

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 *Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985* to enable the medically supervised injecting centre in Kings Cross to operate on an ongoing basis. At present, the centre is operating for a trial period that began on 1 May 2001 and is due to expire on 31 October 2011.

The Bill also repeals the *Drug Summit Legislative Response Act 1999*, which only contains spent provisions relating to the Drug Offensive Council, Foundation and Fund.

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.

Clause 3 repeals the *Drug Summit Legislative Response Act 1999*.

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Schedule 1 Amendment of Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 No 226

Schedule 1 [1]–[3], [5], [6] and [8] remove references in various provisions to the trial period due to end on 31 October 2011, which has the effect of enabling the licensed injecting centre to operate on an ongoing basis.

Schedule 1 [4] sets out the objects of Part 2A (Medically supervised injecting centres) of the *Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985* and requires the Minister to review the operation of that Part after 5 years from the commencement of the proposed Act. A report of the outcome of the review is to be tabled in Parliament.

Schedule 1 [7] authorises the responsible authorities (the Commissioner of Police and the Director-General of the Department of Health) to revoke a licence in certain circumstances.

Schedule 1 [9] inserts a savings provision to ensure that the existing licence continues without the need to be re-issued at the end of the trial period.