wales.	7 8 9 10
	(d)	Principle 4	11
		All public institutions of New South Wales should recognise the linguistic and cultural assets in the population of New South Wales as a valuable resource and promote this resource to maximise the development of the State.	12 13 14 15
(2)	citizer Austra	ment also recognises that those principles are based on aship. The expression <i>citizenship</i> is not limited to formal alian citizenship, but refers to the rights and responsibilities of all e in a multicultural society in which there is:	16 17 18
	(a)	a recognition of the importance of shared values within a democratic framework governed by the rule of law, and	20 21
	(b)	an overarching and unifying commitment to Australia, its interests and future.	22 23
	The p	rinciples of multiculturalism are to be construed accordingly.	24
(3)	The pr	rinciples of multiculturalism are the policy of the State.	25
(4)	Accordingly, each public authority must observe the principles of multiculturalism in conducting its affairs.		26 27
(5)	imple	ne duty of the chief executive officer of each public authority to ment the provisions of this section within the area of his or her distration.	28 29 30
Defi	nitions	3	31
	In this	Act:	32
		person means the Chairperson of the Commission, being a me or part-time Chairperson as referred to in section 8.	33 34

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	citizenship—see section 3 (2).	1
	<i>Commission</i> means the Community Relations Commission of New South Wales constituted by this Act.	2 3
	<i>cultural diversity</i> means the different linguistic, religious, racial and ethnic backgrounds of the people of New South Wales.	4 5
	exercise a function includes perform a duty.	6
	function includes a power, authority or duty.	7
	principles of multiculturalism—see section 3.	8
	<i>public authority</i> means any public or local authority constituted by or under an Act, and includes a Government department, a statutory State owned corporation, a local council, a body whose accounts are	9 10 11
	required to be audited by the Auditor General or any other body prescribed by the regulations.	12 13
5 Not	es	14
	Notes included in this Act do not form part of this Act.	15

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Part 2	Constitution	OF COMMISSION

6	Cor	stitution of Commission	2
	(1)	There is constituted by this Act a corporation with the corporate name of the Community Relations Commission of New South Wales.	3 4
	(2)	The Commission is, for the purposes of any Act, a statutory body representing the Crown.	5 6
	(3)	The Commission is subject to the control and direction of the Minister, except in relation to the contents of any advice, report or recommendation given to the Minister or any other person or body.	7 8 9
7	Mer	nbership and procedure of Commission	10
	(1)	The Commission is to consist of not more than 9 commissioners, being:	11 12
		(a) a full-time Chairperson and part-time commissioners appointed by the Governor, or	13 14
		(b) part-time commissioners appointed by the Governor.	15
	(2)	Schedule 1 has effect with respect to the commissioners.	16
	(3)	Schedule 2 has effect with respect to the procedure of the Commission.	17 18
8	Cha	irperson of Commission	19
	(1)	The Chairperson of the Commission is the person holding office as such under Part 2 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1988</i> (referred to in this Act as a <i>full-time Chairperson</i>).	20 21 22
	(2)	A full-time Chairperson is the chief executive officer of the Commission.	23 24
	(3)	If there is no full-time Chairperson, a part-time commissioner may, by the instrument of his or her appointment or by a subsequent instrument executed by the Governor, be appointed as Chairperson of the Commission.	25 26 27 28

Part 2		Constitution of Commission	
9	Sta	if of Commission	
	(1)	Such staff as may be necessary to enable the Commission to exercise its functions may be employed under Part 2 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1988</i> .	:
	(2)	The Commission may arrange for the use of the services of any staff or facilities of a government department or other public authority.	:
	(3)	The Commission may engage such consultants as the Commission requires to assist it in the exercise of its functions.	;
	(4)	For the purposes of this Act, a person who is employed under subsection (1) or whose services are made use of under subsection (2) is an officer of the Commission.	10 11
10	Reg	jional advisory councils	12
	(1)	The Commission is to establish regional advisory councils for regional areas of the State.	13 14
	(2)	The function of a regional advisory council is to advise the	1:

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(3) A regional advisory council is to comprise representatives of relevant local or regional agencies, community organisations or individuals and a commissioner of the Commission (who is to be the chairperson of the council).

Commission on any matter relating to the Commission's functions that

the council considers appropriate or that the Commission refers to the

(4) The procedure for the calling of meetings of a regional advisory council and for the conduct of business at those meetings is to be as determined by the Commission or (subject to any determination of the Commission) by the council.

11 Other committees

council for advice.

- (1) The Commission may establish standing committees to assist it in connection with the exercise of any of its functions or special committees to consider and report on particular issues.
- (2) It does not matter that any or all of the members of a committee are not commissioners of the Commission.

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(3) The procedure for the calling of meetings of a committee and for the conduct of business at those meetings is to be as determined by the Commission or (subject to any determination of the Commission) by the committee.

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Part 3 Objectives and functions of Commission

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12	Objective	s of Commission	2
	-	objectives of the Commission are as follows:	3
	(a)	participation of the people of New South Wales in community life and the public decision-making process so that they can exercise their rights and fulfil their obligations regardless of their linguistic, religious, racial or ethnic background,	4 5 6 7
	(b)	access to government services that is appropriate in a multicultural society,	8
	(c)	a cohesive and harmonious multicultural society with mutual respect for and understanding of cultural diversity,	10 11
	(d)	the enrichment of all sections of society through the benefits of cultural diversity.	12 13
13	Functions	s of Commission	14
	The f	functions of the Commission are as follows:	15
	(a)	to undertake systematic and wide-ranging consultation with people and groups with respect to its objectives,	16 17
	(b)	to advise and make recommendations to the Minister to promote any of its objectives,	18 19
	(c)	to investigate and report to the Minister on any matter relating to its objectives that the Commission considers appropriate or that the Minister refers to the Commission for investigation and report,	20 21 22 23
	(d)	to arrange and participate in forums to promote its objectives,	24
	(e)	to facilitate co-operative arrangements involving governmental, business, educational and community groups or bodies to promote its objectives,	25 26 27
	(f)	to enter into agreements with public authorities in connection with their functions to promote the objectives of the Commission,	28 29 30

		(g)	to assist, and assess the effectiveness of, public authorities in observing the principles of multiculturalism in the conduct of their affairs, particularly in connection with the delivery of government services,	1 2 3 4
		(h)	to assist in resolving issues associated with cultural diversity,	5
		(i)	to provide interpreter or other services approved by the Minister,	6 7
		(j)	to advise the Minister on the most effective use of funds appropriated by Parliament for programs related to its objectives,	8 9 10
		(k)	to encourage eligible people to become Australian citizens,	11
		(1)	to advise and make recommendations to the	12
			Anti-Discrimination Board on matters relating to discrimination and racial vilification,	13 14
		(m)	such other functions as are conferred or imposed on it by or	15
			under this or any other Act.	16
14	Rep	orting	on the state of community relations	17
	(1)	state cultur public	Commission is to prepare a report, for each calendar year, on the of community relations in New South Wales as affected by all diversity, including an assessment of the effectiveness of authorities in observing the principles of multiculturalism in the act of their affairs.	18 19 20 21 22
	(2)		report may include recommendations of the Commission in on to any relevant matters.	23 24
	(3)		eport is to be furnished to the Minister before the end of March year following the year to which the report relates.	25 26
	(4)	each l	Minister is to lay, or cause to be laid, a copy of the report before House of Parliament within 14 sitting days of the House after ring the report.	27 28 29
	(5)	a copy	ouse of Parliament is not sitting when the Minister seeks to have y of the report laid before the House, the Minister may present a of the report to the Clerk of that House.	30 31 32
	(6)	The re	eport, if presented to the Clerk:	33
		(a)	is, on presentation, and for all purposes, taken to have been laid before the House, and	34 35

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		(b) ma	y be printed by the authority of the Clerk, and	1
		be	orinted by authority of the Clerk, is for all purposes taken to a document published by or under the authority of the buse, and	2 3 4
		the	o be recorded in the Minutes, or Votes and Proceedings, of House on the first sitting day of the House after presentation the report to the Clerk.	5 6 7
15	Puk	lic authori	ties to assist Commission	8
	(1)		on applies to any investigation conducted by the Commission Act that affects the functions of a public authority.	9 10
	(2)	make avai	c authority is to give the Commission all such assistance and lable all such information with respect to any such function mmission may require for the purposes of that investigation.	11 12 13
	(3)	officers of committee	thorities may, at the request of the Commission, provide the public authority to be members or to advise members of es of the Commission established to advise and report on any he purposes of that investigation.	14 15 16 17
16	Del	egation of	functions	18
	(1)		mission may delegate to the Chairperson any of the functions mmission (other than this power of delegation).	19 20
	(2)	any funct	person may sub-delegate to an officer of the Commission ion delegated by the Commission if the Chairperson is I in writing to do so by the Commission.	21 22 23

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Miscellaneous Part 4

Part	4 I	Miscellaneous	1
17	Act	to bind Crown	2
		This Act binds the Crown in right of New South Wales and, in so far	3
		as the legislative power of the Parliament of New South Wales permits,	4
		the Crown in all its other capacities.	5
18	Fina	ancial year	6
	(1)	The financial year of the Commission is the year commencing on 1	7
	()	July.	8
	(2)	A different financial year may be determined by the Treasurer under	9
	(2)	section 4 (1A) of the <i>Public Finance and Audit Act 1983</i> .	10
		Note. The Public Finance and Audit Act 1983 makes provision for the keeping and	11
		audit of the accounts of the Commission and the Annual Reports (Departments) Act	12
		1985 makes provision for the preparation and tabling in Parliament of the annual	13
		report of the Commission.	14
19	Rec	covery of money by Commission	15
		Any charge, fee or money due to the Commission, or to the Crown in	16
		respect of any of the activities of the Commission, may be recovered	17
		by the Commission as a debt, if no express provision is otherwise	18
		made for its recovery.	19
20	Ser	vice of documents on Commission	20
	(1)	A document may be served on the Commission by leaving it at, or by	21
	` ,	sending it by post addressed to, the Commission's office or, if it has	22
		more than one office, any of its offices.	23
	(2)	Nothing in this section affects the operation of any provision of a law	24
		or of the rules of a court authorising a document to be served on the	25
		Commission in any other manner.	26

Part 4	Miscellaneous	
21	Personal liability	1
	A matter or thing done by the Commission, by a commissioner of the Commission or by a person acting under the direction of the	2 3
	Commission or a commissioner does not, if the matter or thing was done in good faith for the purposes of executing this or any other Act, subject a commissioner or a person so acting personally to any action, liability, claim or demand.	4 5 6 7
22	Legal consequences of principles of multiculturalism	8
	Nothing in section 3 gives rise to, or can be taken into account in, any civil cause of action.	9 10
23	Regulations	11
	The Governor may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, for or with respect to any matter that by this Act is required or permitted to be prescribed or that is necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.	12 13 14 15
24	Consequential amendment of other Acts and regulations	16
	The Acts and regulations set out in Schedule 3 are amended as set out in that Schedule.	17 18
25	Repeals	19
	(1) The Ethnic Affairs Commission Act 1979 is repealed.	20
	(2) The Ethnic Affairs Commission Regulation 1997 is repealed.	21
26	Savings, transitional and other provisions	22
	Schedule 4 has effect.	23
27	Review of Act	24
	(1) The Minister is to review this Act to determine whether the policy objectives of the Act remain valid and whether the terms of the Act remain appropriate for securing those objectives.	25 26 27
	(2) The review is to be undertaken as soon as possible after the period of 5 years from the date of assent to this Act.	28 29
	(3) A report on the outcome of the review is to be tabled in each House of Parliament within 12 months after the end of the period of 5 years.	30 31

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Clause 21

Schedule 1 Provisions relating to commissioners					
			(Section 7 (2))	2	
1	Def	inition	s	3	
		In thi	is Schedule:	4	
			nissioner means any commissioner of the Commission, including Chairperson.	5 6	
		-	time commissioner means a commissioner other than a full-time reperson.	7 8	
2	Cha	airpers	son	9	
	(1)		Chairperson (other than a full-time Chairperson) vacates office as reperson if the person:	10 11	
		(a)	is removed from office by the Governor under this clause, or	12	
		(b)	ceases to be a commissioner.	13	
	(2)		Governor may at any time remove the Chairperson (other than a ime Chairperson) from office as Chairperson.	14 15	
			The <i>Public Sector Management Act 1988</i> makes provision for the removal ull-time Chairperson from office.	16 17	
	(3)		ng any absence of a full-time Chairperson, a person appointed to	18	
			n the office of Chairperson under Part 2 of the <i>Public Sector</i>	19	
		but:	agement Act 1988 may attend any meeting of the Commission,	20 21	
		(a)	is not entitled to preside at the meeting, and	22	
		(b)	is not entitled to vote at the meeting.	23	
		create the ap	The office of full-time Chairperson is a public service executive position and under Part 2 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1988</i> . That Act enables oppointment of any other public service officer to act in the position in the acce of the Chairperson or a vacancy in the office of Chairperson.	24 25 26 27	
	(4)		he purposes of this clause, a vacancy in the office of Chairperson ten to be an absence of a full-time Chairperson.	28 29	

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3	Dep	outy Chairperson	1
	(1)	A part-time commissioner may, by the instrument of his or her appointment or by a subsequent instrument executed by the Governor, be appointed as Deputy Chairperson of the Commission.	2 3 4
	(2)	The Deputy Chairperson vacates office as Deputy Chairperson if the person:	5
		(a) is removed from office by the Governor under this clause, or	7
		(b) ceases to be a commissioner.	8
	(3)	The Governor may at any time remove the Deputy Chairperson from office as Deputy Chairperson.	9 10
4	Dep	outies of part-time commissioners	11
	(1)	The Minister may, from time to time, appoint a person to be the deputy of a part-time commissioner, and the Minister may revoke any such appointment.	12 13 14
	(2)	In the absence of a part-time commissioner, the commissioner's deputy:	15
		(a) may, if available, act in the place of the absent commissioner, and	1 <i>6</i>
		(b) while so acting, has all the functions of the commissioner (other than any functions the commissioner has as Chairperson, acting Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson) and is taken to be a part-time commissioner.	18 19 20 21
	(3)	A person while acting in the place of a part-time commissioner is entitled to be paid such remuneration (including travelling and subsistence allowances) as the Minister may from time to time determine in respect of the person.	22 23 24 25
	(4)	For the purposes of this clause, a vacancy in the office of a part-time commissioner is taken to be an absence of the commissioner	26 27

5	Par	t-time commissioners undertaking full-time duties	1
	(1)	The Minister may, at the request of the Commission, authorise a part-	2
		time commissioner to be engaged on a full-time or other basis on any	3
		particular work for the Commission or a committee of the Commission.	4
	(2)	A part-time commissioner is entitled to be paid such remuneration	5
		(including travelling and subsistence allowances) as the Minister may	6
		from time to time determine in respect of any such work (in addition to	7
		any other remuneration to which the part-time commissioner is entitled	8
		under this Schedule).	9
	(3)	Any such commissioner continues to be a part-time commissioner for	10
		the purposes of this Act.	11
6	Teri	ms of office of part-time commissioners	12
		Subject to this Schedule, a part-time commissioner holds office for such	13
		period (not exceeding 5 years) as is specified in the commissioner's	14
		instrument of appointment, but is eligible (if otherwise qualified) for	15
		re-appointment.	16
7	Ren	nuneration	17
		A part-time commissioner is entitled to be paid such remuneration	18
		(including travelling and subsistence allowances) as the Minister may	19
		from time to time determine in respect of the commissioner.	20
8	Vac	ancy in office of part-time commissioner	21
	(1)	The office of a part-time commissioner becomes vacant if the	22
		commissioner:	23
		(a) dies, or	24
		(b) completes a term of office and is not re-appointed, or	25
		(c) resigns the office by instrument in writing addressed to the	26
		Minister, or	27
		(d) is removed from office by the Governor under this clause or	28
		under Part 8 of the Public Sector Management Act 1988, or	29

		(e)	is absent from 4 consecutive meetings of the Commission of which reasonable notice has been given to the commissioner personally or in the ordinary course of post, except on leave granted by the Commission or unless, before the expiration of 4 weeks after the last of those meetings, the commissioner is excused by the Commission for having been absent from those meetings, or	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
		(f)	becomes bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounds with his or her creditors or makes an assignment of his or her remuneration for their benefit, or	8 9 10 11
		(g)	becomes a mentally incapacitated person, or	12
		(h)	is convicted in New South Wales of an offence that is punishable by penal servitude or imprisonment for 12 months or more or is convicted elsewhere than in New South Wales of an offence that, if committed in New South Wales, would be an offence so punishable.	13 14 15 16 17
	(2)		Sovernor may at any time remove a part-time commissioner from	18
		office	•	19
9	Disc		e of pecuniary interests	19 20
9	Disc (1)			
9		closure		20
9		closure	a commissioner has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a matter being considered or about to be considered at a meeting	20 21 22 23
9		If: (a) (b) the co	a commissioner has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a matter being considered or about to be considered at a meeting of the Commission, and the interest appears to raise a conflict with the proper performance of the commissioner's duties in relation to the	20 21 22 23 24 25 26
9		If: (a) (b) the cocome intere	a commissioner has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a matter being considered or about to be considered at a meeting of the Commission, and the interest appears to raise a conflict with the proper performance of the commissioner's duties in relation to the consideration of the matter, mmissioner must, as soon as possible after the relevant facts have to the commissioner's knowledge, disclose the nature of the	20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
9	(1)	If: (a) (b) the cocome intere	a commissioner has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a matter being considered or about to be considered at a meeting of the Commission, and the interest appears to raise a conflict with the proper performance of the commissioner's duties in relation to the consideration of the matter, ommissioner must, as soon as possible after the relevant facts have to the commissioner's knowledge, disclose the nature of the st at a meeting of the Commission.	20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

	(c)	has some other specified interest relating to a specified company or other body or to a specified person,	1 2
	is a s	sufficient disclosure of the nature of the interest in any matter	3
		ng to that company or other body or to that person which may	4
		after the date of the disclosure and which is required to be	5
	disclo	osed under this clause.	6
(3)		Commission must cause particulars of any disclosure made under	7
		lause to be recorded in a book kept for the purpose and that book	8
		be open at all reasonable hours to inspection by any person on	9
		ent of such fee as may be determined by the Commission from to time.	10 11
(4)	After	a commissioner has disclosed the nature of an interest in any	12
	matte	r, the commissioner must not, unless the Minister or the	13
	Com	mission otherwise determines:	14
	(a)	be present during any deliberation of the Commission with	15
		respect to the matter, or	16
	(b)	take part in any decision of the Commission with respect to the	17
		matter.	18
(5)	For th	ne purposes of the making of a determination by the Commission	19
		subclause (4), a commissioner who has a direct or indirect	20
	pecur	niary interest in a matter to which the disclosure relates must not:	21
	(a)	be present during any deliberation of the Commission for the	22
		purpose of making the determination, or	23
	(b)	take part in the making by the Commission of the determination.	24
(6)	A co	ntravention of this clause does not invalidate any decision of the	25
, ,	Com	mission.	26
Filli	ng of v	vacancy in office of part-time commissioner	27
	If the	office of a part-time commissioner becomes vacant, a person is,	28
	subje	ct to this Act, to be appointed to fill the vacancy.	29
Effe	ect of o	certain other Acts	30
(1)	Part 2	2 of the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1988</i> does not apply to or	31
	in res	pect of the appointment of a part-time commissioner.	32

Schedule 1 Provisions relating to commissioners

(2)	If by	or under any Act provision is made:	1
	(a)	requiring a person who is the holder of a specified office to	2
		devote the whole of his or her time to the duties of that office,	3
		or	4
	(b)	prohibiting the person from engaging in employment outside the	5
		duties of that office,	6
	the p	provision does not operate to disqualify the person from holding	7
	that	office and also the office of a part-time commissioner or from	8
	acce	pting and retaining any remuneration payable to the person under	9
	this	Act as such a commissioner.	10

Sch	edul	le 2 Provisions relating to procedure of Commission	1 2
		(Section 7 (3))	3
1	Defi	inition	4
		In this Schedule:	5
		<i>commissioner</i> means any commissioner of the Commission, including the Chairperson.	6 7
2	Gen	neral procedure	8
		The procedure for the calling of meetings of the Commission and for	9
		the conduct of business at those meetings is, subject to this Act and the	10
		regulations, to be as determined by the Commission.	11
3	Quo	orum	12
		The quorum for a meeting of the Commission is a majority of	13
		commissioners for the time being.	14
4	Pres	siding member	15
	(1)	The Chairperson or, in the absence of the Chairperson, the Deputy	16
		Chairperson is to preside at a meeting of the Commission.	17
		Note. The reference to the Chairperson does not include an acting Chairperson—see clause 2 of Schedule 1.	18 19
	(2)	In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson,	20
		another commissioner elected to chair the meeting by the	21
		commissioners present at the meeting is to preside at the meeting.	22
	(3)	The person presiding at any meeting of the Commission has a	23
		deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, has a second or casting vote.	24 25
		of custing vote.	23
5	Voti	ing	26
		A decision supported by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the	27
		Commission at which a quorum is present is the decision of the	28
		Commission.	29

Schedule 2 Provisions relating to procedure of Commission

6	Tra	nsaction of business outside meetings or by telephone	1
	(1)	The Commission may, if it thinks fit, transact any of its business by the	2
		circulation of papers among all the commissioners for the time being,	3
		and a resolution in writing approved in writing by a majority of those	4
		commissioners is taken to be a decision of the Commission.	5
	(2)	The Commission may, if it thinks fit, transact any of its business at a	6
		meeting at which the commissioners (or some of them) participate by	7
		telephone, closed-circuit television or other means, but only if any	8
		commissioner who speaks on a matter before the meeting can be heard	9
		by the other commissioners.	10
	(3)	For the purposes of:	11
		(a) the approval of a resolution under subclause (1), or	12
		(b) a meeting held in accordance with subclause (2),	13
		the Chairperson and each commissioner have the same voting rights	14
		as they have at an ordinary meeting of the Commission.	15
	(4)	A resolution approved under subclause (1) is, subject to the	16
		regulations, to be recorded in the minutes of the Commission.	17
	(5)	Papers may be circulated among the commissioners for the purposes	18
		of subclause (1) by facsimile or other transmission of the information	19
		in the papers concerned.	20
7	Atte	endance by non-members	21
	(1)	A person authorised by the Commission or the Chairperson may attend	22
	` '	a meeting of the Commission, and may participate in the meeting to	23
		the extent that the Commission determines.	24
	(2)	A person attending a meeting of the Commission under this clause	25
		cannot cast a vote at the meeting.	26
8	Firs	t meeting	27
		The Minister is to call the first meeting of the Commission in such	28
		manner as the Minister thinks fit.	29

Schedule 3		ile 3 Consequential amendment of other Acts and regulations		
		(Section 24)	3	
3.1	Annual R	Reports (Departments) Regulation 1995	4	
[1]	Schedule	1 Report of operations	5	
	Omit "ethi	nic affairs agreement" from Column 1.	6	
	Insert inste	ead "any agreement".	7	
[2]	Schedule	1	8	
		statement describing any ethnic affairs agreement entered into	9	
		the Department and the Ethnic Affairs Commission and a	10	
		setting out the Department's progress in implementing any such	11	
	U	." from Column 2.	12	
		ead "A statement describing any agreement entered into between tment and the Community Relations Commission under the	13	
		ty Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Act	14 15	
		a statement setting out the Department's progress in implementing	16	
		agreement.".	17	
3.2	Annual R	Reports (Statutory Bodies) Regulation 1995	18	
[1]	Schedule	1 Report of operations	19	
	Omit "ethi	nic affairs agreement" from Column 1.	20	
	Insert inste	ead "any agreement".	21	

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[2]	Schedule 1	1
	Omit "A statement describing any ethnic affairs agreement entered into between the statutory body and the Ethnic Affairs Commission and a statement setting out the statutory body's progress in implementing any such agreement." from Column 2. Insert instead "A statement describing any agreement entered into between the statutory body and the Community Relations Commission under the Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Act 2000 and a statement setting out the statutory body's progress in implementing any such agreement."	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
3.3	Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 No 48	11
	Section 122I Functions	12
	Omit "Ethnic Affairs Commission of New South Wales" from section 122I (3).	13 14
	Insert instead "Community Relations Commission".	15
3.4	Local Government Act 1993 No 30	16
[1]	Section 8 The council's charter	17
	Omit "principles of cultural diversity" from section 8 (1). Insert instead "principles of multiculturalism".	18 19
[2]	Section 428 Annual reports	20
	Omit "principles of cultural diversity" from section 428 (2) (j). Insert instead "principles of multiculturalism".	21 22

[3]	Dictionary	1
	Omit the definition of <i>principles of cultural diversity</i> and the note at the end of that definition.	2
	Insert instead:	4
	principles of multiculturalism means the principles set out in	5
	section 3 of the Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Act 2000.	6 7
2 E	Medical Practice Act 1992 No 94	
3.5	Medical Practice Act 1992 No 94	8
	Section 130 Membership	Ģ
	Omit "Ethnic Affairs Commission of New South Wales" from section 130	10
	(2) (d).	11
	Insert instead "Community Relations Commission".	12
3.6	Public Finance and Audit Act 1983 No 152	13
	Schedule 3 Departments	14
	Omit "Ethnic Affairs Commission" from Column 1.	15
	Insert instead "Community Relations Commission".	16
3.7	Public Sector Management Act 1988 No 33	17
	Schedule 1 Departments	18
	Omit "Ethnic Affairs Commission" from Column 1.	19
	Insert instead "Community Relations Commission".	20

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3.8	Superannuation Act 1916 No 28	1
	Schedule 26, Part 1 Public Authorities	2
	Omit "Ethnic Affairs Commission".	3
	Insert instead "Community Relations Commission".	4
3.9	Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998 No 86	5
	Section 118 Registration of certain persons involving interpreting etc services (cf former s 125)	7 8
	Omit "Ethnic Affairs Commission" from section 118 (3) (b) (ii).	9
	Insert instead "Community Relations Commission".	10

Sch	edu	le 4	Savings, transitional and other provisions	1
			(Section 26)	2
Part	t 1 I	Prelii	minary	3
1	Def	inition		4
		In thi	is Schedule:	5
		form	er Act means the Ethnic Affairs Commission Act 1979.	6
2	Sav	ings a	and transitional regulations	7
	(1)		regulations may contain provisions of a savings or transitional	8
			re consequent on the enactment of the following Acts:	9
		this A	Act	10
	(2)		such provision may, if the regulations so provide, take effect on ate of assent to the Act concerned or a later date.	11 12
	(3)		ne extent to which any such provision takes effect on a date that rlier than the date of its publication in the Gazette, the provision	13 14
			not operate so as:	15
		(a)	to affect, in a manner prejudicial to any person (other than the	16
			State or an authority of the State), the rights of that person before the date of its publication, or	17 18
		(b)	to impose liabilities on any person (other than the State or an	19
			authority of the State) in respect of anything done or omitted to be done before the date of its publication.	20 21
Part	t 2	Provi	isions arising from enactment of this Act	22
3	Abo	lition	of Ethnic Affairs Commission	23
	(1)	The laboli	Ethnic Affairs Commission constituted under the former Act is shed.	24 25
	(2)		Community Relations Commission is a continuation of, and the elegal entity as, the Ethnic Affairs Commission.	26 27

Schedule 4	Savings,	transitional	and	other	provisions	S

	(3)	A reference to the Ethnic Affairs Commission in any other Act, in any instrument made under any other Act or in any document is to be read	1 2
		as a reference to the Community Relations Commission.	3
4	Cha	irperson of Ethnic Affairs Commission	4
		The person who held office as Chairperson of the Ethnic Affairs	5
		Commission immediately before its abolition by this Act is taken to	6
		have been appointed under Part 2 of the <i>Public Sector Management</i>	7
		Act 1988 as the full-time Chairperson of the Community Relations	8
		Commission for the balance of the person's term of office as	9
		Chairperson of the Ethnic Affairs Commission.	10
5	Cor	nmissioners (other than Chairperson) of Ethnic Affairs Commission	11
	(1)	A person who held office as a commissioner of the Ethnic Affairs	12
		Commission (other than the Chairperson) immediately before its	13
		abolition by this Act is taken to have been appointed under this Act as	14
		a part-time commissioner of the Community Relations Commission for	15
		the balance of the person's term of office as a commissioner of the	16
		Ethnic Affairs Commission.	17
	(2)	Any such person who also held office as the Deputy Chairperson of	18
		the Ethnic Affairs Commission immediately before its abolition by this	19
		Act is taken to have been appointed under this Act as the Deputy	20
		Chairperson of the Community Relations Commission.	21
	(3)	This clause has effect even though the number of persons taken to be	22
		appointed as commissioners of the Community Relations Commission	23
		exceeds the maximum number of commissioners permitted by this	24
		Act.	25